

*Your*  
**North Woods Adventure**  
*on the 1945*  
**Wilderness Canoe Trails**



*22nd Season*  
**CHARLES L. SOMMERS CANOE BASE**



**Boy Scouts of America - Region Ten**  
**1112 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minn.**

## THE SETTING

**VOYAGEURS HIGHWAY.** Two hundred and fourteen years ago this summer, the French-Canadian Verndrye arrived by canoe at Grand Portage on Lake Superior. With his eldest son, seventeen, and a nephew twenty-one, they crossed the nine-mile portage into the Pigeon River. With only a birch bark Indian map to guide them, they crossed over the low divide into the waters flowing westward to Rainy Lake. Among the friendly Chippewa there, they built a small fort, and camped for the winter.



EMERALD LAKE

Here was a land to delight the hearts of young men. Endless forests of evergreen studded with crystal lakes and waterfalls, covered the rock-ledged wilderness like a carpet. Bear and deer and moose were everywhere, and wild fowl in great numbers. Wild rice, blue berries, and other fruit were in abundance.

This route pioneered by Verndrye was destined to become the highway of the fur traders, the Voyageurs of yesterday. For a hundred years they plied their birch bark freighters, loaded with packs of furs and trading-goods, along these waterways.

Today, two hundred years later, the region is still a land for young men, for pioneers, for those who love hardihood, self-reliance, and adventure, in an historic setting. Still unspoiled, still untouched by man, is this vast wilderness of millions of acres encompassed in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota, and in the Quetico Park Area to the north adjoining it, in Ontario. This region has been set aside as a camping and canoeing reservation, for generations to come.

### THE CANOE BASE

In the heart of this region is Moose Lake, 22 miles east of Ely, Minn., which was selected as the site for the Canoe Base because of its strategic location. From this point we have access to 15,000 lakes in the Quetico-Superior region—small lakes, most of them, and close together. An infinite variety of routes are possible from this point, and there is no necessity for back-tracking. Long trips, short trips, fishing trips, explorations—all are possible here.

Here at the base the canoe parties are outfitted with the canoes and special camping gear needed for their trips. Here the trips are planned, with the assistance of a trained guide, a

Scouter or older Scout who travels with the party, assisting with the cooking, instructing in packing and portaging, a man who knows the trails.

Here the party spends its first night, getting organized, getting a bit of instruction in paddling and packing and portaging, ready to shove off the next morning on "the big adventure."



ADVENTURE BOUND





## An Adventure Camp for SENIOR SCOUTS

The Wilderness Canoe Trails are designed as an advanced camping experience for Senior Scouts, young men of fifteen and older who are of at least first class rank. The Regional Camping Committee has developed these trips as a progressive camping experience complementing the local council camps. Like the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and the Region Ten Pack Saddle Trips in the Montana Rockies, they are rugged camping, not intended for tenderfeet.

### COUNCIL OR CHARTERED GROUPS RECOMMENDED

The trips are ideal for an Explorer Group, a Sea Scout Ship or Patrol, or a group of Senior Scouts from a troop, particularly if accompanied by their own chartered leader. The best trips over the years have been chartered groups, with their own leader, traveling together.

The next best plan is for the council to develop one or more parties, of from eight to twelve each. Usually two or three council scouters attend with their own groups, and this is a procedure we recommend—one or more adults with the party.

A number of Councils have made up a party of central camp staff members who have taken a trip at the close of the council summer camp. Kansas City, Kansas, had an unusually fine group on a trip early in August last summer.

Where individual Senior Scouts and Scouters register, we will fit them into a party, but we recommend one of the other plans, whenever possible.



