

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

NAME	PARKS, JIM
ADDRESS	706 SOUTH STREET, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNCIL	BLACK HILLS
DATE OF TRIP	1944 (THREE WEEKS)
GUIDE	LLOYD RABEL

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	
GOLD	
SILVER	SEPTEMBER 20, 1944. (THROUGH REGIONAL OFFICE) <i>(To Bailey Ave)</i>

# CHARLES L. SOMMERS' WILDERNESS CANOE TRAILS

## Application for

### ORDER OF THE SILVER PADDLE AWARD

NAME & ADDRESS

*Jim Parks 1706 South Street  
Rapid City So. Dak.*

DATE ON TRIPS

NO. DAYS OUT ON TRIP

LENGTH OF PADDLE DESIRED

*5 1/2*

SEASONS AT CANOE BASE

*1*

SCORE

*Don Patterson*

*10*

1. Has identified with ease forty different trees and plants and knows the commercial value of each and has stated value of each to animal as well as human life.

*10*

2. Has taken part in the clean-up of portage trails and camp sites.

*10*

3. Has cooked satisfactorily or assisted in the cooking of at least one meal on the trail.

*10*

4. Has been an all around good camper. (Attitude in general, helping with camp duties, etc.)

*10*

5. Has passed the "Mystery Test" of a Wilderness Camper.

GUIDE'S APPROVAL

*Shoyd Rabe*

*10*

6. Has participated in two or more Canoe Trips.

*10*

7. Has been a "good camper" while at the Canoe Base.

CANOE TRAILS DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

*Bob Lullow*

*10*

8. Has completed at least three of the following Merit Badges: Canoeing, Swimming, Cooking, Lifesaving, Camping, First Aid, Forestry, Con-  
servation Pioneering.

*10*

9. Has submitted at least three clear photos taken by himself on the trip showing something of real interest. Attached photos.  
OR: Submit three drawings made on the Trails.

*10*

10. Has submitted a story, diary, or log, of the trip taken. OR has submitted a printed new article of the trip written by himself from some newspaper or magazine. (Attached.)

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE'S APPROVAL

*C. G. Bailey*

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE'S APPROVAL

*Kenneth G. Bantz*

FINAL SCORE—(10 points is perfect score for each test.)

REMARKS:

*Don Sir. I would like an ash paddle  
if still possible.*

Upon completion of requirements, transmit through your Local Council Scout Office to Region Ten, Boy Scouts of America, 1112 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

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MAIL TO YOUR LOCAL SCOUT OFFICE

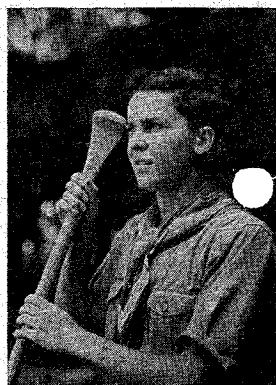
To be forwarded to:

Region Ten

Boy Scouts of America

1112 Minnesota Building

St. Paul 1, Minnesota



TEAR OFF AND MAIL TODAY

I would like more complete information about Canoe Trip No. \_\_\_\_\_.

OR I enclose 50c for which please register me for the Canoe Trip No. \_\_\_\_\_.

OR I enclose entire Fee herewith ☐

On dates \_\_\_\_\_

I Plan to travel to the Base by Train ☐  
Bus ☐ Arriving Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Auto ☐

My Scout Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Camps I have attended \_\_\_\_\_

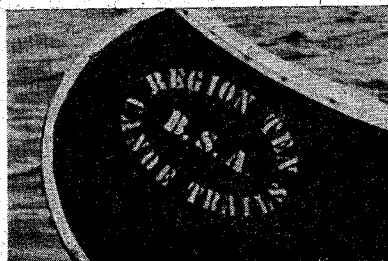
Merit Badges Held: Swimming ☐ Lifesaving ☐ Canoeing ☐ Cooking ☐

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' APPROVAL FOR SCOUTS**

We, the parents or guardians of the above-named Scout have acquainted ourselves with the Canoe Trails thru the information sent out by your office, and thru our Council Office. We recognize that every precaution will be taken for the safety and protection of those going on trips and therefore we assume responsibility for our son's attendance. To assist further in his proper protection, we agree to assume full responsibility for any necessary medical attention in his behalf other than First Aid.



Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Council Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

MINE OFFICE  
Keystone, South Dakota

## My Experiences on the Region I Canoe Trails

I think that the Boy Scout Canoe Trails are the most enjoyable and exciting adventure there is for young, adventurous boys. He is constantly strengthening his body and mind in the rugged out-of-doors life. I myself never had a better time.

The first canoe trip I went on was a two-week fishing trip. Our guide was Lloyd Rabel, a very efficient guide. Our party of eight left the base Monday morning, Aug. 28 at about twelve noon in three canoes. While on this trip I never had so much fish in all my life. Every night we would fry fish and sing around the camp fire until we were so full and tired that we had to go to sleep.

