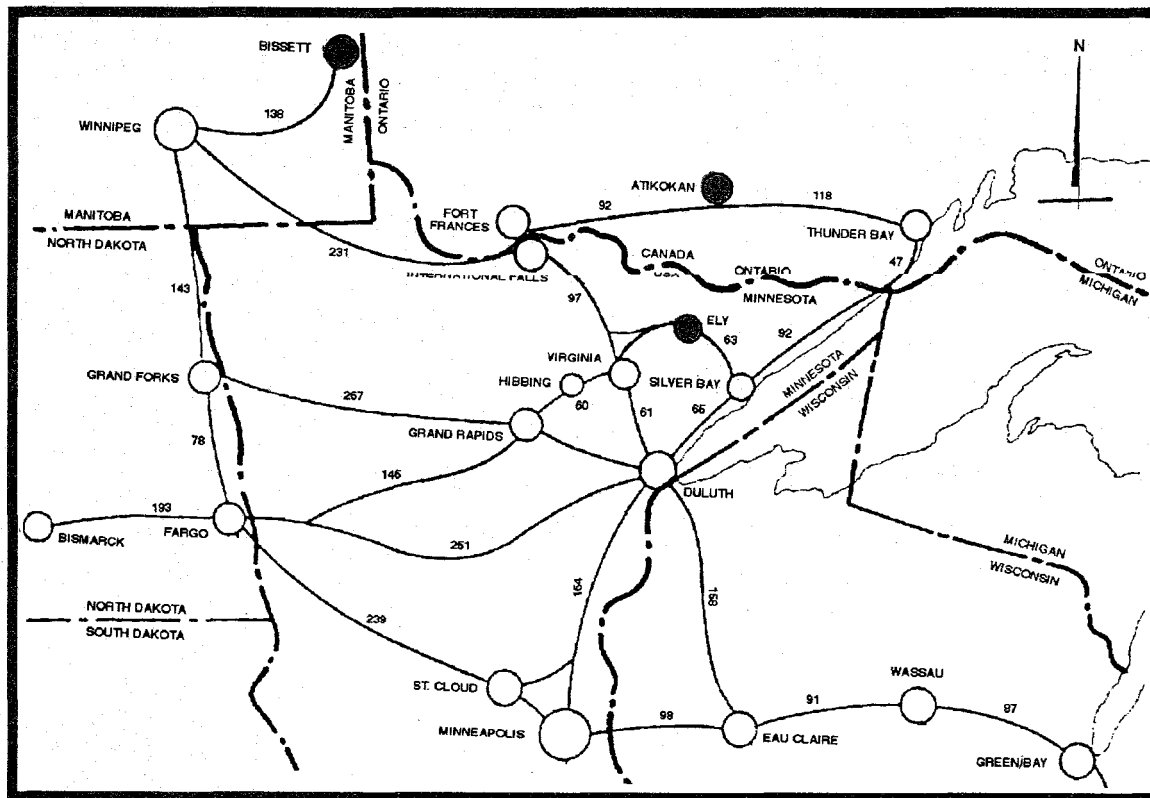


Northern Tier High Adventure Programs

Minnesota • Canada



Call us
for more
information
218/365-4811

Pace Setting
Year-Round
High Adventure

NORTHERN TIER
NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE
MINNESOTA

1996




BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
P.O. BOX 509
ELY, MN 55731-0509
218/365-4811



THE CHALLENGE OF
PACK AND PADDLE

NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURES FOR 1996

Welcome to the Northern Tier. You are stepping into country explored by few people. From May through the best canoeing. Choosing your Northern Tier trip is the first step. Northern Tier has 4 trips, each with a unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of our Canoe Country.

Program Base	Details and Facts
Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base 	<p>Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) ~ Minnesota. Explore Minnesota's border country in the greatest wilderness canoeing area in the United States! Learn the skills handed down from the Native American, fur-trapper, and Voyageur. Trips from beginning through intermediate levels provide challenges for all types of units or contingents. Flexibility is the key to this program.</p> <p>Quetico Provincial Park ~ Ontario, Canada. The Quetico Park is one of the most tightly controlled areas in North America with respect to wilderness canoeing. A trip through this primitive area will appeal to the group really looking for solitude and great fishing. Generally, trips can be planned at any level.</p>
Northern Expeditions Bissett, Manitoba, Canada 	<p>Fly-in canoeing and fishing at its best! Northern Expeditions at Bissett offer wilderness canoeing in the truest spirit of High Adventure. For those crews who thirst for this type of adventure, the Manitoba bush country east of Lake Winnipeg offers some of the most diverse canoeing available, ranging from spectacular rivers to pristine lake country. Most crews take advantage of the optional charter float plane, beginning and ending their trip from air-only accessible Scout Lake.</p>
Atikokan Canoeing Atikokan, Ontario, Canada 	<p>Canoe Capital of Canada! Here is a challenging land of lakes silent in the morning mist, thundering rapids sparkling in the sunlight, canoes carving a wake to the power of bending paddles, wood smoke curling up from a cooking fire, game fish exploding like fin-backed rockets. Symbolized by Tuktu, the Inuit name for the Woodland Caribou, the program base at Atikokan, Ontario, is the newest site of the northern tier of High Adventure. Trips are featured north of the Quetico Park in the Turtle and Seine River drainage areas as well as south into the Park. These areas provide all levels of canoeing.</p>



