

WORLD'S GREATEST CANOE COUNTRY



1975

HIGH ADVENTURE IN WILDERNESS CANOEING

**THE CHARLES L. SOMMERS WILDERNESS CANOE BASE
ELY, MINNESOTA and BISSETT, MANITOBA, CANADA**

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★ Before the advent of modern man, the Sioux and Chippewa Tribes travelled proudly over the portages and paddled their graceful canoes from lake to lake in the north woods country. Here, 300 year ago, the dashing, adventuresome French Canadian Voyageurs from Quebec paddled their birchbark bateaux to the rhythm of their rollicking songs.

Today modern Voyageurs, Explorers and Older Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America, scuff the stones of the same portages and skim swiftly along the same chains of lakes. This is the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of the Superior National Forest and the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. It includes an area roughly 4,000 square miles commonly used by Explorers making trips out of the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base. The base is located in the beautiful Arrowhead country of Minnesota, 22 miles northeast of Ely and six miles (by water) from the United States - Canadian boundary. The site of the base is on Moose Lake where the road ends and the roadless wilderness begins.

10 Full Days of Wilderness Adventure

THE CANOE BASE FURNISHES

★ The Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base furnishes canoes, tents, all packs, cooking gear, life jackets, and best of all adequate "lightpack" food. Some of the food carried on the trail is dehydrated and concentrated to reduce weight. A qualified guide goes with each crew. He is skilled in aiding the crews in planning the trip, packing the food and gear, and helps the crew cooks turn out appetizing, substantial meals. The base furnishes everything needed for the operation of a successful high adventure canoe trip except personal articles.

THE PARTICIPANT FURNISHES

★ Each participant furnishes his own personal trail clothing, sleeping bag, mess gear, toothbrush and toilet articles, and such optionals as a fishing license, fishing gear, camera, sunglasses and mosquito dope and must have a completed medical blank. The Scout or Explorer uniform can be worn to the base and when returning home.

THE CREW FURNISHES

★ A maximum of eight crew members including the advisor or advisors. Each crew must have at least one advisor twenty-one years of age or older. Crew members should be physically fit for a rugged wilderness experience.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

★ Each year the Canoe Base sponsors other High Adventure experiences; Northern Expeditions, Historic Trail participation and Combination Canoeing/Back Packing Trips plus Special Winter Program. Information on these trips available.

Value Received

THE FEE PER CREW COVERS THE FOLLOWING

1. Time involved — parts of eleven days.
2. Twenty nine meals. Two breakfasts and two suppers at the Canoe Base dining hall.

EQUIPMENT FURNISHED EACH CREW

3. Food is lightweight tested and abundant. Packed in waterproof plastic bags.
4. Griddles, frying pan, cooking utensils, nesting kettles, etc.
5. Tents with floors and netting and a dining fly. Packsacks — 3 styles.
6. Kitchen cleaning equipment, plus sanitizing tablets.
7. Trail saw, axe, shovel, etc.
8. Canoes 17 ft. aluminum with seats and carrying yoke and life jackets.
9. Paddles sized to the individual, these may be purchased, if desired.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES FURNISHED

10. Mature, trained guides for the entire trip.
11. Personal sickness and accident insurance.
12. Agreement with doctors and hospital in Ely, Minnesota.