We hit plenty of portages too. At first the portages seemed hard and very tiring but during the end of the trip I got used to them. We made it back to the base and I sure liked and enjoyed the canoe trails. I wished that I could go on another trip - but I thought that I should be satisfied with the one, anyhow my folks might need me at home. Then I got a letter from mom and dad saying that I could stay as long as my money lasted so I unpacked and started on a one week speed trip with Pat Patterson and Bill Ellingson. On this trip we went up Knife Lake and into Saguaga and back. I think this trip was the most enjoyable trip I ever took. We had tons of fun. Pat was especially full of fun. We would take out two or three hours from every day just for good fun such as canoe fights, water fights and ~~was~~ games in the hills. He also conducted a very interesting nature study hikes. Which after a few of these interesting and educational hikes I learned

the name and use of eighty-seven trees and plants, forty of which were required for the silver paddle award. When finishing this trip, we were all presented with "Zombie" certificates, a creation of Pat's.

When we arrived at the base I again started to pack for home, but Hod Ludlow (our Director) asked me if I would like to "swamp" for a two-week trip. I thought that would be grand, it was one of the things I had been hoping for. I readily agreed.

Dave Skrien, that was my guide, and I stayed up that night and started packing food and supplies for the trip. It sure was fun. The next morning, which was Monday, we arose and left with our group of four at about 11:00 A.M. The boys we had on this trip were about the "greenest" I have ever seen. When we arrived at Bailey Bay one of the boys in my canoe shifted his weight too much and our canoe was readily "swamped".

Our food got all wet and I was angry. But I taught the boys not to shift their weight while in the canoe. When we got to Louisa Lake to camp for that night our food was either moldy or no good. At about 6:00 that evening Pat and his group came by. One of his "snarlers" (as we call "greenhorns") left a pack at one of the portage trails some distance back. So that night, starting at 12:00, Pat, Bill and I started for the Base leaving Dave to take care of the trippers. We made it to the base in four hours, a trip that takes the average bunch about six hours. We stayed at the base that night, got our supplies and returned the next day. That night the two groups camped on Silver Lake. Lloyd Rabel and his group were camped there too - so that night while Pat's bunch were fishing we guides and swamppers had a Pow-wow at Pat's campsite.

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The parties separated the next day as they were on only a one-way trip. We headed for Trout Lake. Now there are no portages of Silence Lake to Trout Lake so we had to cut our own.