Okpik Winter Adventure

Learn the skills of the Northwoods winter; cross country skiing, snowshoeing, winter shelter, winter camping, equipment making, tracking and ice fishing. Our weekend programs are the most popular where you'll receive training in cold-weather dress, overnight camping, winter shelters and indoor sessions on menu and equipment highlights. We also offer staff training for individual older Scouts and leaders interested in learning how to develop and run a winter program. Please contact us for complete details on our Okpik Winter Adventures.

SUMMER FEES

Ely, Bissett, Atikokan

Full outfitting with interpreter:

Each group will have an Interpreter join the crew when they arrive. For our billing, he or she is not considered to be a crew member. Fees for BWCAW & Quetico Park permits, licenses & fees, and fly-out float plane are in addition to our fee and are paid directly to the provider. Each group entering the Quetico Provincial Park does pay the camping fee for the interpreter.

1996 SPECIAL

\$29 PER PERSON, PER DAY
6 - 8 PEOPLE FOR 10 DAYS

**Crew Size	10 Days	8 or 9 Days	6 or 7 Days
BWCAW & QUETICO: 6 - 8	\$29 per person/day	\$31 per person/day	\$35 per person/day
ATIKOKAN (North) & BISSETT: 6 - 11	\$29 per person/day	\$31 per person/day	\$35 per person/day

**Crew size does not include your interpreter.

PLA

- 1) M
- 2) U
- 3) D
- 4) D
- 5) D

September, Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts the world's different character, length and price. Come with Northern Tier on an

Arrival Dates	Length	Crew Size	Age	Options
May 15 Through September 15	6 - 10 days	6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/96	Without interpreter
May 15 Through September 15	10 days suggested	6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/96	Without interpreter
Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays June 17 Through August 8	10 days	6 - 11 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/96	Float Plane Fly-Out
June 19 Through August 9	10 days suggested	North: 6 - 11 (plus interpreter) Quetico Park: 6 - 8 (plus interpreter)	13* by 1/1/96	North: Float Plane Fly-Out

*PARTICIPANT AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To participate in High Adventure programs operated by the National Council Boy Scouts of America, a participant must be a registered Boy Scout or Explorer and must have attained the age of 13 years by January 1st of the year he/she will participate or have attained rank of first class which must be certified by a Troop Board of Review prior to departure, or must be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian.

ADULT LEADERSHIP.

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at Northern Tier, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors.

Each Northern Tier crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors - one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because Northern Tier's objective is to serve youth, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants.

COED EXPEDITIONS:

Northern Tier invites chartered coed Explorer Posts, Venture Crews and Varsity Teams with female guests to participate in High Adventure Expeditions. Each coed group is required to provide adult coed leadership (each must be at least 21 years of age) while in route to, or participating in, the Northern Tier programs.

ALL FEE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE TO THE BALANCE OF FEES.

Northern Tier must commit financial resources to purchase food and supplies, employ staff and prepare for summer operation. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

RESERVATIONS: 218/365-4811

MAILING ADDRESS FOR REGISTRATION:

Reservation applications and fees should be sent to:

Registrar
Northern Tier High Adventure
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731-0509

PLANNING AHEAD

Make your plans early. Reservations can be made starting in April, 1995.

Using the brochure as your guide, pick your program base.

Decide upon an arrival date. All bases accept arrivals on any day of the week EXCEPT for the Bissett program (arrivals Sunday, Monday and Thursday.) You should plan to arrive at 10:00 p.m. Have alternate days ready. Plan your travel accordingly.

Decide your trip length. Please note that your arrival day and departure day are counted as separate days. For example, if you picked a 7-day trip, and were arriving July 10 at 2:00 P.M., you would leave for home on the morning of July 17 after breakfast. Your time on the water would run from the morning of the 11th through the afternoon of the 16th.

