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*Time to cross the U.S./Canadian border may vary due to Canadian Customs and Immigration.

Contact your local travel agent for the best routes to each base!
Welcome to the Northern Tier. You are stepping into country explored by few people. May through September the world's best canoeing. Choosing your Northern Tier program base is the first step. The Northern Tier has length and price. Come with the Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of...
**75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

The Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts several adventures, each with a different character, our Canoe Country.

### ARRIVAL DATES

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###annaing Ahead

Like your plans early. Reservations for 1998 can be made starting in April, 1997.

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 Tuesday).

You should plan to arrive at 30 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 a day. 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 have the required adult leadership. Please refer to crew size limitations described in the individual programs.

### RESERVATIONS

1. Phone reservations are required as a way to check and reserve a date at a particular program base. Advisors (leaders) who have made phone reservations have three weeks to send in their reservation form and the $200 per crew reservation fee (deposit). After 3 weeks, the phone reservation is subject to cancellation unless the reservation form and reservation fee are received.

2. **FILL OUT THE RESERVATION FORM COMPLETELY and mail, along with a deposit of $200 per crew (which is applied to your total fee). This deposit is not returned if you cancel, and is not transferable within contingents.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** for crews entering the Boundary Waters Canoe Area or the Quetico Park, please supply the Ely office with two float plane fees charged by the Canadians will not be available until early spring. Any fees for changes on permits (cancellations, name date changes) after original application is made, will be assessed to your crew.

### *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 Eagle 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 the Northern Tier, except that each coed 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 the Northern Tier's objective is to serve youth, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants.

### COED EXPEDITIONS:

The Northern Tier invites chartered coed Explorer Posts, Venture Crews and Varsity Teams with female members 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.

The 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) 365-4611

**MAILING ADDRESS FOR REGISTRATION:**

Registrar
Northern Tier High Adventure
P.O. Box 503
Ely, MN 55731-0509
FULL OUTFITTING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

Top BSA High Adventure Trained 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 including nesting pots, trail ovens for baking, and ropes for hanging food packs for animal, rodent and insect 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.
- Canoe trip planning supervised by a trained BSA staff member.
- 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.
- Your canoe trip meals begin with supper the day of arrival. A big breakfast the next morning before your trip. The best in trail meals on your trip. A special welcome back supper upon your return. Another big breakfast the day you depart for home.
- An evening awards recognition or "Rendezvous" or a special evening planned by your crew. Each participant receives the special 75th anniversary Northern Tier National Award emblem. The BSA FIFTY MILER award is available for purchase for those that have earned it.
- 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, eating utensils, 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) After making the phone reservation, you will have 3 weeks to send the reservation form signed by the council executive and the $200 per crew deposit. Upon receipt of the reservation form and deposit, a confirmation of the total fee for the trip and other details will be mailed to the leader.
2) First-payment fee ($500 per crew) is due October 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). 24 hour dedicated FAX line (218-365-3112).

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. Also see suggested reference materials and books listed in the Northern Tier's Crew Planning Guide.
2) Make your travel plans to the appropriate Base. Line up things such as sight-seeing, stopovers, etc. Apply for your National Tour Permit.
3) Each participant must get a medical check within 30 days of the trip.
4) Arrive with a crew of vigorous Scouts/Explorers and leaders prepared for the wilderness High Adventure of a lifetime!!