

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	Red River
DATE OF TRIP	
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PADDLE AWARDS : DATE
BRONZE 6/27/42 - Through Beardman
GOLD
SILVER

Scout Sheldon Pargerson  
A Week In the Wilderness

On June 20, 1942 a group of fifteen scouts & scouters, including myself had the privilege of being the first group from Region X leaving from the ~~the~~ new Summers Canoe Base for the Boy Scout wilderness canoe trip.

We arrived Saturday evening and got acquainted with the director, guides & swampes, who told us of the necessary preparations to make. Then came the happy moments of leaving the base for the wilderness. That was Monday morning.

We traveled as far as Louisa Falls the first day & then we broke up into two groups - one to do mostly paddling & the other do some fishing. I was in the fishing group. We had stopped at a ranger's cabin and got our Canadian fishing licenses earlier that afternoon and had to paddle across a stormy bay to do it.

We were all tired that evening and sang & talked awhile but then went to bed. Next morning was a continuation of the same muggy, rainy weather we had the day before but we traveled a way ~~up~~ up Lake Agnes & that was where I lost my big fish and where one of the group landed a large Northern.

We ~~noticed~~ <sup>were surprised at</sup> how nice the campsites were as we expected to have to make our own every mite. Here we worked on our bronze paddle requirements.

we took life as it came and leisurely paddled along as we left Lake Agnes Wednesday noon. We passed thru a wonderful fish lake where I lost another big fish. We had made only one long portage and the rest were just a few c's, but we had two quarter mile portages a coming the last day.

Thursday dawned and we were still fresh as a daisy ~~prop~~ probably due to the excellent cooking by the guides. Today was my day for N.P. but it wasn't too awful. anyway I lived thru it. It was then I was given my ducking by two sly fellows in the other tent.

~~Doc~~  
Friday came and we were just a long portage from Moose Lake so we decided to go that far. We were given candy bars after the portages and we met the other group then. Now our wonderful time was coming to an end and Saturday ~~morning~~ <sup>morning</sup> we returned to the base lodge.

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