BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
REGION TEN

WILDERNESS CANOE TRAILS —
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REGION TEN

WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS

(Statement of Information and Policy)

TO: Regional Committeemen, Council Presidents, Camping Chairman, and Executives:

Regional projects are established and promoted for the purpose of supplementing and stimulating the Local Council Camping Program.

The Wilderness Canoe Trips, one of the Region Ten projects, were established by the Regional Committee as a Local Council service in recognition of:

a) The need in Council Camping programs for an Advanced Camping experience for especially qualified campers.

b) The impracticability of each Council providing equipment and leadership for an Advanced Camping project of a Wilderness Canoe Trip nature.

The Wilderness Canoe Trip Project is an Advanced Camping project for Local Councils, directed and supervised by the Region thru the Regional Camping Committee. Therefore, each Local Council is urged thru its Camping Committee to consider the Wilderness Canoe Trips as a part of their own Council Camping Program. It is recommended that the Council Camping Committee include in its year’s program definite plans for enrolling advanced campers, both Scouts and Scouters, for the Canoe Trips.

Eligibility for enrollment for the Canoe Trips to be based on minimum requirements adopted by the Council Camping Committee. Such requirements to include the minimum requirements established by the Regional Camping Committee which are as follows:

1. Minimum Rank - First Class with cooking and swimming merit badges.
2. Minimum Age - 15 years, weight and height meeting physical standard for age.
3. Adequate Local Council and Troop camping record.
5. Council, Troop, and Parental approval. Subject to final approval and acceptance by director of Canoe Trips.
6. Health Certificate (standard) showing weight and absence of physical defects. Final checkup at Hy.

Adult Scouters will meet the equivalent of the above requirements.

This advanced camping experience should be made a special incentive and recognition of camping achievement in a Council.

If desired, a Council may make application to the Regional Camping Committee to provide registrations for an entire trip provided a minimum enrollment of 24 is guaranteed. The Regional Camping Committee reserves the right to accept registrations from any council for any trip and to exercise its own judgment in the maintenance of the 30 minimum rule per trip - no exceptions to this rule.
The active direction of all trips will be under leadership approved by the Regional Camping Committee and will be the best of expert leadership obtainable. Canoes, tentage, and all other necessary items are up-to-date equipment. The latest and best methods of handling of conaisary and wilderness menus and cooking will be employed. No place in America offers wilderness canoeing equal to these historic canoe trails of the Canadian Border in Superior National Forest.

There will be four seven-day trips:

1. August 7 to 12
2. August 14 to 19
3. August 21 to 26
4. August 28 to September 2

Canoeists will arrive not later than 2:00 Sunday afternoon in order to arrive at base camp located at Canadian Border Lodge by 4:00 PM, the night being spent here in order necessary preliminary instructions may be given, physical checkup made, and equipment issued. Canoeists must be on hand at this time (no exception to the rule). Shove-off early Monday morning. Return 10:00 AM Saturday following. Those driving go direct to Canadian Border Lodge (our canoe base), 17 miles north east of Ely. Here you may leave your car in perfect safety while on the trip. Those arriving in Ely by bus or train will be transported from and to Ely by camp truck, leave Ely at 3:30 PM Sunday and return by 10:00 AM following Saturday. Advise method you will use.

Cost of trip is $10.00 per person covering entire expense except supper and lodging at Canadian Border Lodge Sunday night and breakfast Monday morning. Cost of these two excellent meals and good restful lodging $1.50 per person. This is additional to $10.00 registration fee for trip. Reservations are made by us in advance; therefore, it is necessary all canoeists report to director of trips, C. S. Chase, immediately on arrival. It is understood the above stated cost of trip does not include transportation to Ely and base camp and return home which is the responsibility of the Local Council.

THE REGION TEN WILDERNESS CANOE TRIP PROJECT IS A PART OF YOUR COUNCIL CAMPING PROGRAM — USE IT.

REGIONAL CAMPING COMMITTEES

Dr. A. H. Sanford, Chairman
Frank S. Gold
R. A. Dunning
R. A. Trubey
Donald B. Robinson
J. H. Mitchell
Walter J. Derrick
MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Committeemen, Council Presidents, Camping Chairman, and Executives.

SUBJECT: Regional Canoe Trip Descriptive Material

June 7th, 1933

Again on behalf of the Regional Camping Committee, we are glad to send you the enclosed complete file of material being made available for Council use in enrolling older Scouts and Scouters for the Regional Canoe Trips.

