

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	Southern Indiana
DATE OF TRIP	August 20th to 26th, ¹⁹³¹ 1930
GUIDE	Martin Koss

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	Through Executive 11/9/39
GOLD	
SILVER	

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Sunday Aug. 20.

Arrived at Ely Minn. about two oclock p. m. and started for Hibbarads Lodge. Traveling over some gravel road which was not so good, as we were used to smooth pavement after traveling 950 miles to get to Ely. Then when we got to the last stretch which we thought would be short we passed over all kinds of bumps, mud holes turns and curves , through woods all the way . If it had not been for the humorous signs along the way such as, "Tie in tight", "Keep up courage", "Stop and go", "Nertz", "No Speeding", and so forth, which kept us laughing we probably would have turned back. We finally reached our distination at three P.M. and as a note of personal interest, we traveled the farthest distance and were the first to arrive in camp.

We were met by Ben Congor, who is Deputy Regional Exective of Region 10, who made us acquainted with his guides. We were told to make ourselves at home and we certainly did. The first thing we did was to find where to get fishing license and get that over with. By this time we found out that there were going to be 52 persons on the trips. We were to be divided into 5 different parties. We were grouped with 4 scouts from Grand Rapids, Minn., 1 from Carlinville, Ill., and the 4 of us from Evansville, Ind. Our leaders and guides were Marty Koss (swamper guide) & George Wilson. We were then grouped together to get acquainted, register, and recieve our equipment also to turn in our medical blanks. The guide then nicknamed me Orrie, which carried all through the trip. Our equipment consisted of pack sack, poncho, ground cloth, and eating irons. We each brought 3 blankets and our own personal belongings. After we had this straightened out we were again brought together to decide where to go. This was difficult, not any of us being on such a trip before. Several trips were suggested. The one we decided to take was a canoe trip to Ima Lake camp to fish, take side trips from Ima Lake, then always to return to Ima Lake. Then on our way back pay a visit to the Canadain Border. By this time it was supper time We had supper in the Bunk House at Hibbarads Lodge which consisted of meat balls, patatoes, slaw, chocolate pudding, coffee, bread and butter. This was about 6 P.M. Then we had a short explanation of the weeks events by Ben Congor, Jack and Bob Leighton and Ray Dye. The last named were some of the other guides. After a song session we were then free till 10 oclock P.M. bed time. We were to be up at 6 A.m. and be ready to leave by 9 A.M. There was no trouble in getting to sleep for we were all dead tired.

Monday Aug. 21.

We got up at 6 A.M., got our packs ready, ate breakfast at the bunk house. We then recieved instruction on how to handle a canoe on the rocks so as not to damage a canoe, How to portage and later on recieve instruction on how to handle a canoe in water and boy I didn't know I was so green. We also were told the rules and regulations, and how to respect our guides. We were very slow getting started. We had 4 canoes 3 traveling in 3 canoes and 2 traveling in one. In each canoe there were 3 personal packs 1 kitchen or tent pack. We got started at 10 oclock A.M. and were very slow moving as I was in the stern or back and not knowing much about how to handle a canoe we held up the party. The way I snaked through Moose Lake and holding the others back we travled 3 times as far from side to side. We first traveled over moose Lake through some straits into Newfound to a portage which was 20 rods long, at end of portage we ate dinner or cold lunch consisting of canned pork loin sandwich, eye crisp with peanut butter and orange nector and a chocolate bar.

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We then started out again on Iron Lake, then through portage of about 20 rods we were then in Ensign Lake. Then another portage of about 40 rods. We were then in Bass Lake. The next portage was 118 rods. We were then in our longest portage, it had 2 rests on it but I didn't know what the first rest was. I had a 40 lb. pack on my back and also the canoe. I thought the first rest was an old swing arbor, but by the time I got to the 2 nd. one I knew what it was for. The next lake then was Gibson. Then a short portage of 10 rods and we were in Jourdon Lake, and then another portage which was just about 5 rods long, and we were then in Ima Lake. This was our destination. In all we traveled about 20 miles and we were 40 feet higher in elevation than when we started. When we finally landed we had to start making camp and preparing supper. This was about 6.30 P.M. We were divided into 3 groups according to our 3 canoes. The guide and the swamper guide was to instruct us. These 3 groups were to assist them and to take turns. The different groups were cooking, firewood and service or K. P. My first grouping or duty was cooking. We ate supper consisting of stew, rice and raisens, butter bread and coffee. It was dark by this time so as soon as K. P. was finished cleaning up we had a short campfire program, then off to bed very tired but very happy. This was about 9 P.M.

Tues. Aug. 22.

We got up about 8 A.M. for our breakfast and had bacon, prunes, rice, bread and coffee. It started raining and it rained practically all morning, after the stopped some of us tried our luck fishing and some went canoeing. We caught 2 northern pike and one wall eye. It was then lunch time and we had 2 cheese sandwiches and coffee. After lunch we had a nature study trip which was so interesting that I am trying to get a Bronze Paddle award which is an accomplishment for doing certain requirements while on a Region 10 canoe trip. When we came back it was time for supper. Our supper consisted of potato soup, lima beans, fish, bread and butter and tea. I was then on K. P. as we changed details after each noon meal. After that we tried to pass our nature work to Marty. This was a lot of fun. After that we had a campfire story by Marty and turned in about 9.30 P.M.

Wed. Aug. 23.

