

NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Northwoods Canoeing Adventures For 1987



Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base

Ely, Minnesota

This year-round headquarters facility contains a modern office building, spacious dining hall, Scandinavian-style cabin accommodations, large tent and camping area, tiled shower house and Finnish sauna. In addition, there is a well-stocked trading post, commissary, canoe yard and repair shop, all close to the gravelled parking area. In nearby Ely will be found clothing stores, restaurants, theatres, drug stores, hardware stores and garages.

There are about 80 persons serving the summer program. All are trained in canoe travel, low-impact camping, ecology and group leadership. The Sommers Base is six miles by water from Canada and offers access to dozens of wilderness water routes on both sides of the border.



Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness - Minnesota. Explore Minnesota's border country in the greatest wilderness canoeing area in the United States! Learn the skills handed down from the Native American, fur-trapper, and Voyageur. Trips from beginning through intermediate provide challenges for all types of units or contingents. Flexibility is the key to this program. Arrival Dates: May 15 thru Sept. 15. Trip Length: 6-10 days. Cost: See Rate Sheet. Crew Size: 5-10 (Counting the interpreter). Age: 13 by 1/1/87. Options: Family Canoeing/Fishing.

Quetico Provincial Park - Ontario, Canada. The Quetico Park is one of the most tightly controlled areas in North America with respect to wilderness canoeing. A trip through this primitive area will appeal to the group really looking for solitude and great fishing. Generally, trips can be planned at any level. (Information on the additional fees charged by the Canadians will not be available until mid-winter). Arrival Dates: May 15 thru Sept. 15. Trip Length: Suggested 10 days, minimum 7. Cost: Plus Canadian Fees. Crew Size: 8 per crew maximum. Age: 13 by 1/1/87. Options: Les Voyageur Brigade*. Each crew is accompanied by an interpreter (Canoe Guide).

NOR'WESTER PROGRAM

The Nor'wester program is an advanced training program featuring a cross-section of wilderness and outdoor skills. It is available for provisional sign-up by older Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders. The program begins at Duluth, Minnesota, where each group is outfitted and training begins. After backpacking in the Porcupine Mountains and/or Isle Royale National Park, a canoe trip will be taken from Grand Portage following the traditional voyageur route to the Ely, Minnesota base. There participants will get training in rock climbing. After a special awards banquet, participants will be transported back to Duluth and head for home. Arrival Dates: June 21 and July 15. Trip Length: 21 days. Cost: \$550 per person. Crew Size: Individual sign-up. Age: 16 by date of attendance.

LES' VOYAGEUR BRIGADE

Two 10-day wilderness canoe trips are offered during the summer from the Sommers base for Boy Scouts (over 13) and Explorers whose units cannot attend. Cost is \$300 per person. Provisional units have a maximum of nine participants. 7-17 July, 11-21 August.

*Crews formed from individual sign-up, write for schedule.

COED POLICY

Chartered, coed Explorer Posts are invited to participate. These coed Posts are required to provide coed leadership while in route to their program base and while on the trails. Both a male and female (preferably a husband-wife team) advisor of at least 21 years of age are required. The BSA policy on coed crews is followed to the letter.

WILDERNESS

Each High Adventure crew, in keeping with the program, will receive extensive training in minimal impact wilderness camping. The advisor's kit to prepare crew members and the wilderness camping.

NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE

Year-round, Northwoods opportunities. Okpik "side" of the North, featuring snow camping, sledging, etc.



Northern Expeditions Bissett, Fishing

Manitoba, Canada

This jumping-off point into the wild Manitoba bush country furnishes access to fast-flowing streams which pour into Lake Winnipeg and north to the Arctic Ocean. This vast area is uninhabited except for a few fly-in outposts and an occasional Indian camp. Most trips start with a pontoon-plane ride to a remote site where canoes are cached and only packs and equipment brought in. Fishing for walleyes and northern pike is often simply unbelievable even for anglers with limited skills.

Paddle the same routes once travelled by the giants of history, walk the same portages worn smooth by thousands of moccasins and boots...nothing has changed. It's a trip back into the time when native trappers traded beaver pelts to European entrepreneurs for guns and blankets.

Northern Expeditions at Bissett offer wilderness canoeing in the truest spirit of High Adventure. For those crews who thirst for this type of adventure, the Manitoba bush country east of Lake Winnipeg offers some of the most diverse canoeing available, ranging from spectacular rivers to pristine lake country. Most crews take advantage of the optional charter float plane, beginning and ending their trip from air-only accessible Scout Lake (rates available the first of the year). Arrival Dates: Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays, June 21 thru Aug. 10. Trip Length: 10 Days Minimum. Cost: Plus Optional Float Plane Cost. Crew Size: 6-8 per crew. Age: 14 by 1/1/87. Options: Float Plane Fly-Out. Bissett has some of the best fishing North America has to offer!!