Sheets 1 and 2 (description and map) are being sent to Councils in quantities. Sheet 3 (Council, Troop, and Parent's Approval Blank) will be sent to individuals upon receipt of their reservation coupon on sheet #1. Sheet 4 (what to bring) together with the Health History Blank will be sent to individuals upon receipt of the Approval Blank (sheet #3).

Attached also is a copy of the canoe trip policy adopted by the Regional Camping Committee and a detailed description of the leadership and equipment for the further information of councils and for general publicity.

Councils are urged to use discrimination in the selection and approval of those who are enrolled for these trips. The Regional Canoe Trips provide an advanced camping project for Councils and those enrolled should be advanced campers and Troop and Council leaders of exceptional ability.

This is a great adventure. The Region is happy to make it available.

Cordially yours

PAUL E. LOVE
Regional Scout Executive
America offers no "back to nature" camping or learn the out-of- and wild life. Constant greater opportunity for real or a better field to study doors - plants, trees, rocks, change of scenery and what for real opportunity to master the art of structures, best of canoes, up-to-date cooking outfits; in found for such trips.

Requirements: Minimum Requirements: Minimum Age - 15 years. Weight and height meeting physical standard for age. Adequate Local Council and Troop camping record. Clear registration record. Council, Troop, and Parental approval. Subject to final approval and acceptance by director of Canoe Trips. Health Certificate (standard) showing weight and absence of physical defects. Final check-up at base camp. Adult Scouters will meet the equivalent of the above requirements. Health History blanks will be mailed you on receipt of registration - blank attached.

C. S. Chase, Scout Executive of Headwaters Council at Hibbing, has again been appointed to personally direct these trips. He has conducted thirty-nine trips without a major accident. Assisting him will be a staff of three adult men - all experts and dependable leaders with whom your boy can safely associate. Trips start from Canadian Border Lodge on August 7-14-21-18 and returning August 13-19-26 and September 2. Canoeists check in for trip before 4:00 PM the day before starting each trip at Headquarters Boy Scout Wilderness Canoe Trips, Canadian Border Lodge, 17 miles north east of Ely, Minnesota.

Cost of trip $10.00 covering entire expenses except supper and lodging Sunday night and breakfast Monday morning at base camp, Canadian Border Lodge. Lodging and two meals $1.50 per person. This is additional to $10.00 registration fee. It is your insurance of a successful start and a pleasant week. We make reservations for you.

Special credits given on trips as follows: 1) Canoe medallion (felt medallion). 3) Credit on camping and canoeing merit badge. 3) General Cornell camping credits. 4) Council Troop Rating Plans - Credit.

Canoeists will be issued equipment the afternoon before the start of each trip. This will give each one ample time to pack, make purchases of any supplies desired, and be ready to start trip promptly in the morning. Report promptly to Mr. Chase on your arrival at Canadian Border Lodge, 17 miles north east of Ely, Minnesota.
Typical Canoe Trips
Country: Each trip varied.

Routes of 1933 Trips
GRAPHIC PICTURE OF REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRAIL

By H. Ross Millor.

Have you ever stood on the eastern shore of Lake Superior and watched the sun sink thru pinkish haze behind the mighty ramparts of Mt. Sagamago? Will you should see this once before you die if you would say that you have seen Minnesota.

Perhaps you have noticed the words "Knife Lake" stretched out on the map, northeast of Basswood, but did anyone ever tell you how it got that way? The old French voyageurs called it "Lac de Couteau", the lake that cuts, because of the razor shape vertical slates that cut their canoes to pieces.

The redcoated English, carrying the traffic of empire down this thoroughfare before the coming of the railroads, changed the name of the unimaginative term "Knife Lake." But every swimming party today soon finds that it is still "the lake that cuts" and judiciously carries a good first aid kit when venturing into those unusual waters.

For some years Lake Kekaquabic has been driving America's geologists nuts! Northwestern University had had a camp there for several summers and there were twenty Northwestern men there this year. Armour Tech, the University of Minnesota, many schools, in fact are sending their field expeditions to the Kekaquabic.

Dr. Bruner, professor of Geology, at the University of Minnesota, was there this summer. And the genial doctor, as sociable as he is scientific, paddled the nose of his "old town" up to our campsite the first evening we appeared among his tremendous cliffs, to pay a social call and bid us welcome. Reason for all this, according to Dr. Bruner, "There's a geology Ph. D. thesis in every township."

Suppose an Eagle Scout came along and told you that his gang caught thirty-seven lake trout Wednesday, August 24, and two northern pike weighing ten and twenty-two pounds respectively, and that the cruise director then filed all the barbs off the hooks to avoid catching and seriously injuring any more fish - would you believe it?