Decide how many people will make up your crew, then determine the number of crews you will canoe and camp in. Each crew must include the required adult leadership. Please note crew size limitations described in the individual programs.

RESERVATIONS

1) Phone reservations are encouraged as a way to check and hold a date at a particular program base. Phone reservations made between April and September, have until September 30, 1994 to send in their reservation form and \$200.00 reservation fee (deposit). After September 1, phone reservations are held only three weeks and should be followed by the reservation form and deposit.

2) FILL OUT THE RESERVATION FORM COMPLETELY and mail, along with a deposit of \$200.00 per crew (which is applied to your total fee). This deposit is not returned if you cancel, and is not transferable with contingents. IMPORTANT NOTE for crews entering Quetico Park; please supply the Ely office with two names per crew by DECEMBER 15 for application of permits. Quetico permits are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. (Information on the additional fees charged by the Canadians will not be available until early spring). Any fees for changes on permits (cancellations, name or date changes) after original application is made, will be assessed to your crew.

FULL OUTFITTING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

Top staff.
Challenging programs.
We're Canoe Country at its finest.

- Canoes, paddles, and the best PFD's (life jackets) available.
- Nylon packs, including frame packs, designed for rugged expedition wear.
- Nylon tents with floors, mosquito netting, and rain fly.
- Trail tarps, for rain and shade protection.
- Cooking utensils, nesting pots, special spice kit, trail ovens (for baking), and rope and pulley suitable for hanging pack for critter protection.
- The best trail food available anywhere! You even get to choose the amounts of many of the items. You'll be traveling with super high quality, lightweight food on the trail. Every crew will have the benefit of up-to-date trail equipment and food developed from over 70 years of experience. A complete equipment making facility and food packing plant continue this tradition.
- Excellent route planning.
- Training in canoeing, cooking, modern low impact camping, fishing and safety skills, all handled expertly by a trained BSA canoe trip counselor.
- Emergency trail radio available for groups traveling from the Ely Base in the BWCAW and the Quetico Park. Other services available at Bissett and Atikokan.
- Advisor Packet. Includes all items essential for planning such as: suggested clothing and personal equipment, current information on the fishing license fees, park fees (if appropriate), and background information on ecology, wilderness use, skills needed in the canoe country, etc.
- Personal sickness and accident care insurance including air ambulance service.
- Meals beginning with supper the day of arrival, an all you can eat pancake breakfast the next day, a Banquet meal in the dining hall on return from your trip, then a big breakfast on the day you depart for home.
- Banquet Dinner. This dinner is part of a special evening that precedes the "Rendezvous" program.
- Evening "Rendezvous" program. This special evening for awards presentation includes a 3" National BSA Program award emblem for all participants. The BSA FIFTY MILER award can be purchased at the trading post for those who earn it and can be presented along with the trip award.
- Trained BSA canoe counselor (interpreter). The Canoe Base interpreters are young adults trained in wilderness skills. They are along as a resource and can provide many tips in wilderness living. All have a good Scouting background and real appreciation of the outdoors.

You and your crew members will provide *personal* items such as clothing, rain gear, sleeping bag, mess gear, toiletries and will be responsible for purchasing a fishing license. Your crew will be responsible for providing a first-aid kit, maps, and any specialized equipment of personal preference (such as trail stove and fuel).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE - All Fee Payments Are Non-Refundable And Non-Transferable

- 1) Upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit (\$200 per crew), a confirmation will be mailed to the crew leader. It will include the total fee, as well as confirmation of other details.
- 2) First-payment fee (\$500 per crew) is due January 1. For late registering crews, first payment fees are due 30 days from the reservation.
- 3) Final fees are due 30 days prior to your arrival at the Ely base; 45 days prior to arrival at the Bissett or Atikokan bases.
- 4) Keep the Northern Tier Reservations Office notified of changes (218/365-4811).

GETTING READY

- 1) Using the materials provided in the advisor kit, which is sent in the spring, prepare your crew. Have them get in shape. Practice canoeing, have shakedown trips, and read other publications available. Merit badges such as Canoeing, Camping, Cooking, First-aid, and Swimming are appropriate.
- 2) Make your travel plans to the appropriate Base. Line up things such as sight-seeing, stopovers, etc. Apply for your National Tour Permit. Deviations from the scheduled arrival time should be cleared a few weeks in advance.
- 3) Each participant must get a medical check within 30 days of the trip.
- 4) Arrive with a crew of vigorous young people prepared for High Adventure!