### FATHER AND SON TRIP AUGUST 5 to 11

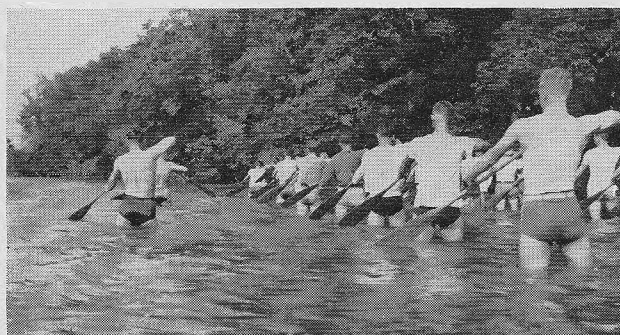
The week of August 5th to 11th has been reserved for a special Father and Son Trip. Scouts under 15 may participate, provided they are of at least First Class rank, have at least one week of local council camp experience, and the approval of their council.

This week together on the Wilderness Trails of southern Ontario and the Superior Forest will be an experience that will mean much to every dad and son lucky enough to go.

Four or five Dad and Son "teams" will make up an ideal party. Talk to your local council Executive about developing a Council Party.



PAINTED ROCKS



A BIT OF PADDLE PRACTICE  
BEFORE WE START.



## HOW DO WE GET TO THE CANOE BASE?

**By Car.** We recommend the route thru Duluth, Minn., then U. S. Highway No. 61 to Ilgin City in the North Shore of Lake Superior. Beyond Ilgin City turn left on State Highway No. 1 to Ely, Minn.

Four miles northeast of Ely, at Winton, Minn., report to the U. S. Immigration and Customs Office, then take the Fernberg Road, going east, at the south end of the Village of Winton. Follow the trail signs to the Base, about 18 miles from Winton. Plan to arrive at the base between 3 and 5 P. M. if possible, on Sunday.

On the return trip, take the route from Ely to Virginia, Minn., and side trips to see the World's largest open pit iron ore mines at Virginia and Hibbing. Then take U. S. No. 53, returning to Duluth. Round trip from Duluth and return, about 250 miles.



CANOE TRAILER

**CAMPERS ARRIVING BY BUS OR TRAIN.** Those arriving by bus or train should report at the community building in Ely at 3 P. M. on Sunday of the date indicated.

### BY TRAIN

#### Going

Lv. Minneapolis 11:20 P.M. (N. P. Ry.)  
Lv. St. Paul..... 11:59 P.M.  
Lv. Duluth..... 9:00 A.M. (D.M.&I.R.Ry.)  
Ar. Ely..... 1:12 P.M.

#### Returning

Lv. Ely..... 2:00 P.M.  
Ar. Duluth..... 5:50 P.M.  
Lv. Duluth..... 11:30 P.M.  
Ar. Minneapolis 6:40 A.M.

### BY BUS

#### Going

Lv. Minneapolis 10:10 A.M.  
Lv. St. Paul..... 10:50 A.M.  
Ar. Duluth..... 4:10 P.M.  
Lv. Duluth..... 4:20 P.M.  
Ar. Ely..... 8:15 P.M.

#### Returning

Lv. Ely..... 8:15 A.M. or 3:50 P.M.  
Ar. Duluth..... 12:20 P.M. and 7:50 P.M.  
Lv. Duluth..... 12:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.  
Ar. Minneapolis 6:25 P.M. and 1:45 A.M.

### FARES

	By Bus	By Train
One-way from St. Paul	\$ 5.92	\$ 6.44
Round-trip from St. Paul	10.52	11.62
One-way Duluth to Ely	2.65	2.65
Round-trip Duluth to Ely	4.80	4.77

### Transportation from Ely to the Base

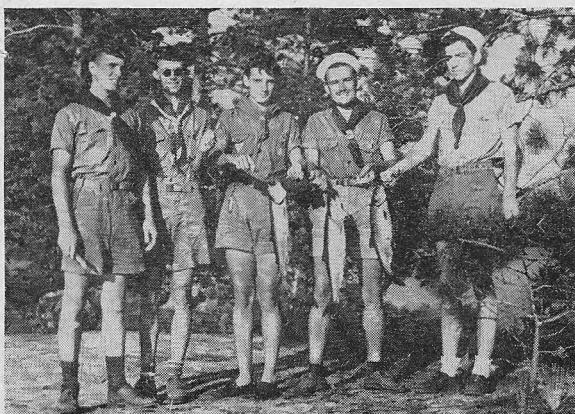
Arrangements will be made to meet you in Ely, provided you advise us of the time of your arrival. A charge of \$1.00 covers the round trip from Ely and return.