Atikokan, Canoeing

Ontario, Canada

From the new base on the wide sand beach of Perch Lake, canoe brigades head north into the White Otter Wilderness area or south into a little-used portion of Quetico Provincial Park.

Here is a challenging land of lakes silent in the morning mist, thundering rapids sparkling in the sunlight, canoes carving a wake to the power of bending paddles, woodsmoke curling up from a supper cooking fire, gamefish exploding like fin-backed rockets.



CANOE CAPITAL OF CANADA

Symbolized by Tuktu, the Inuit name for the Woodland Caribou, the program base at Atikokan, Ontario is the newest site of the northern tier of High Adventure. Trips are featured north of the Quetico Park in the Turtle and Seine River drainage areas as well as the area northeast of the Park. These areas provide all levels of canoeing. Arrival Dates: June 21 to Aug. 15. Trip Length: Suggested 10 days. Cost: See rate sheet. Crew Size: 6-8 per crew. Age: 14 by 1/1/87. Be among the first with this pacesetting high adventure experience!!

LESS USE

BSA policy of "Camp and Leave No Trace", camping. More information will be included in adult advisors on this important aspect of

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Registered Scouts and Explorers meeting the minimum age requirements for the program base shown are eligible to attend. Each crew must provide an adult leader registered in Scouting and at least 21 years of age for all programs, except the Nor'wester & Les Voyageur Brigade.

ATURE PROGRAMS REPRESENT

Winter camping is an introduction to the "other" camping, snowshoeing, and winter ecology.

FAMILY CANOEING/FISHING

Families attending Charles L. Sommers must be members of the BSA Family Camping Association. For information, contact the local BSA Council. The age limitation is experimentally waived for family canoeing.



1986/87 OKPIK WINTER ADVENTURE

Learn the Skills of the Northwoods Winter:

Cross Country Skiing. Credited to Lapp peoples of northern Scandinavia, this exciting sport is a large part of the Okpik training.

Snowshoeing. The Native American has used this mode of transportation for thousands of years. The best way to get off the trail and explore the bush country.

Winter Shelter. Warm shelter is a key to enjoying frigid nights of the North. Shelters taught are the thermal shelter, the snow piled quinzhee, and the cut-block igloo.

Winter Camping. Camping in the snow is more than just summer camping with more clothes! Techniques and behavior are taught which will not only increase your enjoyment and safety, but will add to your overall camping skills.

Equipment Making. Okpik not only teaches you what to wear and what to use, but provides the opportunity for the do-it-yourselfer to tailor their equipment to their personal needs.

Tracking. The snow provides a record of wildlife available for those keen enough to notice. Evidence abounds of the movement of deer, moose, wolf, and many other birds and mammals.

Ice Fishing. Trout, Walleye, and Northern Pike await the angler with the patience to go after these fish.

Okpik Provides:

- Complete camping gear, including cooksets, stoves, shelter, and all cooking utensils.
- Delicious high energy food that is easy to prepare.
- Skis, snowshoes, and sleds for hauling equipment.
- Supplemental clothing items, particularly outer wear designed for rugged expedition, & wear.
- Supplemental sleeping bag to "winterize" yours if not adequate.
- An advisor kit with hand-outs of suggested equipment lists and tips on preparing for your experience.
- Expert instruction.
- Awards.
- Emergency care insurance.

You Provide:

- Personal eating utensils.
- Long underwear, gloves, mittens, warm socks and other warm personal clothing. (An equipment list is provided with the advisor kit).
- Any personal items you normally use in camping.
- Enthusiasm.

Reservations. Reservations should be made as early in the fall as possible. A phone call can temporarily hold space until receipt of the \$10 per person deposit and reservation form.

WEEKEND

The oldest Okpik program, this has been the most popular. From Friday evening through Sunday, your group will receive instruction in the basic skills of winter and have the opportunity to practice them on an overnight campout. Training in cold-weather dress, first-aid, menu and equipment highlight the indoor sessions. Skiing, snowshoeing, and winter shelter develop outdoor skills. Opportunities are also available for activities such as winter ecology, igloo building, extended travel, etc. for the group with special interests. Dates: Arrive on Fridays... December 19, January 2 thru February 20, March 6 thru March 20, depart Sunday after lunch. Cost: \$46 per person (does not include Friday supper). Group Size: 5 minimum with adult leader. Suggested Age: 14 by 1/1/87.

STAFF TRAINING

Each year Okpik opens its staff training to individual older Scouts and leaders interested in learning how to develop and run a winter program. Beyond training in skills is the sharing of our resources, with emphasis on winter leadership and working with young people in a winter environment. Dates: December 13 - December 18. Cost: \$70 per person. Group Size: Individual sign-up. Suggested Age: Leaders and Trainers.