We got up at 5.30 A.M. and went fishing for one hour and had no luck at all. For breakfast we had dried pears, flap jacks with butterscotch syrup, oat meal and coffee. Our K.P. was very long this morning as we had to clean all the carbon off of the pots. After we finished this we worked on our nature for it was raining. We then had lunch of porkloin sandwiches and peanut sandwiches, orange nector. After dinner we worked on forestry and nature study. Then Mr. Brill and I went fishing again, But no luck. Mr pyle goes out and catches 2 nice fish, with our fish we had macaroni and cheese, slaw tea, jam, and bread and butter for our supper. We then cut wood for breakfast, had a good campfire with singing, then off to bed about 9 P.M.

Thursday. 24.

Got up at 6 a.m. by the sun for our watches had stopped. Built the fire and shaved. I got everyone up then went for a swim. For our breakfast we had cream of wheat, apricots, and cocoa. After breakfast I sharpened axes and then looked for a leave collection.

We made a press board from a cedar log. By

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this time it was dinner time for our dinner we had 2 sandwiches of sandwich loave, rasberry nector, and after dinner I worked some more on my press board and then fished some more, but still no fish. For our supper we had vegetable soup, hoe cake, cooked dried apples, and coffee. After supper we had canoe instruction. Then Mr. G. Wilson and I went fishing again to no avail. I then went to bed very tired at 8 P.M.

Friday Aug.25.

The fog was awfully heavy . We got up around 6 A.M. awfully wet and cold. There was some fish caught Thursday by M. Pyle and some of the others of the party, so we had fish for breakfast. With our fish we had oats, prunes and cocoa. After breakfast we broke camp and left about 8:30 A.M., and journeyed back the same way we came. We ate our lunch at approximately at the same place about 2 P.M. For our lunch we had,rasberry jam and peanut butter sandwiches , and chocolate, with rasberry nector. We then went through Newfound Lake into Sucker Lake to the canadian Border. We stayed here for about 20 minutes. We then come back through Sucker Lake to Newfound through Straits to Moose Lake and camped on Moose Lake Friday night. We ate our supper about 7 P.M. For our supper we had beans, macoroni, and cheese, potato soup and coffee. After supper we went for another cold swim and then we went to bed about 9 P.M.

Saturday Aug 26.

We got up about 4:30 and started getting ready to break camp. For breakfast we had bacon, cream of wheat, cooked apples, and tea. We cleaned up every thing broke camp and headed for Hibbards Lodge at 9 A.M. We reached Hibbards at 10 A.M. In all we traveled about 50 miles. We had a very successful trip as all completed his requirements for a Merit Badge in Forestry and practically all of the requirements for a Bronze Paddle award. I feel the success of the whole trip was due to the fine personality of our leaders, Marty and Georé.

TREES

WHITE SPRUCE	GENERAL CONSTRUCTION & PAPER PULP
BLUE "	PAPER PULP & CONSTRUCTION *PILING,
NORWAY SPRUCE	SHIP SPARS, SPRUCE GUM, POSTS.
DOGWOOD	SPARS, PILING, & SILLS.
WHITE PINE	SHUTTLES, MALLERS, PULLEYS
JACK PINE	WOODENWARE & RULES.
ARBOR VITAE	PATTERN WORK & FINISHING.
TAMARACK	FENCE POSTS, TIES, & TELEPHONE POLES.
BALSM	LANDSCAPING, TEL., POLES, FENCE POSTS,
RED MAPLE	SHINGLES, & BARREL STAVES.
SILVER WILLOW	FENCE POSTS, TEL. POSTS RAILROAD POSTS
SAND BAR WILLOW	AND TIES.
TAG ALDER	PAPER PULP, MEDICAL AND ARTS USE, & BEDS
MT. ASH	IN CAMPS.
ARROW WOOD	FURNITURE, WOOD TURNING, WOODEN WARE,
CHOKE CHERRY	SAP FOR SUGAR.
QUACKING ASPAN	NO VALUE
JUNE BERRY	" "
HAZEL BUSH	NO VALUE - FUEL
PURPLE OZIER	ONLY SOIL FORMATION.
DWARF JUNIPER	NO VALUE ONLY SOIL FORMATION.
ROSE	PAPER PULP, EXCELSIOR & BEAVER FOOD.
RASBERRY	NO VALUE.
SPECKLED ALDER	EDIBLE
WHITE BIRCH	NO VALUE
CURRENT	LANDSCAPING
	FLOWER, BIRD FOOD.
	EDIBLE
	NO VALUE
	SPOOLS, SHOE PEGS, LATHES AND FUEL.
	EDIBLE

PLANTS

MILK WEED	SOIL FORMATION, INSECT, FLOWER.
EARLY GOLDEN ROD	" " " "
LANCE LEAF G. ROD	" " " "
FIRE BUSH	" " " "
PEARLY EVERLASTING	" " " "
BUNCH BERRY	EDIBLE, ANIMAL
CANADIAN VIOLET	NO VALUE, PLANT LIFE, & SOIL
BROAD LEAF ASTER	" " SOIL.
MAIDEN HAIR FERN	" " "
FLAG OR IRIS	FLOWER, PLANT LIFE, SOIL.
SOLOMON SEAL	NO VALUE, SOIL.
GROUND PINE	SOIL.
DEER MOSS	EDIBLE, AND SOIL ON ROCK.
PIGION MOSS	" " "
SASPARILLA	EDIBLE.
STRAWBERRY	"
ROCK FUNGI	SOIL.
HONEY SUCKLE	FLOWER, SOIL.
DAY LILY	" "
BLUE BERRY	EDIBLE