### Wilderness Canoe Base Office

For registration, information, and payment of fees, write The Boy Scouts of America, Region Ten Office, M. G. Clark, Executive, 1112 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minn.

### SCHEDULES AND RATES

Train and bus schedules and rates are subject to change before summer. Check with your local agent.



"FISH FOR SUPPER"

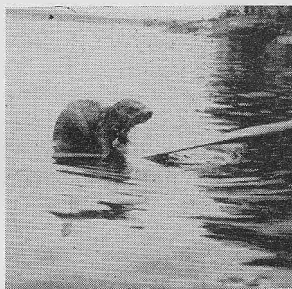


# WHAT EQUIPMENT SHALL I BRING?

Let's begin by telling you what you will be provided with, when you outfit at the base. Here's the list: Your canoe, equipped with yoke and paddles, a complete cooking outfit, with reflector oven, nesting kettles, etc., axe and folding shovel, complete store of food provisions for your trip, a first aid kit, a large Duluth style personal pack for your blankets and personal gear, a poncho, and a ground cloth.

Many of you will have your own packsack, poncho, etc., which you like to use and which you will want to bring with you: This is perfectly agreeable. If you have any question as to whether your equipment is suitable for canoe trip use, write us, describing it, and we will advise you.

The personal gear which you will need to bring with you is indicated below. Weight is a factor in making up your list, so—"Remember the Portages, and keep your Pack light."



MR. BEAVER COMES UP  
FOR A "LOOK SEE."

HERE'S A CHECK LIST. Essentials are indicated with a box, thus: ☐

- ☐ 1. Health History and Medical Examination Blank, completely filled out. (Approved examination should be made out by your family physician within 48 hours of your departure from home.) We provide the examination form.
- ☐ 2. Two Hudson's Bay type blankets, or four ordinary blankets, or small sleeping bag.
- ☐ 3. Scout Uniform, with long trousers.
- ☐ 4. Two wool shirts, sweater, or lumberjack.
- ☐ 5. Levis (belt overalls) or sea scout dungarees, or tough pair trousers.
- ☐ 6. Personal toilet equipment.
- ☐ 7. Slicker or poncho.
- ☐ 8. Mosquito repellent.
- ☐ 9. Two pair stout shoes, or one pair shoes, and one pair short, well-oiled boots, one for canoe travel, one for camp.
- ☐ 10. Three pair short wool boot socks.
- ☐ 11. Fishing tackle, in small tin box. (Two or three lures, Walleyes, Northern Pike, Lake Trout.)
- ☐ 12. Knife, fork, spoon, bowl and enamel cup.
- ☐ 13. Camera.
- ☐ 14. Flashlight.
- ☐ 15. Scout Knife.
- ☐ 16. Compass.
- ☐ 17. Waterproof match box.
- ☐ 18. Writing material.
- ☐ 19. Harmonica.
- ☐ 20. Ration Book (On two-week trips).



REBECCA FALLS

## FISHING LICENSES

**Minnesota:** Men, 16 and over, require a license. Resident license must be purchased in the County in which you reside, costs \$1.00. Non-resident license is available at Ely, Minn., for \$3.00.

**Canada:** Fishing license in Quetico Park region is nominal, probably under \$2.00 this year for members of our trips. You may secure your Canadian License after your arrival at the Canoe Base.

We will send you more complete information on Canadian License after you have registered.

## **WARTIME IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS**

Nearly all of the Canoe trips in recent years were taken mainly in Canadian territory. It is a wartime regulation that you report at the Immigration and Customs Office at Winton, Minn., before leaving on a trip, and also on your return.

