

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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| DATE OF TRIP | August, 1939 |
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| PADDLE AWARDS : DATE | |
| BRONZE | Through Matty - 11/9/39 |
| GOLD | |
| SILVER | |

Trees

| Tree | Use |
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| White Birch-- | Spools, fuel, shoe pegs, paper pulp. |
| Arbor Vitae-- | Poles, shingles, tub staves, fence posts. |
| Jack Pine-- | Pulpwood. |
| White Pine-- | Pattern and finishing. |
| Norway Pine-- | Spars, pilings, sills. |
| Black Spruce-- | Ships, general construction posts, pilings. |
| Tamarack-- | Railroad ties, fence posts, telegraph posts. |
| White Spruce-- | Paper pulp, general construction. |
| Blue Spruce-- | Landscaping. |
| Balsam Fir-- | Pulp, arts, medically. |
| Quaking Aspen-- | Pulp, excelsior. |
| Sandbar Willow-- | Little value. |
| Red Maple-- | Chairs, wood turnings. |
| Wild Currant-- | Animal food. |
| Blueberries-- | Fruit, used commercially. |
| Mountain Ash-- | Little value. |
| Purple Osier-- | Basket work. |
| Raspberry-- | Commercially. |
| Pincherries-- | Animal food. |
| Tag Alder-- | Little value. |
| Chokecherry-- | Animal food. |
| Hazlebush-- | Animal food. |
| Rosebush-- | Beauty. |
| Speckled Alder-- | Little value. |
| June Berry-- | Animal food. |

Plants

Flag (Iris)--Flower.
Maidenhair Fern--Beauty.
Broad Leaf Aster--Vegetation.
Sasparilla--Medicine, flavoring.
Early Goldenrod--Vegetation; also Lance Leaf Goldenrod.
Ground Pine--Christmas decorations.
Firebush--Vegetation.
Deer Moss--Deer food.
Milkweed--No use.
Bunch berry--Vegetation.
Pigeon Wheat Moss--Deer food.
Pearly Everlasting--Vegetation.
Rock Fungi--Parasite--No value.
Solomon Seal--Flower.
Arbor Vitae Moss--Deer food.

Log of Canoe Trip

Sunday, August 20, we left home at 9:30 and arrived at Hibbard's Lodge at 4:30, where we were met and welcomed by Ben Conger. We then registered with Marty Kross, our guide from Iowa. The next person we met was George Wilson, our "Swamper" guide from Aurora, Minnesota. Our two guide got the group together. The group consisted of four Scouts from Grand Rapids, two Scouts and two Scouters from Evansville, Indiana, and our two guides. We met and decided to go up to Lake Ima, use it as a base, and take side trips from it. After the meeting, we watched the first group eat--there was enough left, however. Sunday night we all met and were cautioned what to do and what not to do on the trip. Lights out at 10:00.

Monday: We rolled out at seven o'clock, ate breakfast, packed our knapsacks, and made final preparations for our departure. At the last minute in walked a short, dark haired boy who joined our group. We shoved off at ten o'clock and paddled through Moose and New Found Lakes. We took the first portage which ran between New Found Lake and Iron Lake. As this was our first experience in portaging, we were glad to eat when we had reached the end of it. That afternoon it was portage, paddle, portage, paddle, portage, paddle. We made the following portages during the day:

Ensign Lake to Bass Lake
Bass Lake to Gibson Lake
Gibson Lake to Pothole Lake
Pothole Lake into Jordan Lake
Jordan Lake into Ima Lake

where we found some men occupying the place where we intended to

camp. We crossed the lake and camped on another bay. While Marty cooked supper, we put up tents and made ready for the council fire. Sam did his usual good job of evading work. We had a late supper, short council fire, and lights out about ten o'clock.

It looked like rain Tuesday morning. Not daunted, Swenson and I went out and explored the bay. It did rain. In the afternoon we all took a nature hike in a group and started work on the Bronze Paddle Award. Nature study isn't as bad as it would seem to some people. Trees and plants were the subject of the study. We learned how to recognize about thirty trees and about twenty plants. Supper time came quickly. Swenson, Sam, and I were on cooking detail. Sam slept in his tent while Swenson peeled potatoes and I cried over the onions. Everyone enjoyed supper, naturally. In council fire we sang songs, talked, and elected Marty story teller for the next night. We slept well on newly moss made beds.

Wednesday saw us working on our Bronze Paddle Award. We went out and gathered limbs from twenty-five trees and sixteen plants and identified them all. We passed our Forestry Merit Badge thus finishing Bronze Paddle as far as possible on trip. Mouse caught three fish. Wednesday night supper was not quite as delicious due to the fact that we were on K.P. and we thought the guide used an over-abundance of dishes. That night there was all but a revolution in our ranks, but we actually got Sam to work. At the council fire Marty told his promised story which kept us all on the edge of our chairs (rocks) until the end which was a great surprise. The crook cut a ham off the ceiling instead of our hero's throat.

Thursday was another cloudy day. The greater part of this day was spent in working on our Pioneering merit badge. Among the things we had to make were: a bridge capable of holding two hundred pounds, shelter to house four, wash stand, table, fireplace, pothooks, and cooking rack. We ate, had the customary council fire at night, where we passed knots, and turned in on our soft bough beds in our shelter.

Up at four-thirty Friday morning, we ate breakfast and started breaking camp. We left our camp site at 8:30 and paddled home the same route. Dinner was consumed at the same place we had eaten Monday. That afternoon we paddled into Sucker Lake, the northern part of which is in Canada; the southern part being in the United States. From Sucker Lake we paddled to New Found and down into Wind Bay where we made camp and stayed that night.

We were awakened by the sound of a mother duck and her brood in the bay. Using sand, we scoured the pots and pans so they would be presentable when we arrived home. We packed everything neatly in our knapsacks and set out for Hibbard's Lodge. On the way back we ran into Bob Layton and his bunch. We all arrived at Hibbard's at ten-thirty. From then we prepared for the trip home. Mr. Anderson came for us at one-thirty. Before we left, Marty thanked us for our excellent cooperation. We shook hands and bid our newly made friends good-bye and hit for home.

We from Grand Rapids enjoyed our trip a lot. It was fun meeting the other Scouts and Scouters and working with them. We hope we will be able to go again next year.



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