

Second Annual Alumni Wilderness Voyage
June 12 - 19, 2008

The Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc., and the Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs are sponsoring the **Second Annual Alumni Wilderness Voyage** - a 7-day canoe trip with a Northern Tier Interpreter.

Eligibility Requirements: The **Alumni Wilderness Voyage** is open to **Sommers Alumni Association members** and **Philmont Staff Association members**.

NEW - **Qualified members of the SAA or PSA member's Immediate Family [Spouse, Parent Grandparent, Child or Stepchild (minimum age 13 years old)] may also participate.**

The Voyage: Participants will be divided into *normal sized* Sommers crews of up to 8 participants, and will travel under the guidance of a current *Northern Tier Interpreter*. This will give each participant the opportunity to experience the current Northern Tier program trip, and to re-live some of the experiences of past wilderness canoeing voyages. The Alumni Wilderness Voyages will all be entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) in Minnesota, hence not require the citizenship documentation for travel into Canada.

The Schedule: - **Thursday, June 12** – Arrive at the Sommers Base after Lunch and before 2:00 PM. Meet your Interpreter and fellow crew members to begin your trip preparation, packing and planning. Spend the night in the on-base cabins. **June 13** – Start your voyage after an on-base breakfast. **June 13-18** – Enjoy the peace and solitude of wilderness canoe camping with your Interpreter and fellow crew members. **June 18** – Return to the Sommers base in the afternoon for a sauna before supper in the Dining Hall. After supper, share trip experiences with the other alumni crews. **June 19** – Head for home with a packsack of memories.

RESERVATIONS: Complete the enclosed application form along with the check for payment in full. **The cost for the Wilderness Voyage is \$400 per person.** This fee includes: BWCAW camping fees, trail food, canoes, paddles, PFD's, packs, group equipment, on-base lodging and facilities use plus all of the on-base meals. Cancellations made on or before May 1, 2008 will receive full refunds. The **Reservation Deadline is May 1, 2008**

Participants are responsible for their transportation to and from the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base near Ely, Minnesota. Each participant is responsible for providing their personal gear. Voyage information - including a medical form, a "swimmer certification form and a personal gear list - will be sent to participants with the notification of acceptance of their participation fee payment.

On-line Resources - You are encouraged to visit the Northern Tier website at www.ntier.org
The website has downloadable copies of the forms necessary forms to be a participant (medical forms, Safety Afloat requirements, and personal equipment lists).

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