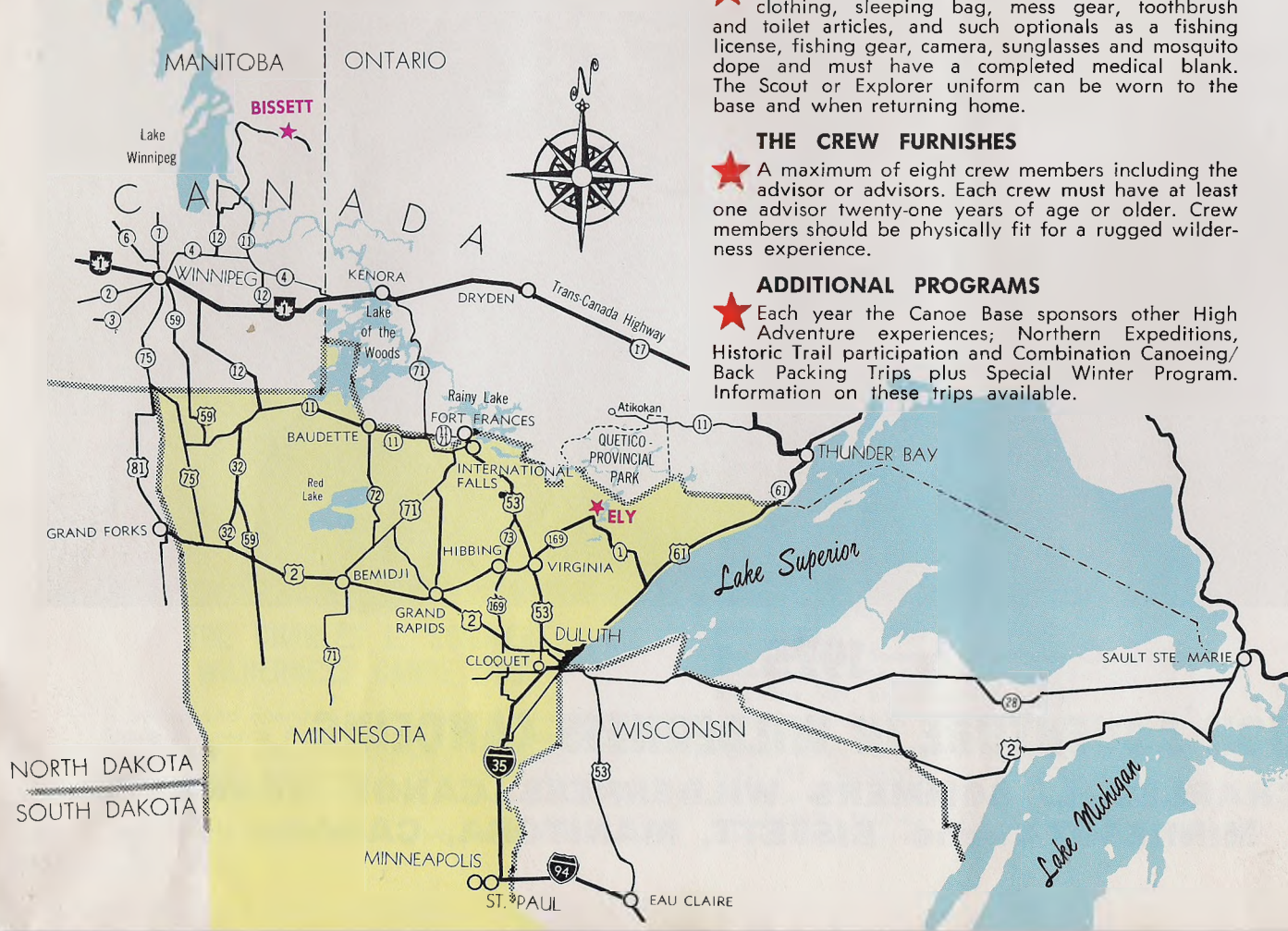
USE OF FACILITIES AT THE CANOE BASE

13. Protected lot for parking.
14. Fireproof vault for valuables storage and clothing.
15. Sleeping accommodations at the Canoe Base for crew.
16. Sauna (Finnish steam bath) and showers.
17. Trading Post, well stocked with trail essentials as well as mementos.

TRAINING AND PROMOTIONAL HELPS

18. Canoe Base Emblem for all participants. Pictures of crew available (8 x 10) Cost \$1.00.
19. Fifty Miler and Historic Trail Award for those who earn it.
20. Training in canoeing, camping, cooking and safety on the trails.
21. Information and training campfire.
22. Closing voyageur awards presentation.
23. Benefit of over fifty years of experience in operating BSA Canoe Base.
24. Promotional and planning aids available on request.
25. Operated and directed under the supervision of the High Adventure Program Service of the Boy Scouts of America.

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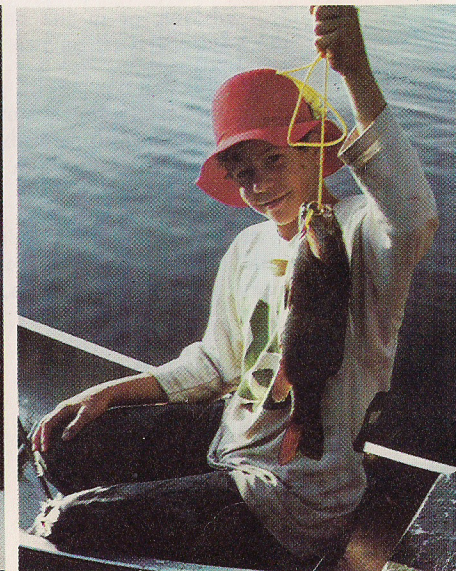
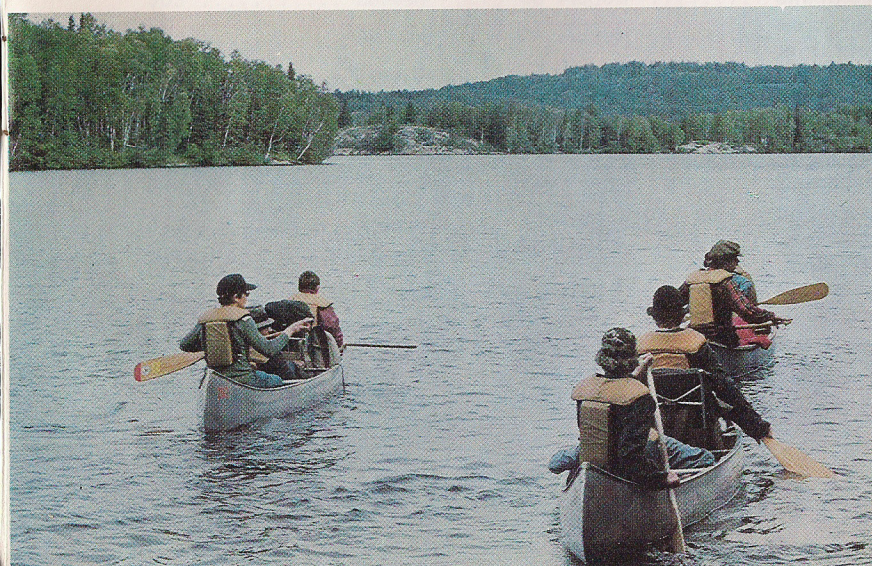
- ★ *Adventure*
- ★ *History*
- ★ *Canoeing*
- ★ *Camping*
- ★ *Fishing*

