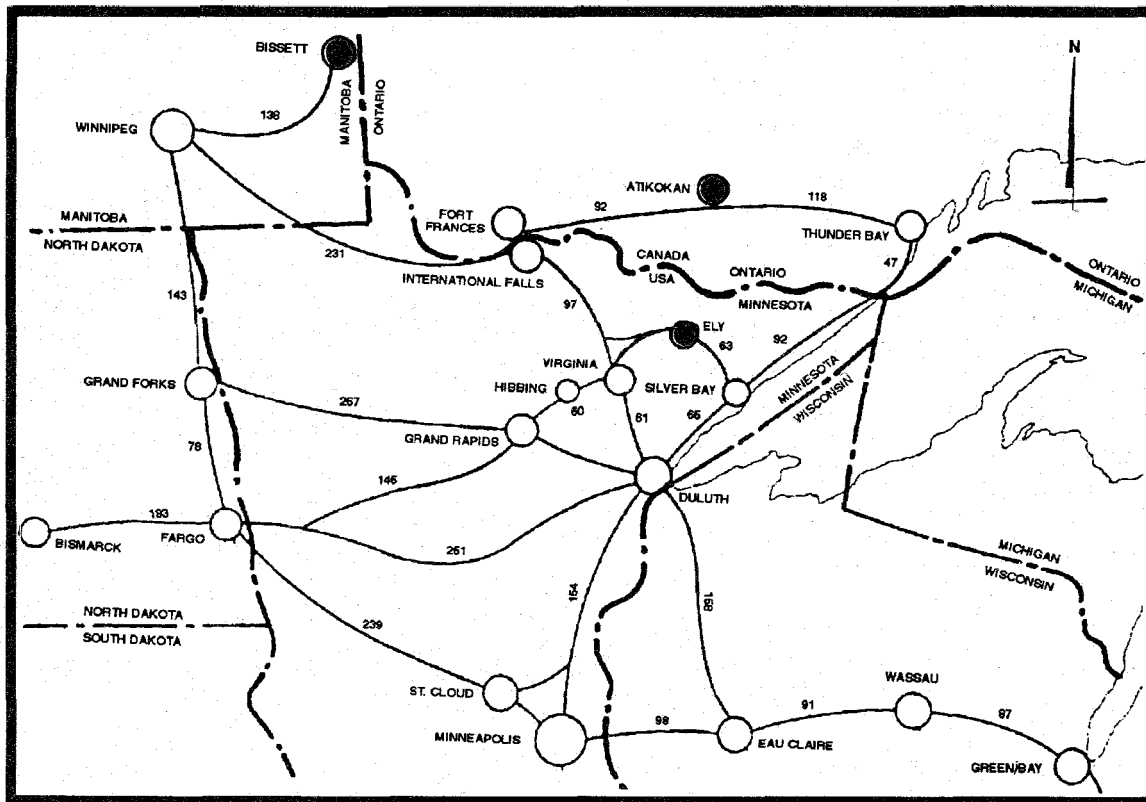


# Northern Tier High Adventure Programs

Minnesota • Canada



• Approximate driving times from **MINNEAPOLIS** to the:

**Ely Base**

6 hours

**Atikokan Base on Perch Lake**

7 + hours\*

(by Cloquet/Internat'l Falls route)

**Bissett Base**

14 - 15 hours\*

• Approximate driving times from **DULUTH** to the:

**Ely Base**

3 hours

(3 routes available)

**Atikokan Base on Perch Lake**

6 + hours\*

(by Thunder Bay route)

**Bissett Base**

12 - 13 hours\*

\*Time to cross the U.S./Canadian border may vary due to Canadian Customs and Immigration.

Contact your local travel agent for the best routes to each base!

NORTHERN TIER  
NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE  
MINNESOTA

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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ELY, MN 55731-0509

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75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR




**1998**



THE CHALLENGE OF  
PACK AND PADDLE

# NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE - 1998 IS OUR

Welcome to the Northern Tier. You are stepping into country explored by few people. May through September is the world's best canoeing. Choosing your Northern Tier program base is the first step. The Northern Tier has length and price. Come with the Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of

