



Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 428, Ely, Minnesota 55731-0428

Dear Supporter:

I am inviting your participation in the Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association's annual giving program "**Crossing Portages.**" The program enables us to provide continuing support for the Northern Tier National High Adventure program.

It was quite uncertain if we would even have a season this year. Border closures forced the closure of the Canadian bases for the entire summer. Thanks to the efforts of the Northern Tier staff for developing an effective COVID management, Scouts yet again embarked from the Ely base on an experience that will last a lifetime.

The generosity of friends like you allows us to enhance the operations and programs of Northern Tier. This year it allowed us to award 26 academic scholarships, print a "pandemic" Boundary Waters only edition of the Charlie's Guide staff resource book, and increase the assistance for first-years staff to purchase trail gear in the trading post to \$40.

In 2023, Northern Tier's wilderness programs will celebrate 100 years of delivering wilderness canoeing adventures to generations of youth. Reaching this landmark has only been possible thanks to the many generous contributions of individuals like you.

As a special recognition to those members donating \$1,000 or more by October 31st this year, we will be sending you a special **hardcover** "*Crossing Portages edition*" of our "**A Diamond in the North**" history book.

Some of our programs made possible by our supporters include:

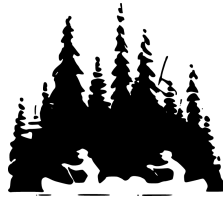
- **Seasonal Staff Scholarship Program:** We support staff in continuing their academic studies. This year more than 26 seasonal staff received \$1,000 academic scholarships. The program has provided nearly 300 academic scholarships since its founding in 1998.
- **Seasonal Staff Support Program:** We provide gifts to each staff member to support them in their role. For example, first-year staff members receive a credit at the trading post to assist in purchasing any necessities.
- **Charlie's Guide Staff Resource Book:** This book passes along knowledge to staff members. On the water, it is not possible to confer about fun places to explore, great campsites, or difficult portages. This resource supports staff in delivering a consistent and quality program.
- **Work Week:** We offer a volunteer service week to Northern Tier each year (it's actually for two weeks). The work involves a variety of projects intended to enhance the Northern Tier programs and facilities.
- **Seminar Day:** We organize a seminar day during staff training that provides extra education for trail staff in outdoor and guiding skills.

To join us in supporting these programs, please visit CrossingPortages.holrv.org or return the form on the **reverse side**. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Eric Peterson, President

P.S. I am grateful for the skills I learned and friendships formed when I was a Scout and Charlie Guide. I hope you'll join me in helping others have the Northern Tier experience!



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2020 Crossing Portages Donation

Count on my support for the Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc. and its efforts to support the Northern Tier High Adventure program!

Contribute online at CrossingPortages.holry.org. Write checks to “Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association, Inc.” Return to P.O. Box 428, Ely, Minnesota 55731-0428.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Portages (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Portage (\$1,500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadows Portages (\$200) | <input type="checkbox"/> “Double Packing” (\$2,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Portage (\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

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