HOLIDAY STAY

The time between Christmas and New Year's is a great time for Scouts and Explorers from further away to expand their outdoor program into the Northwoods winter. With the extensive outfitting capabilities of the program, along with instruction, even the most novice group will have the opportunity to enjoy the skiing, snowshoeing, and beauty of real winter. Dates: Arrive afternoon December 28, depart morning January 2. Cost: \$95 per person. Group Size: 5 minimum with adult leader. Suggested Age: 13 by 1/1/87.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Other activities or expeditions can be arranged for groups of nine or more at a rate of \$23 per person per day. These should be a minimum of six days in length.

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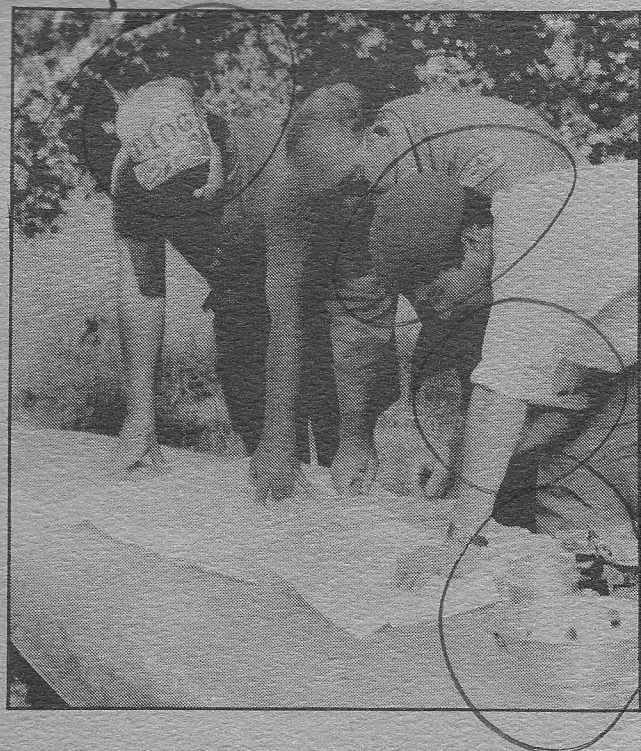
HIGH ADVENTURE at its very best is awaiting your group in the Great North Country. More than sixty years of outfitting experience enables us to offer you opportunities reaching from Minnesota to the great canoe areas of the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba in Canada. The ONLY limit to your trip is your own imagination!!

This brochure details programs available in 1987 with dates, fees, age and leadership requirements. Additional information will be forwarded to you following our receipt of your reservation. If you need additional promotional or planning materials, we invite you to contact us.

1987 promises to be a SUPER SUMMER in the North Country. Let this great High Adventure experience be a natural extension of your local council camping program. We hope you and your unit will be able to join us for an unforgettable experience.

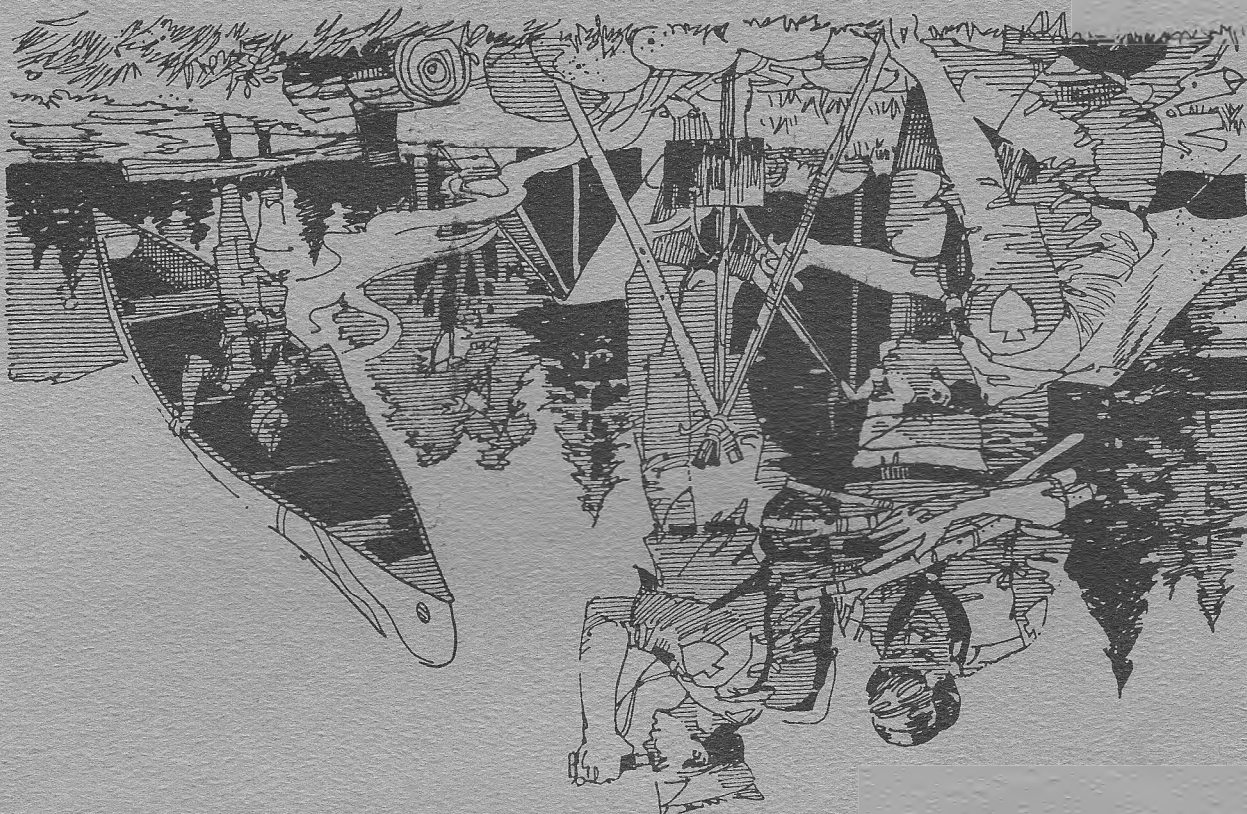
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SUMMER FEES Ely, Bissett, Atikokan



