

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

NAME	Starnner, Don
ADDRESS	Hampton, Iowa
COUNCIL	Winnebago
DATE OF TRIP	1947
GUIDE	Pat Patterson

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	- Through E. K. Behund
GOLD	
SILVER	

September 21st.,
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Scout Don Starner,
Hampton, Iowa.

Dear Scout Starner:-

I have been pleased to review your application for the Bronze Paddle Award. I find everything in order and am pleased to enclose the award herewith.

I am sure you have enjoyed the Canoe Trips and received a lot of benefit from wading through the various requirements. You have our congratulations.

Sincerely,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

KENNETH G. BENTZ,
Regional Executive.

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Log of the Region Ten Canoe Trip

Scout Donald Starner

Saturday-

Five scouts and scouters (A. Powers, G. McBride, J. E. Starner, Clifford McBride, and I) left Hampton at 5:20 A.M. and traveled to Mason City in Mr. McBride's car. There we joined 14 others and started north at 6:00. We traveled in three cars and a station wagon and followed U.S. Highway 65 to Minneapolis. After going through the twin cities, we then went to White Bear Lake, where we ate dinner. We reached Duluth at 3:00 P.M. at which time we rode over the skyline drive above the city. From there we could see the docks where the government was building some sea-going craft, the city, and part of Lake Superior. Before going into Duluth, we visited an abandoned lighthouse after which we watched a ship go through the locks under a lift bridge. We ate supper at Miller's Cafeteria and then went to the edge of the city to the Brighton Beach Cabin Camps where we stayed for the night.

Sunday-

We got up a little before six, cleaned up and traveled to Two Harbors where we ate breakfast. There we met a boy scout from Louisville, Illinois who was journeying to the same base camp. He had started out on the Monday before and had traveled on the average of 100 miles per day. Following the lakeshore further north we had Church at Goosebury Falls after which we rode to Little Marais, turned northwest and traveled through Superior National Forest to Ely. There we stretched our legs and obtained maps from the community hall. Dinner was eaten at Ma Johnson's in Winton. After dinner we visited the customs office and reported to the officers. Soon after that formality was over we reached the base camp on Moose Lake about five miles south of Canada. There we were outfitted with packsack, poncho and ground cloth after which came supper and instruction on the camping ways. Then we went to bed in the rain.

Monday-

Our group had decided on a sixty mile trip with ten campers and two guides. Al Viste was our guide, and Jerry Patterson was the "swamper". After checking out the canoe paddles, we took four canoes and started north on the lake. After paddling through Moose Lake, Newfound Lake, and Sucker Lake; we reached our first portage, Prairie Portage. It was pretty country with plenty of birches along the shores. Past the portage, we traveled across Bayley Bay of Basswood Lake to the ranger's station on the north shore. We registered there and took another portage into Sunday Lake. We ate dinner on Sunday Lake and then portaged to Meadow Lake where some of us remained to fish while the guides went on to camp on Agnes Lake above Louisa Falls. Several of us caught bass and late in the day we paddled to the camp for supper. After supper J. E. Starner caught the first large Wall-eyed Pike of the trip. We pitched our tents and went to sleep. That day we had traveled approximately 15 miles with five portages.

Tuesday-

The next day after breakfast we paddled leisurely up Lake Agne to an island camp, fishing all the way. About ten miles with no portages. A lake trout was caught and a 37 inch Northern Pike was caught by Norman Hansen of Charles City. The men in his canoe took pictures of the battle. On the way up the lake they also saw a porcupine. Later at night after supper Clifford McBride caught a slightly smaller Northern.

Wednesday-

After breakfast we packed and started south through Silence Lake. Today we have ahead of us ten portages and nine lakes. After portaging into Summer Lake and another portage into Noon Lake we ate dinner on Noon Lake at noon. All through these lakes we were trolling for fish. After dinner we traveled through Shade and West Lakes to North Bay of Basswood. At the camp we discovered that Norm had left a fishing pole at the last portage so Hoisington, Norman Hanson and I sailed a canoe back to the

portage. After we reached the deserted pole the wind died down so we had to paddle back to the camp in time for a late supper while the other men fished. We passed a cabin boat on the journey across North Bay.

Thursday-

We traveled down through North Bay into the main part of Basswood to a trading post where several of the party bought Hudson Bay Blankets or coats. After we had finished at the trading post we paddled into a bay and camped on Washington Island.

Friday-

We rigged a sail on each canoe and sailed east on Basswood to Prairie Portage where we ate lunch. Later we paddled through Sucker And Newfoundland lakes into Moose Lake where we camped on an island out from the base camp.

Besides our party of five from Hampton, and the two guides there were Norman Hanson, E. E. Hoisington, and Bill Butler. The base camp was 19 miles from Winton and was called the Charles L. Sommers Camp.

While we were in Canada we were in Quetico Provincial Park and were in Superior National Park in Minnesota.

We were fed very well on our trip with everything from steaked fish to raisin and apple pie. On Saturday we traveled over to the base camp in rain; checked in canoes, paddles, ponchos, ground cloths, and pack sacks; and drove into the customs office at Winton where we turned in the films we had taken on our trip for inspection. There they checked on the blankets too. While some of the boys took Finnish baths in Ely, we ate some lunch and then drove to Virginia and Hibbing where we looked at the iron mine. Then we drove on down to a trading post at Lake Mille Lacs where we stopped for awhile. After that we traveled on to Mason City and finally reached home at about 7:00 P.M. Sunday night.

Donald Starner

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The next day after breakfast we paddled through Sucker Lake to Winton. After breakfast we had dinner and then paddled into Sucker Lake and another portage into Sucker Lake where we ate dinner on Sucker Lake. All through these lakes we were trolling for fish. After dinner we traveled through Sucker and Sucker lakes to North Bay of Basswood. At the camp we discovered that Norm had left a fishing pole at the last portage so I called Norm Hanson and I sailed a canoe back to the

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