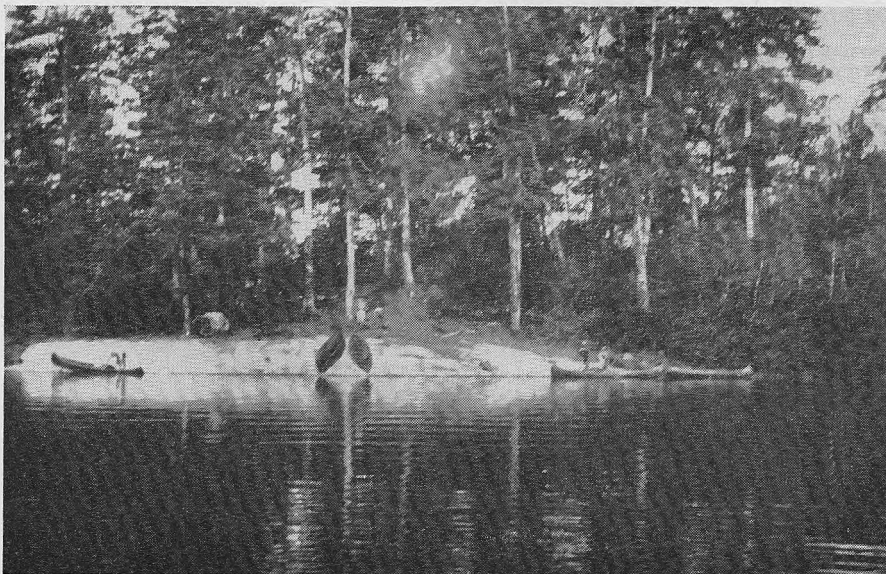
**On your way from Ely to the Base, stop at the Immigration office** at the end of the road on the point at the north end of the Village of Winton. Every member of your party must register. If neglected, it means a 40 mile drive from the base before you begin your trip. There is no fee for registering, but it is required.

## **COLOR MOVIES AND MINIATURE SLIDES**

16 MM Canoe trip movies in color, and miniature slides, 2"x2" are available. Arrangements can be made to show them at your Troop or Senior Unit meetings, Parent Night Programs, etc. Ask your Council Office to secure them for you, making your request at least two weeks in advance of showing.

## **1945 GUIDE STAFF**

The 1945 guide staff will be made up of older scouts who are veterans of the canoe trails, and experienced Scouters. The guide staff will be headed by Parley Tuttle, Scoutmaster and Science Instructor from Eveleth, Minn. Mr. Tuttle has served as a member of our staff for a number of seasons, and has had many years of camping and canoeing experience in the north country.



QUETICO CAMPSITE

## REGION TEN PADDLE INSIGNIA

The Indians, and the Voyageurs of old, carved, and painted, and burned symbols of their prowess on their paddles, canoes and tepees. At the canoe base this tradition has carried on, with emblems telling the story of accomplishment.

Days on the trip, number of season's attended, camping equipment you have made—all can be portrayed on your paddle.

**Here's the way the plan operates: Seasonal trips.** For each year you have attended, a quarter-inch band of green around the paddle shaft. For five years the band is red, for ten years purple. Bands are placed one inch apart.

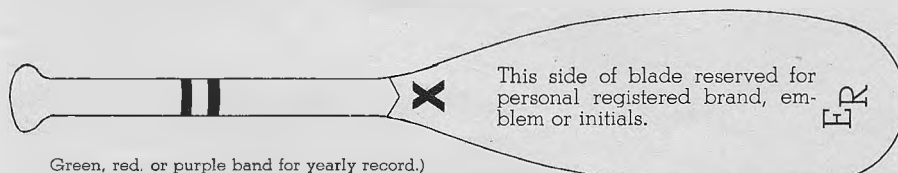
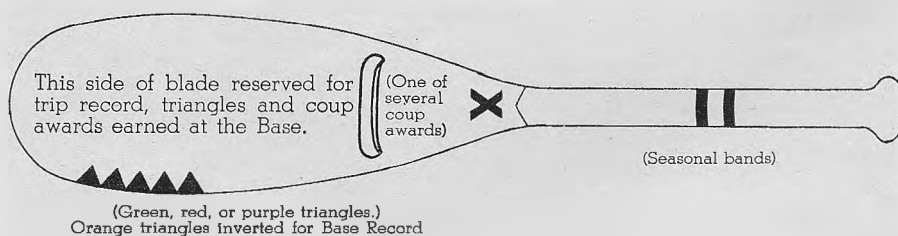
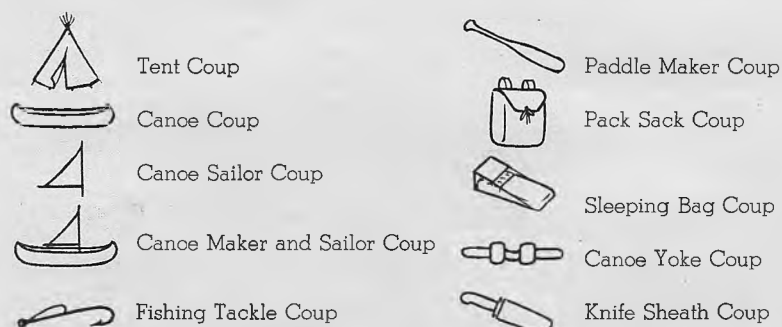
**Daily record:** For each full day (24 hours) on the trails, a green  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " triangle; a red triangle for five days, a purple one for ten days. (See the diagram below.)