Program Base	Details and Facts
<b>Charles L. Sommers</b> <b>National High Adventure Base</b> Moose Lake, 22 miles N.E. of Ely, Minnesota 	<p><b>Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) - Northeastern Minnesota.</b>  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 levels provide challenges for all types of units or contingents. Flexibility is the key to this program.</p> <p><b>Quetico Provincial Park - Ontario, Canada.</b> 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.</p>
<b>Northern Expeditions</b> Bissett, Manitoba, Canada 	<p><b>Fly-in canoeing and fishing at its best!</b> 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.</p>
<b>Atikokan Canoeing</b> Atikokan, Ontario, Canada 	<p><b>Canoe Capital of Canada!</b> 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, wood smoke curling up from a cooking fire, game fish exploding like fin-backed rockets. 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 areas as well as south into the Quetico Park. These areas provide all levels of canoeing.</p>



## Okpik Winter Adventure

Learn the skills of the Northwoods winter; cross country skiing, snowshoeing, winter shelter, winter camping, equipment making, tracking and ice fishing. Our weekend programs are the most popular where you'll receive training in cold-weather dress, overnight camping, winter shelters and indoor sessions on menu and equipment highlights. We also offer staff training for individual older Scouts and leaders interested in learning how to develop and run a winter program. Please contact us for complete details on our Okpik Winter Adventures.

## FULL OUTFITTING - SUMMER FEES

Ely, Bissett, Atikokan

Full outfitting includes a BSA High Adventure trained Interpreter (staff member).

Each group will have an Interpreter join the crew when they arrive. For our billing, he or she is not considered to be a crew member. Charges for BWCAW & Quetico Park permits & fees, licenses, and fly-out float plane are in addition to our fee and are paid directly to the provider. Each group entering the Quetico Provincial Park does pay the camping fee for the Interpreter. Groups using the Float Plane Option at Bissett or Atikokan do pay the Interpreter's air fare.

### 1998 75th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

\$31 PER PERSON, PER DAY

6 - 8 PEOPLE FOR 10 DAYS

**Crew Size	10 Days	8 or 9 Days	6 or 7 Days
<b>BWCAW &amp; QUETICO: 6 - 8</b>	\$31 per person/day	\$33 per person/day	\$35 per person/day
<b>ATIKOKAN (North) &amp; BISSETT: 6 - 8</b>	\$31 per person/day	\$33 per person/day	\$35 per person/day

\*\*Crew size does not include your Interpreter.

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# 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

ber the Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts several adventures, each with a different character, our Canoe Country.



Arrival Dates	Length	Crew Size	Age	Options
May 15 Through September 15	6 - 10 days 8, 9, or 10 day trips recommended	6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/98	Without interpreter
May 15 Through September 15	10 days suggested	6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/98	Without interpreter
Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays June 18 Through August 9	10 days	6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/98	Float Plane Fly-Out
June 17 Through August 9	10 days suggested	North: 6 - 8 (plus interpreter) Quetico Park: 6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/98	North: Float Plane Fly-Out

## \*PARTICIPANT AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To participate in High Adventure programs operated by the National Council Boy Scouts of America, a participant must be a registered Boy Scout or Explorer and must have attained the age of 13 years by January 1st of the year he/she will participate or have attained rank of First Class which must be certified by a Troop Board of Review prior to departure, or must be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian.

## ADULT LEADERSHIP:

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at the Northern Tier, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors.

Each Northern Tier crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors - one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because the Northern Tier's objective is to serve youth, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants.

## COED EXPEDITIONS:

The Northern Tier invites chartered coed Explorer Posts, Venture Crews and Varsity Teams with female members to participate in High Adventure Expeditions. Each coed group is required to provide adult coed leadership (each must be at least 21 years of age) while in route to, or participating in, the Northern Tier programs.

## ALL FEE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE TO THE BALANCE OF FEES.

The Northern Tier must commit financial resources to purchase food and supplies, employ staff and prepare for summer operation. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

**RESERVATIONS:** (218) 365-4811

## MAILING ADDRESS FOR REGISTRATION:

Reservation applications and fees should be sent to:

Registrar  
Northern Tier High Adventure  
P.O. Box 509  
Ely, MN 55731-0509

## PLANNING AHEAD

Make your plans early. Reservations for 1998 can be made starting in April, 1997.

Using the brochure as your guide, pick your program base.

Decide upon an arrival date. All bases accept arrivals on any day of the week EXCEPT for the Bissett program (arrivals Sunday, Monday and Thursday.) You should plan to arrive at 10:00 p.m. Have alternate days ready. Plan your travel accordingly.