Well many Eagle Scouts of Region Ten know where that lake is and they aren't telling. But if you are a member of the organization and pay ten dollars to Region Ten, St. Paul, before July 1, 1933, perhaps they'll take you there next August. We said perhaps! Only, and providing you can pass a sturdy physical examination, be able to carry seventeen foot "Kennebec" over all 11 husky portages and otherwise do what the Eagle Canoe trails call a man's day's work.

And Lake Ina! For fishing, for storms, for wild water! Inc for action! 75th monolithic campsites which nature laid down in one piece of gabbro as large as a high school. A rock that is really the top of a giant cliff with the water almost covering it. What a diving platform! It would take a Polynesian pearl diver to "bring up the bottom" here.

A storm almost caught us napping, piling the canoes in a heap and having a good time punching holes in them. One of the Jim's (the cook) kettles sailed away and never did come back, while his supper fire departed heavenward like Elijah's chariot, the soothing, hissing mass of flame.
Leaving Ine for Ensign, under calmer auspices, the party was escorted thither by a pair of old bald eagles, older than your grandfather probably, but still sweeping the sky with wings that must have covered a full nine-foot spread. They were sailing over to their housekeeping apartment on Ensign cliffs, and they left no doubt in our minds about who was boss around Ine.

Portages, portages, portages! What an essay Emerson would write on portages after coming out of Kakamquabic over to Fraser! The word comes from the Latin portus meaning "to carry", and George Rogers Clark, Athan Allen and General Washington knew what portaging meant, but you, my dear sir, for whom freight trains and motor trucks have been doing the carrying since the day you were born, know nothing. So you will have to learn.

It means putting on 80 pound Kennebec on your back and starting upward. By the time you have risen a hundred feet and your Achilles tendons refuse to function further you see a log, nailed about 10 feet high across a couple of trees by a previous hardier wayfarer, so you juggle the canoe down on it gratefully, thanking him in your heart as you puff, and wonder why your ventricles don’t crack right open.

You look back, hopin’ you will die and you see your canoe mates, loaded with two and sometimes three packs apiece laborously lifting one foot up to the other one and then shoving them on a bit higher with all the hardy resolve that youth and grin-do-it-or-die spirit can give them. Here and there between the packers an upturned canoe bobs gracefully through the virgin forest. You look forward and the trail rises up, and up and up.

It is here that your weak and fluttering heart wants to give up and quit - but you haven’t the intestinal fortitude to stand the kidding you know awaits you, so you buckle up your belt a notch and keep on a drivin’. Oh, if you were only home, where your Buick could do all the carrying you would be so much happier! But didn’t Dr. Gruner tell you, laughing uproariously as he said it, that the divide out of Kakamquabic into Fraser was 300 feet higher. You realize, at last, that you were in for it, and bringing to bear all the reserve leg drive that you have left from bicycling and football days you struggle up that second hundred feet, the canoe weighing now as much as the mountain itself.

Here another kindly log appears. Those logs, brother, are saviors in disguise for without them you would “crack up” and shudder “into a little heap o’ butter.”

You rest awhile, realizing more comfortably now, that two thirds of it is done. The packers go by, shedding packs along the trail here as grass sheds its dew under the morning sun, and their discomfort makes you feel better. So you here highly resolve to do it or bust and start on upward. Soon the sunlight appears over the ridge, thirty rods further and the waters of Visina awaits you, and you, too, have learned that to portage means to carry. Tonight you will reduce your pack to essential things and then throw half those away. Most of your duffle has become impedients, just as such stuff was to Caesar in his Gallic days, so you ditch here for good.

Isn’t it whimsical that on the map there are usually only half as many portages as there are in nature? And that on the map all portages are easy!
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COUNCIL, TROOP, and PARENTS APPROVAL BLANK

SEND THIS BLANK TO YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICE TO BE APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE REGION TEN OFFICE, 904 MINNESOTA BUILDING, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

Scout or Scouter ____________________ of Troop ____ or member of ________ Council hereby registers for the

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$5.00 reservation fee has been paid or is enclosed. The balance of the total fee of $10.00 will be paid direct to the Regional Office one week in advance of the trip.

The above applicant has been personally approved by his Troop, Council Camping Committee, and this Council. He has a clear troop record and his Council registration records are satisfactory. In our opinion he is fully qualified for attendance on the canoe trip according to the requirements as published.

