



**Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc.**

P.O. Box 428, Ely, Minnesota 55731-0428

Dear Alumni & Friends:

In less than six years, in 2023, Northern Tier's wilderness programs will celebrate its **100th anniversary** since Carlos S. Chase first took Scouts on a canoe trip. You may have noticed the usual biennial reunion has moved from 2018 to 2019, so we can gather together in 2023 to celebrate a century of delivering wilderness canoeing adventure to generations of youth.

This centennial occasion will be made possible by the many selfless contributions of individuals through our history. **This year the association celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** incorporated in 1992 by a group of visionaries including former staff members, long-time volunteers, and supporters of the Northern Tier National High Adventures and Scouting. These organizers had a simple vision to organize a non-profit corporation that would *"provide a continuing interest in and support for the mission and programs of the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base and the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program"*.

With those long-term thoughts in mind, I invite you to join the Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc.'s *Crossing Portages* giving campaign. We want to continue *Paying It Forward* so that the next generation of Scouts and staff have their wilderness experiences that lasts a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Karl Huemiller, President  
Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc.

### 2017 Crossing Portages Contribution

Please count on my support for the Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc. and its efforts to assist the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program, BSA in promoting character development and outdoor skills through wilderness canoeing and winter camping.

Include this contribution slip when mailing, or contribute online at [CrossingPortages.holry.org](http://CrossingPortages.holry.org). Write checks to "Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc." and mail to P.O. Box 428 Ely, Minnesota 55731-0428.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadows Portages (\$200)     | <input type="checkbox"/> "Double Packing" (\$2000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Portage (\$500)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____            |