BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
REGION TEN

WILDERNESS CANOE TRAILS — SEASON OF

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(Statement of Information and Policy)

TO: Regional Committeemen, Council Presidents, Camping Chairmen, and Executives:-

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

The Vilderness Cance 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 impractibility of each Council providing equipment and leadership for an Advanced Comping project of a Wilderness Cance Trip nature.

The Wilderness Cance 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 Cance 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 Cance Trips.

Eligibility for enrollment for the Cance 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 Bank First Class with cooking and swimming morit badges.
- 2. Minimum Age 15 years. Weight and height meeting physical standard for age.
- 3. Adequate Local Council and Troop camping record.
- 4. Clear registration record.
- 5. Council. Troop, and Parontal 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 Ely.
- 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 desire, a Council may make application to the Regional Committee to provide registrations for an entire trip provided a minimum enrollment of 24 is quaranteed. The Regional Comping Committee reserves the right to accept registrations from any council for any trip and to exercise its own judgment in the caintenance 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 Comping 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 commisary 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

Cancelsts will arrive not later than 3:00 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. Canocists must be on hand at this time (no exception to the rule). Showe-off early Monday morning. Roturn 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 noming. Cost of these two excellent neals 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 canonists 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 comp 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 COMMITTEE

Dr. A. H. Sanford, Chairman Frank S. Gold R. A. Dunning R. A. Trubey Donald B. Robinson J. H. Mitchell Walter J. Derrick

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MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Committeemen, Council Fresidents, Camping Chairmen, and Executives.

SUBJECT: Regional Cance Trip Descriptive Material

June 7th, 1933

Legain on behalf of the Regional Comping 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 Cance 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 cance 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 Cance 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 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PAUL H. LOVE Regional Scout Executive

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greater opportunity for real nor a better field to study doors - plants, trees, rocks, change of scenery and what tunity to master the art of structors, best of canoes, up-to-date cooking outfits; in ound for such trips.

Requirements: Minimum and swimming merit badges.

Ninimum 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 Cance 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 exports and dependable leaders with whom your boy can safely associate. Trips start from Canadian Border Lodge on August 7-14-21-28 and returning August 12-19-26-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 insufance of a successful start and a pleasant week. We make reservations for you.

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

Canocists 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 of your arrival at Canadian Border Lodge, 17 miles north east of Ely, Minnesota.

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GRAPHIC PICTURE OF REGION TEN

By H. Ross Millor.

Have you over stood on the eastern shore of Gabe-Mich-eGorme and watched the sun sink thru pinkish haze behind the mighty ramparts of Mt. Sagmaga? Well 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 resor shape certical slates that cut their cances 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 Keknquabic has been driving America's geologists nutty!

Northwestern University had had a camp there for several summers and there were
twenty Northwestern man there this year. Armour Tech, the University of Minnesota,
many schools, in fact are sending their field expeditions to the Keknquabic.

Dr. Druner, 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. Druner, "There's a geology Ph. D. thesis in every township."

Suppose an Eagle Scout came along and told you that his gong cought 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 Ton 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 Cance trails call a man's day's work.

And Lake Imal For fishing, for storms, for wild water! Ima for action! With monolithic campsites which nature laid down in one piece of gabbo 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 cances in a heap and having a good time punching holes in them. One of the Jim's (the cook) kettles sailed away and laver did come back, while his supper fire departed heavenward like Elijah's chariet, the one seething, hissing mass of flame.

Leaving Ima 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 Ima.

Fortages, portages, portages! What an essay Emerson would write on postages after coming out of Kakaquabic over to Fraser! The word comes from the Latin Forto 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 an 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 cance 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 cance mates, loaded with two and sometimes three packs apiece laborously lifting one foot up to the other one and then showing them on a bit higher with all the hardy resolve that youth and grim-do-it-or-die spirit can give them. Here and there between the packers an upturned cance 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 Kakequabic 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 discomforture 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 Wisira 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!

REGION TEN VILDERNESS CANOE TRIFS, 1933

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What to Bring

Tou have registered for a splendid adventure, and it only remains for you to get the most out of the Region Ten Wilderness Cance 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:

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2 Rudson Bay blankets or 4 thicknesses l prold tennis shoes or oxfords of ordinary blankets 1 pr shoes or boots 1 Scout Bat 3 handkarchiefs 1 Scout Shirt 1 Scout neckerchief 1 Scout Breeches tar toilet soap (fleating) 1 Scout Socks 2 towels 1 pr of old trousers or overalls 1 Sweater or Mackinsw 1 stall mirror 1 Suit light Underwear 1 sewing kit - knife, fork and spoon 1 Suit wool Underwear 1 cup (not aluminim as it retains heat) 1 Pr wool Socks 1 plate 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 trowling line, large speen hook, daredovil, joined wobbler, jarvi speen, and hig sinkers. You can purchase tackle at Bly.

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

Canocists report to C. S. Chase, Director, at Canadian Dorder Loage 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 Loage (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 Loage by truck. Truck leaves Ely 3:30 PM each Sunday and returns by 10:00 AM following Saturday. Each canocist provides his own meal Sunday evening, lodging Sunday night, and breakfast Monday morning at Canadian Border Loage for \$1.50 per person. This is in addition to the \$10.00 canoc 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 opportunity 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 parants. Applicants for trips will not be accepted without this record. (No Acceptions to this rule.)

REGION TEN WILDERNESS CAMOE TRIFS, 1933.

Equipment and Leadership

The equipment provided is of the best and selected with the advice and assistance of expert cance men of the north country for a maximum of practibility and comfort on a Wilderness Trail. The equipment includes Konneboc 17-foot cances, volves, spruce paddles, silkelene tents, eiled penches, packsacks, up-to-date cooking equipment, and every other item necessary for a trip of this nature. Food furnished will be of best qualify 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. Kirkpetrick, Neshwauk, Minnesota. Kirk acted as guide on Regional trips in 1930, 1931, and 1932 and has had several years cance 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 is an expert camper and canocist.

Program and Personnel

H. Ross Miller of Chisholm, Minnesota. A member of the original cance trip team ten years ago. Since then he has conducted many trips into the north country. He is an expert canceist 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.

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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 cruises expert canceist 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 additionable are expert canocists, woodsmon, and campers and all are family with the north country - all men of character.

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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

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 canonists! 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, camperaft, and cookeraft. 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 clusive denisons 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, cance, and packsack when you arrive. Veteran canceist 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 to 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 shift, old trousers (not breeches), one pair each of cotton and wool socks, heavy pajamas, old comfortable shoes, toilet articles, handkerchiefs, tin plate, cup, knife, fork, and spoon