Signed

Troop Committee Chair or S. M. _____________________________ Council Camping Chairman _____________________________

Scout Executive _____________________________ Council _____________ Date _____________________________

SCOUT OR SCOUTER'S RECORD

Signature _____________________________ Age ________ Weight ________ Troop ________

Rank __________ Number merit badges __________ I have SWIMMING MERIT BADGE ______

Have you had any canoe experience __________________________________________________________

What has been your canoeing experience ______________________________________________________

Do you know how to cook your food in the open _________________________________________________

Check one:

[ ] I will drive direct to Canadian Border Lodge.
[ ] I will arrive by bus and wish transportation arranged to Canadian Border Lodge.

PARENTS APPROVAL FOR SCOUTS

We, the parents of Scout _____________________________ have acquainted ourselves with the Region Ten Canoe Trips thru the information sent out by your office, and thru our Council Office we recognize that every precaution will be taken for the safety and protection of those going on trips and therefore approve our son's attendance.

Signed _____________________________ Parent or Guardian _____________

Telephone No. ________ Address _____________________________

If this blank has been received and your application accepted, instructions will be mailed to you regarding what to bring, where to report, and how to prepare. (3)
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What to Bring

You have registered for a splendid adventure, and it only remains for you to
gain the most out of the Region Ten Wilderness Canoe Trails. Inquire of your Scout
Executive if there are others from your Council registered for the same trip as you
are taking so if someone is driving, others may go in the same car and thus decrease
cost of transportation.

Regular camping equipment will be needed as follows:

**Necessary**

| 2 Hudson Bay blankets or 4 thicknesses of ordinary blankets | 1 pr old tennis shoes or oxfords |
| 1 Scout Hat | 1 pr shoes or boots |
| 1 Scout Shirt | 3 handkerchiefs |
| 1 Scout Breeches | 1 Scout neckerchief |
| 1 Scout Socks | ½ bar toilet soap (planting) |
| 1 pr of old trousers or overalls | 2 towels |
| 1 Sweater or Mackinaw | 1 comb |
| 1 Suit light Underwear | 1 small mirror |
| 1 Suit wool Underwear | 1 sewing kit - knife, fork and spoon |
| 1 Pr wool Socks | 1 cup (not aluminum as it retains heat) |

Please use this as a check list and
actually check off each item.

**Optional**

- Kodak, field glasses
- Musical instruments (mouth organ, Jew's harp, sweet potato, flute or fife.
  No pianos wanted.)
- Fishing tackle consisting of trolling line, large spoon hook, daredevil, joined wobbler, jarvi spoon, and big sinkers. You can purchase tackle at Ely.

"Remember the portages and you will keep the pack light."

Canoists report to C. S. Chase, Director, at Canadian Border Lodge not later
4:00 PM, Sunday (the day before starting the period for which you have registered.
Those driving to Ely may drive direct to Canadian Border Lodge (17 miles good road
well-marked). Here you may leave your car in perfect safety while on the trip.
Those arriving in Ely by bus or train will be transported to and from Ely to Canadian
Border Lodge by truck. Truck leaves Ely 3:30 PM each Sunday and returns by 10:30
AM following Saturday. Each canoeist provides his own meal Sunday evening, lodging
Sunday night, and breakfast Monday morning at Canadian Border Lodge for $1.50 per
person. This is in addition to the $10.00 canoe fee. We arrange your reservation
for you; therefore report to us promptly on arrival. Every possible precaution will
be taken to safeguard you while waiting the start of your trip. You will have op-
portunity to check your pack Sunday afternoon and be ready to start early Monday.

Keep in mind - Scouts eligible for this trip must be at least 15 years of age,
First Class, and weight and height meeting physical standard for age. All applicants
must meet all requirements otherwise they will not be allowed to make trip from Ely.

Be sure and bring your Health History blank with you. It must be completely
filled out not earlier than six days before trip and signed by a physician and your
parents. Applicants for trips will not be accepted without this record. (No
exceptions to this rule.)
(Statement to Council Officers.)

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Equipment and Leadership

The equipment provided is of the best and selected with the advice and assistance of expert canoe men of the north country for a maximum of practicability and comfort on a Wilderness Trail. The equipment includes Konebec 17-foot canoes, yokes, spruce paddles, silkenone tents, oiled ponchos, packrocks, up-to-date cooking equipment, and every other item necessary for a trip of this nature. Food furnished will be of best quality and plenty of it, well prepared. The staff this year as last is the best obtainable.

Director
Carl S. Chase, Scout Executive of Headwaters Council located at Hibbing, Minnesota, will again personally direct all trips. He has now conducted thirty-nine trips without a major accident. Chase is a veteran Scout Executive, an experienced guide and outdoorman, a nature study expert, and a ready friend of all who meet him. He has resided in the North Country many years.

