

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL Southern Indiana

DATE OF TRIP August 21st to 26th, 1939

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PADDLE AWARDS :, DATE

BRONZE Through Executive 11/9/39

GOLD

SILVER

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CANOE TRIP INTO THE NORTH WOODS

Morris Pyle
Evansville, Indiana.

About 10:20 on Monday morning, August 21st, our party, consisting of our guide, a swamper, two scout commissioners, and seven boys were ready to leave Hibbard's Lodge for a canoe trip. Our packs had all been prepared and we left in four canoes, with our guide in the first one.

We paddled up Moose Lake until we came to our first portage and there we had lunch. Here, too, each boy was assigned a special camp duty. After we had eaten we rowed into Newfound Lake and on into Ensign. About 2:30 in the afternoon we reached our second portage which was about three-fourths of a mile long. Then, after paddling through a group of small lakes, we entered Ima Lake.

About 4:30 we reached our camping site. We pitched our tents on lava from the glacier that came down from the north about five centuries ago. We gathered lava stones and built a fire place, and soon supper was served. We were all too tired for a Council Fire that night and everybody went to bed early.

The day had been pleasant and warm. The night was cold and mosquitoes were plentiful. Daylight lasted until about 8:30 P.M. While we were around Hibbard's Lodge we saw a deer and a little fawn in the woods.

Monday,
August 21st, 1939.

On Tuesday morning, after we had had breakfast and the dishes were washed, we stayed around camp for a while and then Mr. Koss took the group on a Nature Hike. We went through thickly wooded forest and saw many varieties of trees and plants. The ground was swampy. On this day, too, we also saw a sea-gull.

We returned to camp and had lunch and in the afternoon gathered plants and tree specimens in order to qualify for a Forestry merit badge and bronze paddle. We also gathered deer moss to put in the bottom of our tent. This is a small plant which grows in abundance and it made a very comfortable bed.

After supper that night we had our first Council Fire and Marti Koss told a story.

Tuesday, August 22nd.

Rain fell intermittently all day Wednesday and between showers we did some fishing. I went out in a canoe with Johnny Riess and caught one Northern Pike and three Wall-Eye. We brought these into camp and had them for supper.

We passed our trees and plants test on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights we saw the Northern Lights. This is very beautiful.

Wednesday, August 23rd.

Thursday was very much the same as Wednesday. We fished, took pictures, explored camp, enjoyed the scenery and generally had a good time.

We saw a few snakes while here, but none were poisonous.

Thursday, August 24th.

On Friday we packed and broke camp. We shoved off about 9:00 A.M. We paddled back to the same portage where we had eaten lunch on Monday, and had lunch again.

From here we went north into Sucker Lake and arrived in Canada about 3:00 o'clock. We stayed a few minutes and started to our camp site on Moose Lake, about three miles from Hibbard's Lodge, where we pitched our tents and had supper and spent the night.

Friday, August 25th.

We broke camp about 9:30 Saturday morning, took a few pictures and headed for Hibbard's Lodge, where we arrived about 10:30.

We brought our packs up the hill, emptied them and packed our suitcases. Just before lunch we received a Forestry merit badge card, a bronze paddle blank, and our canoe trip emblem. We had lunch and shoved off for home about 1:30 P.M.

So ended a delightful week at camp in the North Woods made pleasant by new friends and new experiences.

Saturday, August 26th.

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Trees & Shrubs

1. Purple Osier - Did not tell the use.
2. Hazel Bush - Did " " " "
3. Blue Spruce - Used for Musical sounding boards
4. Sand Bar Willow - No Value
5. Tamarack - R. R. ties, telegraph poles, fence post.
6. White Pine - Pattern & finishing
7. Dwarf Juniper - Didn't tell.
8. Mountain Ash - No Value
9. Raspberry Norway Pine - Spars, piling, sills.
10. Silver Willow - No Value
11. Arbor Vitae - landscaping, poles, fence post, shingles, stubs, staves.
12. Balsam Fir - Didn't tell
13. White Spruce - General construction, & paper pulp.
14. Jack Pine - Wood pulp
15. ~~Tag~~ Alder - Balsam Fir. - paper pulp.
16. Red Maple - Chairs, woodware, turning, Sap yields sugar.
17. June Berry - Didn't tell.
18. Current - Didn't tell
19. ~~#~~ Paper Birch - ~~the~~ paper pulp
20. Tuckering Aspen - Paper pulp & excelsior
21. Arrowwood - Didn't tell

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Trees & Shrubs (cont'd.)

- 22 Choke cherry - Didn't tell
- 23 Blue Berry - Didn't tell
- 24 Speckled Alder - " "
- 25 Wild Rose - " "
- 26 Black Spruce - Construction, pilings, posts, & ships.

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Trees & Shrub

- 1 Purple Osier - Didn't tell us
- 2 Hazel Brush - " " "
- 3 Blue Spruce - Used for musical sound boxes
- 4 Sand Bar Willow - No Value
- 5 Lamarack - Railroad Road ties, telegraph poles, & fence post.
- 6 White Pine - Pattern making & finishing
- 7 Dwarf Juniper - Didn't tell
- 8 Mountain Ash - No Value
- 9 Norway Pine - Spars, pillings, & hills
- 10 Silver Willow - No Value
- 11 Red Vitae - Landscaping, poles, fence posts, shingles, & tub staves
- 12 Balsam Fir - paper pulp.
- 13 White Spruce - General construction, & paper pulp.
- 14 Jack Pine - Paper pulp
- 15 Log Alder - Didn't tell
- 16 Red Maple - Chairs, woodenware, turning, Sap yields sugar
- 17 Green Berry - Didn't tell.
- 18 Current - " "
- 19 Paper Birch - Paper pulp
- 20 Quaking Aspen - Paper pulp & excellent
- 21 Arrowwood - Didn't tell.
- 22 Choke Cherry - " "

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