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WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	
DATE OF TRIP	1936
GUIDE	Hugh Leach

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE
BRONZE x
GOLD
SILVER

*Headwaters Area Council*  
BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA  
*Hibbing, Minnesota*

EDWARD W. LEACH, PRESIDENT  
B. B. BEAL, TREASURER



GEO. B. ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER  
C. S. CHASE, EXECUTIVE

October 2, 1936

Kenneth G. Bentz  
1124 Minnesota Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I would like to recommend most highly Gerhard W. M.  
Dehoff for the Bronze Paddle Award.

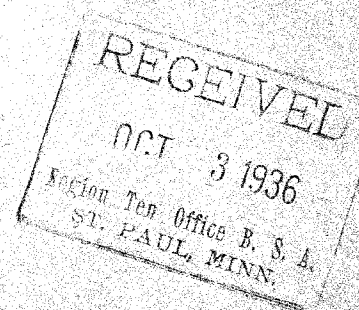
Yours very truly,

*C. S. Chase*  
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Area Executive

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Enclosed find Dehoff's account of the trip, Hugh Leach's  
approval, and snapshots.



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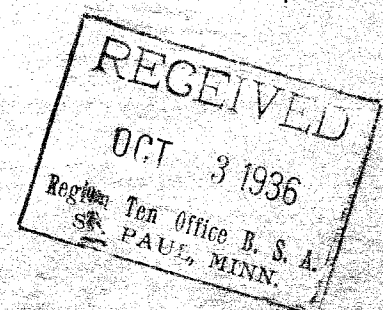
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OF

GERHARD W. M. DEHOFF

OF

BUFFALO BILL COUNCIL



TUESDAY

AUG. 25, 1936

Our party left Davenport at 9:25 in the rain. We reached De Witte at 10:05, Guttenberg at 12:30. We took highway No. 52 to St. Paul and from there we took No. 62 to Ely Minn. Stopped in Menona to buy a few groceries. We had dinner about 2:30. Then we put in 18 gal. of gas in Decorah. Reached Rochester at about 5:20. We continued on to St. Paul which we reached at 7:30. From there we sent a telegram to Mr. James Hiner Jr., our Scout Executive. Then we had a chicken supper at a place on the outskirts of St. Paul. This was about 9:30 P.M. We kept on driving until about 12:30 A.M. Then we decided that it was time to stop so we parked the truck on a gravel road and got some sleep. All six of us were accommodated very nicely in the back of the truck. The evening was very cold.

WEDNESDAY

AUG. 26, 1936

We started driving again about 6:15 A.M. The weather was still very cold and very very misty, almost a rain. We stopped in Carleton for groceries and there I bought sheath knife. We arrived in Winton about 2:00 P.M. There we waited for Mr. Chase, who didn't show up. Had supper and got acquainted with three nice girls. They washed our dishes which was followed by a marshmallow roast. Then we took the girls home and we turned in about 10:30. Weather still cool but we slept very well.

THURSDAY

AUG. 27, 1936

Mr. Chase found us about 7:00 A.M.. Then we drove 22 miles to Hibbards Lodge. The last  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of this road were the roughest road that I have ever seen. At the Lodge we had breakfast which consisted of cereal, toast, bacon and eggs, and coffee. Then we received our packs and got our things ready. Following this we were introduced to our guide, Hugh Leech, he seems to be a very nice fellow. He is only 19 years old and seems to be a lot of fun. Next Mr. Chase gave us some instruction on how to handle a canoe. Finally we left the Lodge behind us and started out on Moose Lake. with three canoes, this was about ~~0800~~ 11:30. We covered about nine miles and camped on Newfound Lake. There we made camp and had some fun with the canoes while Hugh cooked supper. That supper was one of the best tasting that I ever ate. Hugh sure is a good cook. Johnny and I went fishing after supper but had no luck. The scenery is sure beautiful. I also got some very nice movie shots.