Guide and Counsellor
R. C. Kirkpatrick, Nashwauk, Minnesota. Kirk acted as guide on Regional trips in 1930, 1931, and 1932 and has had several years canoe trip experience. He is chairman of Camping Committee of Headwaters Council, is an active "Ike Waltonite", and teaches science in public schools at Nashwauk. He has served as a Scoutmaster and member of a Troop Committee for many years. He is a fine man to get acquainted with and an expert camper and canoeist.

Program and Personnel
H. Ross Miller of Chisholm, Minnesota. A member of the original canoe trip team ten years ago. Since then he has conducted many trips into the north country. He is an expert canoeist and camper and has a fine Scouting record as a Scoutmaster, District Commissioner, and Area Scout Commissioner. He is now teaching science in public schools at Chisholm. Ross is a fine man to associate with. He is the father of a Scout.

Cook
Jim Teller, Gilbert, Minnesota, will prepare all the food on trips this season. For many years he was a cook in lumber camps and he established an enviable reputation for excellent food. A resident of the north country for 35 years, he experienced the early lumber days. For years he was Chief of Police for the Oliver Mining Company, and he also served his city in the same capacity. He is a bona fide timber cruiser: expert canoeist and woodsman. He has served as a member of a Troop Committee and has two sons who grew up in Scouting. Good food is assured with Jim on the job.

We have again purposely emphasized the staff because we feel fortunate in securing it for 1933. We want to call your attention to one fact - all members of this year's staff are registered Scouters - family men and in most cases parents of a Scout. In addition they are expert canoeists, woodsmen, and campers and are family with the north country - all men of character.

ON BEHALF OF REGIONAL CAMPING COMMITTEE
REGION TEN, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PAUL H. LOVE
REGIONAL Scout EXECUTIVE
Region Ten, B.S.A. Wilderness Canoe Trails

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SEASON

1934
EXTRA SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

MID-SUMMER MEETING OF REGION TEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

and

SPECIAL WILDERNESS CANOE TRIP FOR REGIONAL COMMITTEEMEN,
COUNCIL PRESIDENTS AND COUNCIL CAMP CHAIRMEN.

Canadian Border Lodge (near Ely, Minnesota)                August 7 to 11, 1934

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A CHALLENGE!

"We have listened with more or less credulity to the boasting claims of various
and sundry Regional Committeemen, Council Presidents, and Council Camping Chairmen
as they loudly proclaimed their prowess as fishermen, campers, and canoeists! The
time has come for a showdown! The Regional Camping Committee challenges you to join
us on a Special Wilderness Canoe Trip, August 7 to 11!"

- Dr. A. H. Sanford, Chairman,
Regional Camping Committee

SHIP AHoy!

"For some time we land-lubbers have blustered and blowed about our skill in
woodcraft, campcraft, and cookcraft. We admit we are good! However our skeptical
Regional Camping Chairman, Doc Sanford, wants to find out whether there is any
semblance of sea-craft among us and flings the above challenge in our faces. Not
to be outdone by a committee which claims to know something about life in the
wilderness and the art of alluring the elusive denizens of the deep - we accept the
challenge! - and look to your laurels! No alibi will "save our face" or reputation,
so sign up!"

- Charles L. Sommers, Regional Chairman.

THE PLOT

You are to arrive at Canadian Border Lodge (20 miles northeast of Ely, Minn.)
the afternoon of Tuesday, August 7th. Ladies cordially invited.

Dr. Sanford and his committee will be waiting on the shore of Moose Lake to
hand you your paddle, canoe, and packsack when you arrive. Veteran canoeist
Carl Chase and his staff will show you how to pack your duffle for tomorrow's early
start. Then for a bountiful supper in the lodge dining room with the ladies, after
which you'll have ample time to light up your pipe and rest and spin yarns the
balance of the evening on the cool, screened porch of the Main Lodge overlooking
beautiful Moose Lake. If you wish to show that you are a real "tough guy" and that
you "can take it", you may sleep on a bed of pine cones out in the open. If you have
no such ambition, a good, soft bed will be at your disposal - the men in a dormitory
and the ladies in comfortable log cabins.

That You'll Bring:

You'll have with you your old soft felt fishing hat, wool shirt, old trousers
(not breeches), one pair each of cotton and wool socks, heavy pajamas, old comfort-
able shoes, toilet articles, handkerchiefs, tin plate, cup, knife, fork, and spoon