**Base Camp Record:** For each week spent at the base camp, an orange triangle. This is placed between the daily trails record, in an inverted position.

**Coup Awards** (Pronounced Coo): Each deals with the making of camp equipment, and is worn on the blade of the paddle, as illustrated in the pictures below.

### THE SILVER PADDLE AWARD

Campers who qualify in the requirements as indicated on the next page, are awarded a regulation full length paddle, with a silver blade. This makes an interesting souvenir of the trips, as well as a useful piece of personal camping equipment.



If you are a member of the ORDER OF THE PADDLE paint the Blade to the throat SILVER



*guide just test on trip!*

# CHARLES L. SOMMERS' WILDERNESS CANOE TRAILS

## Application for ORDER OF THE SILVER PADDLE AWARD

NAME & ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ON TRIPS \_\_\_\_\_ NO. DAYS OUT ON TRIP \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF PADDLE DESIRED \_\_\_\_\_ SEASONS AT CANOE BASE \_\_\_\_\_

### SCORE

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Has identified with ease forty different trees and plants and knows the commercial value of each and has stated value of each to animal as well as human life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Has taken part in the clean-up of portage trails and camp sites.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Has cooked satisfactorily or assisted in the cooking of at least one meal on the trail.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Has been an all around good camper. (Attitude in general, helping with camp duties, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Has passed the "Mystery Test" of a Wilderness Camper.

### GUIDE'S APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Has participated in two or more Canoe Trips.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Has been a "good camper" while at the Canoe Base.

### CANOE TRAILS DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Has completed at least three of the following Merit Badges: Canoeing, Swimming, Cooking, Lifesaving, Camping, First Aid, Forestry, Conservation Pioneering.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Has submitted at least three clear photos taken by himself on the trip showing something of real interest. Attached photos.  
OR: Submit three drawings made on the Trails.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Has submitted a story, diary, or log, of the trip taken. OR has submitted a printed new article of the trip written by himself from some newspaper or magazine. (Attached.)

### COUNCIL EXECUTIVE'S APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

### REGIONAL EXECUTIVE'S APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FINAL SCORE—(10 points is perfect score for each test.)

REMARKS:

Upon completion of requirements, transmit through your Local Council Scout Office to Region Ten, Boy Scouts of America, 1112 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

## 1945 TRIPS AND FEES

Campers should report at the Community Building in Ely, at 3 P.M. on Sunday, or, if arriving by automobile, report at the Canoe Base between 3 P.M. and 5 P.M. Sunday.

### TRIP SCHEDULE

Trip No. 1—July 1 to 7.	Trip No. 6, <b>Dad and Sons Trip</b> , runs from August 5 to August 11.
Trip No. 2—July 8 to 14.	Trip No. 7—Aug. 12 to Aug. 18.
Trip No. 3—July 15 to 21.	Trip No. 8—Aug. 19 to Aug. 25.
Trip No. 4—July 22 to 28.	Trip No. 9—Aug. 26 to Sept. 1.
Trip No. 5—July 29 to Aug. 4.	Trip No. 10—(Scout Executives).

