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**THE 1946 PLANS**  
**FOR YOUR REGION TEN CANOE BASE**  
**ON THE**  
**WATERWAYS TO HIGH ADVENTURE**



**23rd SEASON**

— FROM —

**Boy Scouts of America - Region Ten**  
**1112 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minn.**



**SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE—SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST**  
**ON MOOSE LAKE—ELY, MINN.**

SOMMERS' WILDERNESS CANOE BASE  
REGION TEN ~~BOY~~ BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
PLANS FOR 1946  
(PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT)

With the new plan for ten day trips ready, the fees with and without Guide Service determined; a \$13,000 improvement plan approved and the selection of a high-grade Staff underway, we are now in a position to give you some advance information, so that you may develop your plans for a Council Organized Senior Scout expedition to Region Ten's historically famous Canoe Trails.

- SENIOR SCOUT\* - COUNCIL ORGANIZED GROUPS ONLY -

To serve and supplement Local Councils - providing them with a high adventure Senior Scout Rendezvous - we are accepting reservations from ONLY CHARTERED SENIOR SCOUT UNITS AND COUNCIL-ORGANIZED SENIOR SCOUT GROUPS.

Individual applications will not be accepted, by Region Ten, nor will any Senior Scouts be permitted to make trips except as members of Council-Organized groups.

Before advising you how to make reservations, we will give you the high-lights of the new plan of operation.

- TRIPS ARE ALL TEN DAYS -

It is our sincere belief that the ten day schedule outlined on the next page, will provide every canoeist with a happy, satisfying experience. The time taken for advance preparation should aid considerably in having everyone concerned get the most out of their trip.

With seven full days and nights on the canoe trails, the trip can become more leisurely, and will, we hope, discourage the tendency on the part of some trippers, to make a mad dash to the Arctic Circle and back in a few days.

The afternoon and evening at the Canoe Base upon return, with opportunity for a good hot bath and relaxation, should send every camper back home in much better condition, and in a happier frame of mind.

We look upon a trip to the Sommers' Wilderness Canoe Base as a training experience which will eventually prepare Senior Scouts to develop and equip their own canoe parties, even as they grow up into men and follow this hobby along with their fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation.

\* 15 years of age or over, with sufficient local camping experience to justify Local Council approval for such a trip.

TEN DAY CANOE TRIP PLAN BY DAYS

SOMMERS' WILDERNESS CANOE BASE - REGION TEN

SEASON OF 1946

FIRST DAY

Arrive - not before 2:00 P.M., nor after 4:00 P.M.  
Place all of your baggage on lower floor of new building.  
Council Group Leader reports at office. Registers for entire party. Pays balance of fees.  
Sleeping quarters for first and second nights is assigned.  
Arrange beds for first two nights.  
Get acquainted. Take a look around.  
Evening meal prepared by Camp Cook in main building.  
Evening Camp Fire Program. Good Fellowship.  
Early to bed for a good night of rest, and a big day on the morrow.

SECOND DAY

A full day of preparation and training for the trip.  
Each group will pack its own food supplies and equipment, study maps, and arrange trips, and have everything set for departure on the Canoe Trails, the next morning.  
Each separate party will have a campfire meeting of its own with one member of the Canoe Base Staff assigned to them for information and general assistance.

THIRD DAY

Breakfast at 7:00 A.M.  
Canoes assigned and all parties off on their trips by 9:00 A.M., at the latest.

THIRD TO TENTH  
DAY

Out on the Canoe Trails, a total of seven full days and nights.  
On the Tenth Day, return to the Base, not earlier than 10:00 A.M., nor later than 2:00 P.M.  
Check all of your Canoe Base Equipment, separating any articles needing repairs.  
Turn in all equipment to Canoe Base Quartermaster.  
Clean all cooking gear and turn in to Canoe Base Quartermaster.  
Return unused food supplies.  
Take a Finnish Bath and hot shower.  
Change to clean clothes.  
Relax, rest up, and prepare your baggage for the return trip home.  
Closing Dinner at 6:00 P.M. in Main Dining Hall.  
Evening Campfire to swap yarns, telling fishing stories and receive Canoe Base Emblems.  
Have a good night of rest.

ELEVENTH DAY

Early breakfast and a full day ahead for your return trip home.