Full outfitting with interpreter:

Crew Size	8 or more days	6 & 7 days	5 or less days
6 to 9	\$24 per person per day	\$26 per person per day	\$28 per person per day
less than 6	\$26 per person per day	\$28 per person per day	\$30 per person per day

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Full outfitting includes the following:

- ★ Meals beginning with supper the day of arrival through breakfast of the last day, with quality, lightweight food on the trail.
- ★ Cooking utensils, nesting pots, trail ovens, trail stoves, and rope and pulley suitable for hanging packs (for critter protection).
- ★ Nylon tents with floors, mosquito netting, and rain fly.
- ★ Nylon packs, including frame packs, designed for rugged expedition wear.
- ★ Canoes, lifejackets and paddles.
- ★ Personal sickness and accident care insurance including air ambulance service.
- ★ An advisor packet (sent in the spring after the first-half payment), which includes suggested clothing and personal equipment, current information on the fishing license fees, park fees (if appropriate), and background information on ecology, wilderness use, skills needed in canoe country, etc.
- ★ Canoe base awards program where all participants receive an emblem.
- ★ Training in canoeing, cooking, modern low impact camping, fishing, and safety skills.

The Canoe Base interpreters are young adults trained in wilderness skills. They are along as a resource and can provide many tips in wilderness living. All have a good Scouting background and real appreciation of the outdoors.

You and your crew members will provide personal items such as clothing, rain gear, sleeping bag, mess gear, toiletries, and will be responsible for purchasing a fishing license. Your crew will be responsible for providing a first-aid kit, maps, and any specialized equipment of personal preference.

Every crew will have the benefit of equipment and food developed from over 60 years of experience. A complete equipment making facility and food packing plant continue this tradition.

DIRECT ALL QUERIES

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1987 RESERVATION FORM



Post, Troop, Provisional Unit, Family, Etc.

_____ of _____ Council

PLEASE RESERVE A SPACE FOR OUR CREW(S) AT

_____ CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE, ELY, MINNESOTA

_____ Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (U.S.)

_____ Quetico Provincial Park (Canada)

_____ NOR'WESTER PROGRAM (ELY BASE)

_____ BISSETT, MANITOBA, CANADA

_____ ATIKOKAN CANADIAN CANOE TRAILS, ONTARIO, CANADA

We have _____ Explorers or Scouts
_____ Adult Advisors

This is a coed group

Yes _____

No _____

and will be canoeing as _____ crew(s)

1st Choice Date - Arrive at Base _____ Leave for Home _____

2nd Choice Date - Arrive at Base _____ Leave for Home _____

3rd Choice Date - Arrive at Base _____ Leave for Home _____

\$ _____ Enclosed \$25 per person. Reservation Fee, to be applied towards final fee.

Check payable to "Boy Scouts of America"

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO RESERVATION APPROVAL

Crew Advisor: _____

Home Phone () _____

Address: _____

Office Phone () _____

Alternate Advisor

or Crew Member: _____

Home Phone () _____

Address: _____

Office Phone () _____

(For Multiple Crews attending the Ely Base, please furnish an advisor's name and address, plus the alternate name and address for each crew.)

APPROVED:

_____ Council Number _____ Date _____
Signature/Scout Executive or His Representative

Please Return To:

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The Northern Tier National High Adventure Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or national origin. The program is open to all within our guidelines as to age and group size regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

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