FRIDAY

AUG. 28, 1936

It started to rain about 1:30 A.M. By the time we got up every thing was soaking wet. We had breakfast in the rain and then started out in the rain. It was very cold and the rain came down in sheets. Finally we reached Ensign Lake and found an old deserted tappers cabin and decided to stay there. We had to fix the roof before we were able to use it. We did this by putting some logs on the roof and then spreading our tarps over these. after that we had to fix up the sides a little too. This we did by stuffing grass and leaves into the cracks. The house had no fire place or even a chimney. But that didnt stop us, we built a fire right on the dirt floor. If the rain didnt get us the smoke ~~sure~~ sure did. Then John and I decided to do some fishing in all that rain. I caught the only fish that we were lucky to get., it was a Northern Pike of about 1 11/2 lbs. Then we sat around the fire whittling and telling stories. At night we took turns at sleeping and watching the fire. Gabby Ocheltree slept on a log which had two big knots in it and snored so loud that you thought that there was an outboard motor on the lake. At 3:00A.M. Herman Jauch and I went out and we saw three stars.. At this our morale went up bout 1000%. It had rained for 26 solid hours.

SATURDAY

AUG. 29, 1936

The weather was still cloudy and quite cold. We built a large fire and dried out our blankets. Had breakfast, went swimming, packed and started out at 9:30A.M. On this lake we saw an eagles nest. The wind was very strong and the lake very rough but luck was with us as both lake and wind were in our favor. Had dinner at about 11:40A.M. and reached a good campsite on Lake Ima, about 4:30P.M. By this the sun had come out, which was a welcome sight to us. I took some more movies. By this time the fellows were watching out for me and my camera as I was always getting shots of them when they least expected it.

SUNDAY

AUG. 30, 1936

We got up about 5:15/A.M. The weather was very clear but cool.

Had breakfast, packed, and got under way about 7:30 A.M. Today we really covered some territory, 13 portages, in all. We also saw some very thrilling scenery, which was all recorded by my movie camera. Today I had my first glimpse of Canadian territory, when we reached Knife Lake. Tonight we camped on Canadian soil. A young Bald Eagle flew over us at an altitude of about 30 feet. There sure are plenty of islands in Knife Lake. At night it sure got cold. We also were engulfed by one of the densest fogs that I have ever had the opportunity to run into.

MONDAY

AUG. 31, 1936

This morning we got up at 5:00A.M. The weather was clear and sunshiny but cool. Had breakfast after which we started to pack with the thought in mind that today we were starting the homeward trail. We got started about 9:00. Farther down the lake we saw a porcupine, stopped and had some fun with it. I got some excellant movie shots of it. Today we made six portages to get to Newfound Lake where we met Hugh's brother and a party of three scouts from Hibbing Minn. There we had a big feed and enjoyed ourselves very much. Then we turned in about 9:45 P.M. The night is very clear, the moon is very bright.

TUESDAY

SEPT. 1, 1936

Got up about 5:20. The weather was still very clear and still cool. Had breakfast and then passed my trees and shrub test to Hugh Leech and was successful. Today we saw a great many deer and bear tracks. I also got some very excellent shots of beaver cuttings. Then we started on the last lap by canoe. We pulled into Hibbards Lodge about 2 P.M. Then we shaved, which we needed very badly, and left for Winton. There we met the same three girls. That evening we had a campfire and took them home about 10:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

SEPT. 2, 1936

We got up at 7:00 A.M. and got breakfast ready.

Weather clear and cool. Started for home by way of Duluth at 11:00 A.M.

We saw some more beautiful scenery on the way through Superior National Forest. I took some shots of Shallow Falls. We then visited a lighthouse on the shore of Lake Superior which was very interesting. We spent the night about 40 miles south of St. Paul.

THURSDAY

SEPT. 3, 1936

Today was our last day on the road so we got rolling rather early about 7:30A.M. The weather was very clear but still cool. We stopped and visited the Niagra Caves at Harmony Minn. and were very much disappointed. We reached home about 8:30 P.M, tired, but happy and were not "broke", after covering 1500miles by truck and 150 miles by canoe.

All told I had a very very good time and am anticipating coming north again next year.

This report was submitted by me for my Bronze Paddle Award.

*Gerhard Dehoff*



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