★ You will be fishing in a sportsman's paradise. The lakes teem with northern pike, walleye pike, bass and lake trout. Canadian and Minnesota fishing licenses available (3 day or full season) for those that want to fish. You will hear the haunting cry of the loon and you may see bear, deer, moose, beaver and many smaller animals.

★ You will pitch your tents on campsites used by the Indians and Voyageurs of the past. You will sit at night before your campfire listening to the voices of the forest as the dancing flames point to the brilliant stars and mysterious northern lights above.



★ Here is adventure found nowhere else in America. You go by canoe and portage from lake to lake, far beyond the end of the road to where the spirit of the wilderness still lives. You will carry on your back everything you will need for eight full days — there is no source of resupply if you miscalculate or overlook things you need. You will have the thrill of survival in a truly rugged experience. Your muscles, arms, legs, shoulders, and body will be hardened as nothing else can do and you will be in the best physical condition of your life as you paddle by rugged cliffs and virgin forests in this land of wilderness.



CANOE BASE CREWS



The Canoe Base is owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America under the direction of the High Adventure Program Service.

The crew is made up of eight persons or less and travel in a group with a guide from the Canoe Base.

• WHO IS ELIGIBLE — CREW MEMBERS:

1. Any Explorer age scout. This means anyone who is fourteen by the first of September the year of the trip.
2. Any coed Scout of the same age.
3. Any older Scout in a troop who will be fourteen by the first of September the year of the trip.

• WHO IS ELIGIBLE — ADVISORS:

1. The advisor, or in the case of a coed crew, the advisors, must be twenty-one years of age or older.
2. For coed crews there must be a male and a female advisor (preferably a husband and wife team) both of whom are at least twenty-one years of age.
3. A crew may have as many advisors as they wish as long as their total crew size is no more than eight persons.

FEE

The 1975 fee is eight dollars per day per person, the cost for the group of eight including advisor for our scheduled trip is \$640.00, seven — \$560.00, six — \$480.00.

EXAMPLE — A crew arriving on Sunday, June 22 (Around 2 P.M.) leaves for home after breakfast on Wednesday, July the 2nd. The total involvement including the 8½ day trip is parts of eleven days. The fee is based on a ten day rate.

ADDITIONAL FEES FOR CANADIAN (QUETICO PARK) TRIPS

The Park camping fee has been two dollars per day per canoe, and fifty cents per day per person for food duty. However, this and fishing licenses are flexible in price from year to year. Each crew will receive information in the spring of exact costs.

CREW SIZE

Crew size is flexible, either 6, 7, or 8 plus our guide. Regulations limit the crew to a maximum of NINE including our guide.

LENGTH OF TRIP

The Canoe Base trip is as follows: arrive at the Canoe Base in the early afternoon of your crew day. Meet your guide and prepare for your trip. Leave on the canoe trip the next morning, you will be on the trail for a total of 8½ days. Return to the Base after lunch on the 9th day. Supper and clean-up at the base, crew can spend the night, box lunch for breakfast, and leave the following morning. This trip involves parts of 11 days. You may leave anytime that is convenient for the crew. If a longer trip is desired, please notify the Canoe Base in writing prior to arrival for details.

• CREWS ARRIVING THE NIGHT BEFORE

Our overnight facilities at the Canoe Base are limited. We must know one month before arrival if you want to spend the night before your trip at the Base. The cost is \$1.00 per person for lodging. If our facilities are full we will try to make other arrangements for your crew. (costs and facilities will vary)

• TRANSPORTATION FROM ELY

\$2.00 round trip per person.

• MEALS PRIOR TO TRIP:

We can serve your crew meals if we know in advance to plan for them.

AT LEAST ONE WEEK ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

Breakfast 75¢	Lunch \$1.00	Supper \$1.25
Special Cold Breakfast	75¢ (campsite meals)	
Special Cold Lunches	\$1.00 (campsite meals)	

Important

See Back of This Brochure for

- Fee Payment Schedule
- Planning Your Trip
- Notes on Your Trip