

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	Coronado
DATE OF TRIP	August 10 to 16, 1941
GUIDE	Hod Ludlow

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE
BRONZE 8/16/41 Through Willis Elliott
GOLD
SILVER

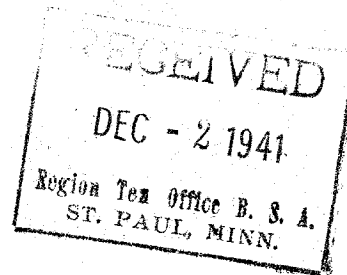
Russell High School

Russell, Kansas

HERMAN D. SEARCH,
PRINCIPAL

November 27, 1941

Mr. Kenneth Bentz,
1124 Minnesota Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the application for the Bronze Paddle Award. I am about two months late on this but I have been terribly busy with my school work. I used my Thanksgiving vacation to complete the application. I trust you will find it in order. I suppose it will be possible for you to get Hod Ludlow to Okay this for me. By the way, where is Hod? I understood he was going into professional scouting this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Region Ten for the splendid time which you showed us on the lakes. I can assure you that you have at least eight boys in Russell who will really encourage others to take your Canoe Trips. They still talk about the fun they had on that trip last August!

I trust this finds you in the best of health.

Sincerely yours,

Herman D. Search

504 East 5th
Russell, Kansas

BRONZE PADDLE AWARD

In accordance with the requirements set up by Hod Ludlow I identified the following plants and trees while on a Canoe Trail during the week of August 10, 1941.

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| 1. Moose maple | 21. Everlasting flower |
| 2. Poplar | 22. False lilly of the valley |
| 3. Cedar | 23. Gooseberry |
| 4. Spruce | 24. Raspberry |
| 5. Balsam | 25. Strawberry |
| 6. Red pine | 26. Wild rose |
| 7. White birch | 27. Blue berry |
| 8. Tag alder | 28. Sasparilla |
| 9. Tamerac | 29. Honey suckle |
| 10. Ash | 30. Thistle |
| 11. White pine | 31. Red clover |
| 12. Jack pine | 32. Wild iris |
| 13. Hazel wood | 33. Poison ivy |
| 14. Dog wood | 34. Blue bell |
| 15. Willow | 35. Bracken fern |
| 16. Burr oak | 36. Cat tails |
| 17. Sugar maple | 37. Saw-tooth aspen |
| 18. Mountain ash | 38. Currant |
| 19. Thorn apple | 39. Peppermint |
| 20. Pin cherry | 40. Quaking aspen |

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MR. HERMAN D. SEARCH
504 EAST FIFTH
RUSSELL, KANSAS

DEAR MR. SEARCH:-

WE'RE PLEASED TO ENCLOSE THE BRONZE PADDLE
AWARD.

HOD LUDLOW IS STILL WITH US. WE ARE BUILDING
A NEW CANOE BASE LODGE ON THE SAME LAKE A FEW MILES
FARTHER ON. HOD IS IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION. NEXT
YEAR WE HOPE TO BE IN EVEN BETTER POSITION TO STAGE
BANG-UP CANOE TRIP ADVENTURES.

WE WILL SEND YOU LITERATURE ABOUT THE 1942
PLANS WHEN THEY ARE READY.

CORDIALLY,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

KENNETH G. BENTZ
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

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cc-MR. LEWMAN

MINNESOTA CANOE TRIP

This is a short story of the adventures and travels of a group of fifteen scouts and scouters. The time of this story is the week of August 10 to 16, 1941. The setting, the beautiful lakes and woods of Minnesota and Canada stretching to the northeast from Ely, Minnesota. The characters included Donald Burton, Wayne Cassatt, Tom Steinle, Dean Banker, Bob Evans, Fred Shrick, and Dick Weber, senior scouts from Russell, Kansas; Herman D. Search, their scoutmaster; Louis and Jim Eaton and David Gunthorpe, scouts from Fargo, North Dakota; Scout Jim Crowther of Fairmont, Minnesota; Clinton Odell of Hibbing, Minnesota, who acted as our "swamper"; and Hod Ludlow, our guide.

Sunday. We drove to Hibbard Lodge late in the afternoon, and spent the evening receiving instructions and becoming acquainted with our guide.

Monday. We packed our grub and ourselves in five canoes, and left the Lodge at ten o'clock in the morning. We paddled to a small island in Newfound Lake, where we ate a lunch of sandwiches and coolade. We paddled slowly and made camp about four o'clock on an island in Birch Lake. Some of the boys went fishing, but Dick was the only one who caught any. Supper consisted of stew, with Dick's fish thrown in, and tea. We went to bed at 8:30, very tired. We had travelled only about eleven miles.

Tuesday. After an early breakfast of cream of wheat and coffee, we continued our journey up Birch Lake, across Melon Lake, Seed Lake, and finally camped on Knife Lake about a half mile from the portage which leads to Plum Lake. We made this camp about one o'clock, and four canoes decided to make a side trip to see the Kekekabic Lookout. This was a very tough trip over Portage, Spoon, Pickle, and Kekekabic Lakes, about thirteen miles in length, and took us four and a half hours. We made eight portages on the side trip, making a total of fourteen for the day. Our supper of mulligan stew, chocolate pudding, and tea, really "hit the spot."

Wednesday. We had an early morning swim, followed by a breakfast of corn mush with apricots, raisins, and coffee. We broke camp about nine o'clock and continued to the north end of Knife Lake, where we had a lunch of meat and fish sandwiches. That afternoon we made two very rough portages, one a half mile long, and the other a quarter mile long. About four o'clock in the afternoon we camped on the southeast shore of Emerald Lake. We spent two hours fishing, canoeing, and swimming. We had an excellent supper of rice pudding, macaroni and tomato sauce, and tea. We had travelled about thirteen miles.

Thursday. We spent the morning studying plants and practicing on canoe merit badge requirements. It was one o'clock before we continued our trip. Leaving Emerald Lake we entered Carp Lake, and finally Birch Lake, camping for the night at Prairie Portage. We made two mediocre portages during the day. Although we went to bed early, it was nearly midnight before we went to sleep, due to the fact that our guide insisted on "hunting rabbits."

Friday. We planned to return to Hibbing Lodge by way of Basswood Lake, but a very strong wind from the south prevented this. However, it was imperative that our guide go that way. So the group from Russell, accompanied by the "swamper", returned to Moose Lake by way of Newfound Lake, and made camp on an island about

two miles below the Lodge. This group was joined later in the afternoon by the remainder of the party who had gone by way of Basswood and Wind Lakes. We spent the late afternoon passing canoe merit badge tests and washing our clothes.

Saturday. We slept late, and did not reach Hibbing Lodge until about eleven o'clock in the morning. We undid our packs, loaded our truck, had our dinner, and said goodbye about twelve-thirty.



Our Guide-- Hod Ludlow



Wash day in camp