REGION TEN

SOMMERS' WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

1946 TRIP SCHEDULE

TEN DAY TRIPS - TWO PER WEEK

Limited to capacity of 40 (each trip)

	ARRIVE (2 to 4 P. M.)	TRAINING DAY	OUT (by 10 A.M.)	RETURN (by Noon)	HOME (by 10 A.M.)
1)	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 9	July 10
2)	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 12	July 13
3)	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 16	July 17
4)	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 19	July 20
5)	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 23	July 24
6)	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 26	July 27
7)	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 30	July 31
8)	July 24	July 25	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 3
9)	July 28	July 29	July 30	Aug. 6	Aug. 7
10)	July 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 10
11)	Aug. 4	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 14
12)	Aug. 7	Aug. 8	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 17
13)	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
14)	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 24
15)	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Aug. 28
16)	Aug. 21	Aug. 22	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Aug. 31
17)*	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Aug. 31

\* For Executives of Region Ten,

- LIMITED TO 40, PLUS LEADERS - EACH TRIP -

On the above schedule, there will be three groups on the Trails at all times. A different group will be coming into the Base or leaving the Base (for Canoe Trails or home) each day of the week.

For efficient use of equipment, and because our Staff will want to give the greatest possible individual attention to each group, we must limit each trip to forty Senior Scouts, plus their leaders and our Staff.

- WHAT CONSTITUTES A PARTY? TEN SCOUTS -

Long experience on the Canoe Trails has proven that ten Seniors and a Leader is the maximum number (eight plus leader the minimum) which should travel in one canoe party. We can't give you all the reasons now - but please take our word for it.

Plan your Council Unit on the above basis, and all will be well.

If you plan to use a Canoe Base Guide - we recommend only nine Seniors and one Adult Leader as a Unit. Our equipment is planned for use on this basis.

- COMPETENT ADULT LEADERS REQUIRED -

Each group of ten Senior Scouts must be accompanied by a highly competent adult Scouter. He must be a qualified camper, have knowledge of Scoutcraft, especially how to use map and compass and be of mature judgment.

Such men should be available this year in large numbers. Each Local Council will be expected to provide such men at the ratio of one to each nine or ten Senior Scouts.

- GUIDE SERVICE AVAILABLE -

This season we are employing only adult Guides, who are well qualified to do a constructive and intelligent job of guiding. Only eight guides in addition to our other Staff members, will be employed.

These guides will be available by making advance reservation for them and paying for their services and food on the trip. One Guide may serve not more than ten campers at a cost of \$50.00.

- IF YOU WANT A GUIDE -

When making a reservation for your group - please indicate whether you do or do not - desire guide service.

- TRAVEL ON YOUR OWN - MORE THRILLING -

Any group of Seniors who know how to camp, can, when accompanied by a good adult leader, travel the Canoe Trails in perfect safety - provided they know how to handle a canoe, read maps, and use a compass - oh, yes, and use their heads too!

A great part of the thrill of these trips comes from finding your own way around - it's even fun to get lost for a few hours.

So this year we are encouraging each Local Council to provide the kind of adult leader who can take the crew out on their own. By so doing, you can save \$6.00 per man on the cost.

- RESERVE DESIRED SPACE - SEND RESERVATION FEE -

Make a blanket reservation for your group. To hold space, we must have a reservation fee of \$2.00 per person. We do not need the names of those in your group in advance. However, no refunds will be made unless written notice of cancellation is received EIGHTEEN DAYS IN ADVANCE of scheduled arrival date.

- ABOUT JOINING WITH ANOTHER COUNCIL -

Though you may not organize a group with your own adult leader, you may have a few Senior Scouts who want to make a canoe trip. We suggest that you arrange with a neighboring Council Executive to have these young men join their group from start to finish.

The Regional Office will, upon request, give you information regarding the Councils which have reservations.

We suggest this only as a last resort. It should be easy for any Council to organize at least one group of ten Seniors and a Leader.

- REGION TEN COUNCILS - PRIORITY TO MAY 1ST -

This being a Region Ten Canoe Base, we are giving Region Ten Councils priority until May 1st, on selection of dates.

On May 1st, advance reservations made with Councils outside of Region Ten will be confirmed in order of their receipt.

- STATE FIRST - SECOND - THIRD - CHOICE OF DATES -

In making advance reservations, always state first - second, and third choice of dates. We will notify you immediately, regarding availability and confirmation.

- MORE INFORMATION LATER -

This should be sufficient news for the development of your plans and extends a warning regarding the importance of early reservations.

Immediately following acceptance of your reservation, we will send you complete information about how to prepare for the trip.

This will include information about equipment, what we provide, what individuals need; how to organize your group; hints on advance preparation; bus and train schedules; how to reach the Canoe Base; fishing licenses; special awards, maps of the Canoe Trails, a special Region Ten Guide Book, etc.

- SCENIC FOLDER -

We will also - upon receiving your reservation - send you a supply of attractive scenic folders which you can use in recruiting your Seniors for the trip. . . also individual applications for your use.

- TRIP FEES - A \$5.00 INDUCEMENT -

Just think of it - you can make one of these famous ten day trips with seven full days and nights on the Canoe Trails, completely equipped (except personal items) at the following low rates:

<u>Trips 9 to 16</u> (inclusive)	\$26.00 with Guide Service \$21.00 without Guide Service
<u>Trips 1 to 8</u> (inclusive)	\$24.00 With Guide Service \$19.00 without Guide Service

Sharpen your pencil and you will see that by charging ten Seniors the full rate, you can, if you desire, pay the expenses of a high-grade adult leader - provided you do your own guiding.

- IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR 1946 -

The new plan of operation requires increased facilities and equipment. The Region Ten Executive Committee has approved the expenditure of \$13,000.00. If building material and labor can possibly be found, all of the work will be done. Here are some of the items:

1. A new two story building, 28X50 feet to provide facilities for food and equipment distribution - locker space for canoe parties - Staff Quarters - electric light plant - winter storage of our equipment and fleet of 60 canoes.
2. Twenty new canoes - a total fleet of sixty.
3. A Finnish Steam Bath and Shower House.
4. A new latrine and washing facilities.
5. A Director's Cabin
6. An electric light plant for buildings only.
7. Cots and mattresses (for first and last night at Base).
8. New Trail tents, cooking gear, etc.

- TRANSPORTATION -

Each Council will be responsible for the transportation of its own group from the Home Base to the Canoe Base. We feel that most groups will be traveling by car or special bus, which can bring them direct to the Canoe Base. Those travelling by train or bus to Ely - \$1.00 round trip from Ely to the Base, will be charged.

- HOW TO MAKE RESERVATIONS -

Under this new plan of supplementing the Local Council Camping Program - we will accept reservations only through Local Executives and only for entire Council Organized groups.

Therefore, if you have Senior Scouts who desire to make the trip, we suggest that you, Mr. Executive, or Mr. Senior Leader, organize a Council group. Set an objective of 10 or 20 or 30 or 40, plus one adult for each Unit of ten.

- OUR PLEDGE -

We are going to do our utmost to make the Region Ten Canoe Base Trips outstanding in every respect. Not only will equipment be improved, but more important, we will operate strictly in accord with the Camping Policy of our Movement, and provide a very competent Staff of high-grade adult leaders.

- YOU WILL SEE A GREAT CHANGE IN 1946 -

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW - FOR A THRILLING TEN DAYS OF HIGH ADVENTURE!

- SUMMARY -

1. Only Senior Scouts will qualify for such Trips.
2. Only Chartered Senior Scout Units and Council Organized groups accepted.
3. Groups must provide their own qualified adult leaders who are responsible for the group.
4. All trips ten days, limited to forty Seniors, plus leaders.
5. Guide Service is optional.
6. Fee reduced \$5.00 per camper per trip without Guide Service.
7. Further reduction of \$2.00 on Trips 1 to 8 inclusive.
8. Each group provides own transportation.
9. \$2.00 per person registration fee required.
10. No refunds, unless notified in writing 18 days in advance.
11. Give us first, second, and third choice of dates desired.
12. Indicate whether you do, or do not want Guide Service.

REGION TEN COUNCILS HAVE PRIORITY UNTIL MAY 1ST



LOCAL COUNCIL APPLICATION

FOR SOMMERS' WILDERNESS CANOE BASE RESERVATIONS

TO: Region Ten, Boy Scouts of America, FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Council  
1112 Minnesota Building, \_\_\_\_\_ Address  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota. \_\_\_\_\_ City & State  
\_\_\_\_\_ Executive

Please reserve places for \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ Leader(s) on:

	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Starting Date</u>	<u>Returning Date</u>
1st Choice	_____	_____	_____
2nd Choice	_____	_____	_____
3rd Choice	_____	_____	_____

Attached is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover a reservation fee of \$2.00 for each Scout Leader(s). (make checks payable to Region Ten, Boy Scouts of Am.)

If accepted by you, we understand that this guarantees the above number of places for our Council, and that we need not submit individual names until our group arrives at the Canoe Base. We also understand that no reservation fee will be refunded unless we give notice of a reduction in number to the Regional Office in writing at least 18 days in advance of the date we are scheduled to arrive at the Base. This reservation fee will apply on the total fee, balance of which we will pay upon arrival at the base.

- GUIDE SERVICE -

(Check one)

We want Guide Service and will pay for it on the basis of \$50.00 for each group of ten . . . . .  Yes  No

We will need Guides . . . . .  Number

We do not need Guide Service and request the reduction of \$5.00 per trip for each person . . . . .  Yes  No

- HEALTH EXAMINATION -

Realizing the importance of good health and physical condition on these Canoe Trips, we will be responsible for a thorough physical examination according to National Standards, with recheck, within 24 hours of departure from the Home Base. Our Adult Leader will bring these reports with him.

Our Adult Leader (s) will be - (NOTE - if not known now, send later) PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

We guarantee our Adult Leader will be well qualified to lead this group of Senior Scouts on the Canoe Trip.

DATE RECEIVED AT REGION TEN OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Council Camping Committee

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 Scout Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chairman Council Camping Committee