Decide your trip length. Please note that your arrival day and departure day are counted as one day. For example, if you picked a 7-day trip, and were arriving July 10 at 2:00 P.M., you would leave for home on the morning of July 17 after breakfast. Your time on the water would run from the morning of the 11th through the afternoon of the 16th.

Decide how many people will make up your group, then determine the number of crews you will canoe and camp in. Each crew must include the required adult leadership. Please note crew size limitations described in the individual programs.

## RESERVATIONS

- 1) Phone reservations are required as a way to check and reserve a date at a particular program base. Advisors (leaders) who have made phone reservations have **three weeks** to send in their reservation form and the \$200 per crew reservation fee (deposit). After 3 weeks, the phone reservation is subject to cancellation unless the reservation form and reservation fee are received.
- 2) **FILL OUT THE RESERVATION FORM COMPLETELY** and mail, along with a deposit of \$200 per crew (which is applied to your total fee). This deposit is not returned if you cancel, and is not transferable within contingents.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** for crews entering the Boundary Waters Canoe Area or the Quetico Park; please supply the Ely office with two - four names per crew by **DECEMBER 1** for application of permits. BWCA and Quetico permits are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. (Information on the additional fees charged by the Canadians will not be available until early spring). **Any fees for changes on permits (cancellations, name or date changes) after original application is made, will be assessed to your crew.**

## FULL OUTFITTING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

**Top BSA High Adventure Trained Staff.  
Challenging programs.  
We're Canoe Country at its finest.**



- Canoes, paddles, and the best PFD's (life jackets) available.
- Nylon packs, including frame packs, designed for rugged expedition wear.
- Nylon tents with floors, mosquito netting, and rain fly.
- Trail tarps, for rain and shade protection.
- Cooking utensils including nesting pots, trail ovens for baking, and ropes for hanging food packs for animal, rodent and insect protection.
- The best trail food available anywhere! You even get to choose the amounts of many of the items. You'll be traveling with super high quality, lightweight food on the trail. Every crew will have the benefit of up-to-date trail equipment and food developed from over 70 years of experience.
- Canoe trip planning supervised by a trained BSA staff member.
- Training in canoeing, cooking, modern low impact camping, fishing and safety skills, all handled expertly by a trained BSA canoe trip counselor.
- Emergency trail radio available for groups traveling from the Ely Base in the BWCAW and the Quetico Park. Other services available at Bissett and Atikokan.
- Advisor Packet. Includes all items essential for planning such as; 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 the canoe country, etc.
- Personal sickness and accident care insurance including air ambulance service.
- Your canoe trip meals begin with supper the day of arrival. A big breakfast the next morning before your trip. The best in trail meals on your trip. A special welcome back supper upon your return. Another big breakfast the day you depart for home.
- An evening awards recognition or "Rendezvous" or a special evening planned by your crew. Each participant receives the special 75th anniversary Northern Tier National Award emblem. The BSA FIFTY MILER award is available for purchase for those that have earned it.
- Trained BSA canoe counselor (interpreter). 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, eating utensils, 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 (such as trail stove and fuel).

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE - All Fee Payments Are Non-Refundable And Non-Transferable

- 1) After making the phone reservation, you will have 3 weeks to send the reservation form signed by the council executive and the \$200 per crew deposit. Upon receipt of the reservation form and deposit, a confirmation of the total fee for the trip and other details will be mailed to the leader.
- 2) First-payment fee (\$500 per crew) is due October 1. For late registering crews, first payment fees are due 30 days from the reservation.
- 3) Final fees are due 30 days prior to your arrival at the Ely base; 45 days prior to arrival at the Bissett or Atikokan bases.
- 4) Keep the Northern Tier Reservations Office notified of changes (218-365-4811). 24 hour dedicated FAX line (218-365-3112). Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Central Time.

### GETTING READY

- 1) Using the materials provided in the advisor kit, which is sent in the spring, prepare your crew. Have them get in shape. Practice canoeing, have shakedown trips, and read other publications available. Merit badges such as Canoeing, Camping, Cooking, First-aid, and Swimming are appropriate. Also see suggested reference materials and books listed in the Northern Tier's *Crew Planning Guide*.
- 2) Make your travel plans to the appropriate Base. Line up things such as sight-seeing, stopovers, etc. Apply for your National Tour Permit.
- 3) Each participant must get a medical check within 30 days of the trip.
- 4) Arrive with a crew of vigorous Scouts/Explorers and leaders prepared for the wilderness High Adventure of a lifetime!!