### LIMITED TO 70

Reservations will be taken in the order received, until the capacity of seventy per period is reached. Late registrations (after May 1, 1945) should indicate first and second choice of dates.

**Two-week trips.** Two-week trips can be arranged to include any two consecutive weeks, except trip 5 and 6, or 6 and 7. **Special starting dates** for any trip, one or two weeks, involves additional staff and equipment, and are available only by previous arrangement with the regional office.

### FEES

Trips 1, 2, 3, 4, are \$16.50  
Trips 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, are \$18.50

Two-week trip fees, if the trip starts during:

First four weeks.....\$29.50  
Next five weeks..... 33.00

The lower rates for the first four trips, are to encourage larger attendance on the early season trips.

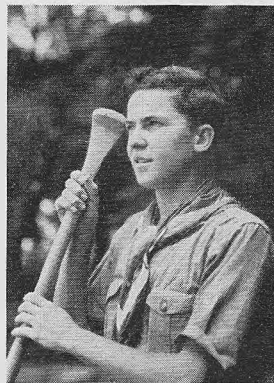
These fees cover the trip, starting at the base. Transportation from Ely to the Base and return, \$1.00 for the round trip.

### HOW TO REGISTER

Scout Councils should make tentative reservations by letter, indicating their preference of dates (trip number) and the probable number who will be in their party. **These tentative reservations will hold this space up to May 1, without deposit or registration fee.**

After May 1, Individual applications with registration fee of \$1.00, or blank deposit of \$1.00 per camper is required to hold space originally requested. Payment of the balance in full should be made at the Region Ten Office, 1112 Minnesota Bldg., St. Paul, Minn., ten days prior to the starting date of your trip.

**REGION TEN CANOE TRAILS APPLICATION BLANK**  
**MAIL TO YOUR LOCAL SCOUT OFFICE**



Your Council office  
 will forward to:  
 Region Ten  
 Boy Scouts of America  
 1112 Minnesota Building  
 St. Paul 1, Minnesota

TEAR OFF AND MAIL TODAY

I would like more complete information about Canoe Trip No. \_\_\_\_\_.

OR I enclose \$1.00 for which please register me for the Canoe Trip No. \_\_\_\_\_.

On dates \_\_\_\_\_

OR I enclose entire Fee herewith ☐

I Plan to travel to the Base by Train ☐ Arriving Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bus ☐ Hour \_\_\_\_\_  
 Auto ☐

My Scout Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Camps I have attended \_\_\_\_\_

Merit Badges Held: Swimming ☐ Lifesaving ☐ Canoeing ☐ Cooking ☐

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' APPROVAL FOR SCOUTS**

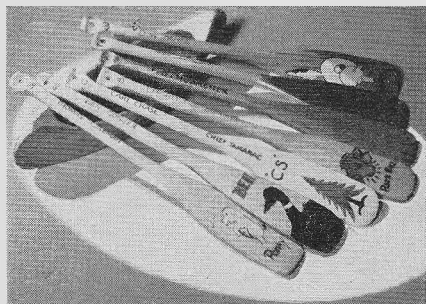
We, the parents or guardians of the above-named Scout have acquainted ourselves with the Canoe Trails thru the information sent out by your office, and thru our Council Office. We recognize that every precaution will be taken for the safety and protection of those going on trips and therefore we assume responsibility for our son's attendance. To assist further in his proper protection, we agree to assume full responsibility for any necessary medical attention in his behalf other than First Aid.



Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent or guardian

Scoutmaster's Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Council Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Executive



## Register Your PADDLE BRAND!

The Region Ten Canoe Trails keeps an official Record of Brands at the BASE LODGE. Anyone who has been at the Base may register his personal Brand. Samples of Brands already registered are pictured above.



## The Official TRAILS EMBLEM

is presented to all Scouts and Scouters who complete a Trip. It is a very beautiful Emblem to be worn on the right pocket of your uniform.

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