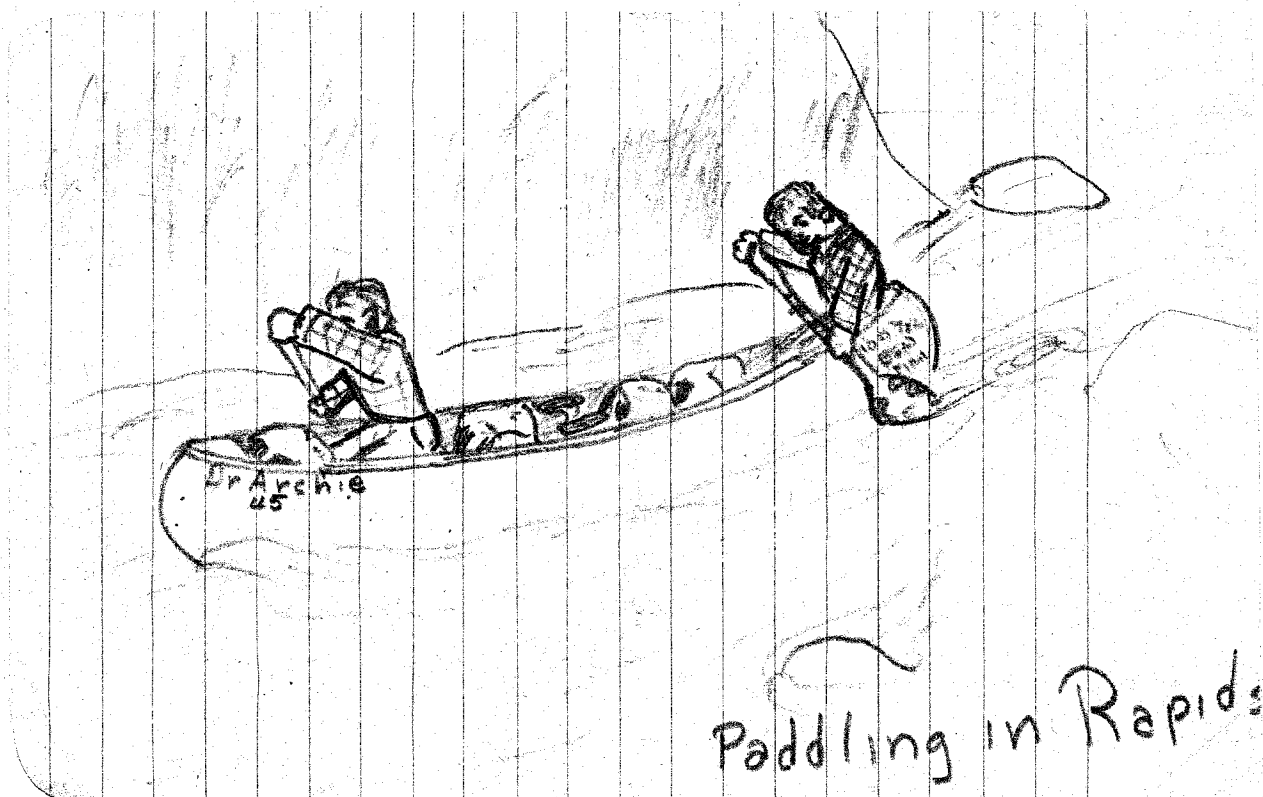
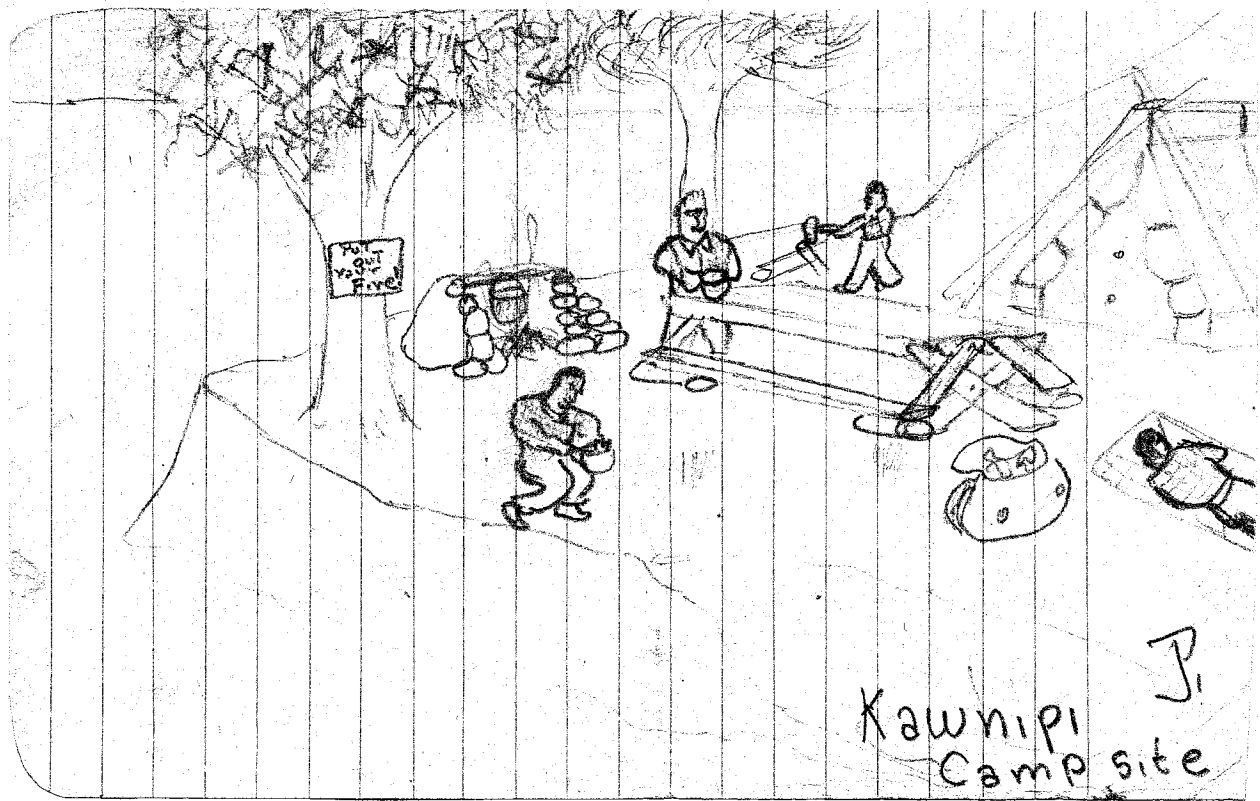
I think these portages were about the toughest thing I ever went over. We went over one portage that we had to go through a swamp some deep in water and right through a thick bunch of trees and brush growing in the water. That was the toughest ordeal I was ever in. Well we finally made it through that and then we were in Trout Lake, from there on it was easier.

We went on up to Sturgeon Lake into the Maligne River and into Lac La Croix. We visited the Indians there and bought rice from them. Then we headed for the base via Crooked Lake. We arrived at the base two days later after a very enjoyable trip.

Written by

Jim Parks

especially for Silver Paddle  
Award.



Jim Parks  
Rapid City, S. Dak.

