

1923 TWENTY-FIFTH SEASON 1948

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HIGH ADVENTURE

ON THE

REGION TEN CANOE TRAILS

25 YEARS  
OF  
GROWTH



25 YEARS  
OF  
ADVENTURE

SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR

AT THE

CHARLES L. SOMMERS

WILDERNESS CANOE BASE

TRAILS IN THE

SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST (U.S.A.) - QUETICO PROVINCIAL PARK (CANADA)

REGION TEN  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
238 MINNESOTA BLDG.  
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

## THE CANOE BASE

In 1948 your Senior Scouts have four optional methods of using the Region Ten Canoe Base which is located where the Canoe Trails begin - at the end of the road - on Moose Lake, 22 miles north-east of Ely, Minnesota, just two hours by canoe from the Canadian Border - in the Wilderness Area.

Over the years the facilities for outfitting Senior Scout Canoe Trips have become the best. Here is where great adventure begins.

### PURPOSE

The Region Ten Canoe Base is operated so as to be a part of your Local Council Camping Opportunities for Senior Scouts. In other words, the Base is part of your Program for Senior Scouts. Once you make reservations, you can promote the Canoe Trips as a part of your over-all camping facilities.

The Staff is on hand for one purpose only - to assist your Seniors in having the best possible satisfactory experience in a wilderness area entirely different than any other section of North America, or the world.

### COUNCIL ORGANIZED GROUPS

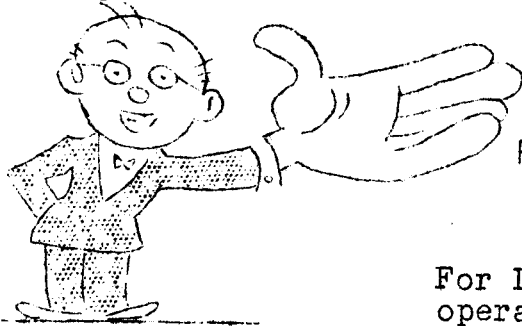
Because the Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base is part of your Local Council Camping Program, Region Ten accepts reservations only from the Local Council - through the Scout Executive.

You reserve the amount of space you believe you can fill. We will not accept individual applications, and Senior Scouts may make these trips only as members of The Local Council's group.



## FOUR PLANS FOR OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

In order to further adapt the Region Ten Canoe Base to fit your Local Council Adventure needs for Senior Scouts, the following four plans are offered:



### PLAN ONE

#### FOR INDEPENDENT COUNCIL CONDUCTED TRIPS

For Local Councils wishing to organize and operate their own Canoe Trips, supplying their own leadership, their own guides, their own equipment, except canoes, and assuming responsibility for their own preparation.

These trips start on July 5th, July 7th, July 9th and July 11th. You determine the length of your trip keeping in mind that trips starting July 5th and July 7th must be back at the Base by July 16th, and trips starting July 9th and 11th must be back at the Base by July 20th (see details on schedule sheet).

Longer trips can be scheduled under special arrangements with the Region Ten Office and will be lengthened through an earlier starting date.

#### Under Plan One -

1. The Region Ten Base will be used for preparation and as a starting and returning place.

2. Dehydrated foods may be purchased at low cost. These foods will be: white potatoes, sweet potatoes, beets, tomatoes, onions, carrots, eggs, milk, ration bars, hard tack, spaghetti and soup mixes. All other supplies you will purchase in town or bring from home.

3. All crews will plan to spend at least five daylight hours at the Base. Scout Groups must conform to certain practices and procedures in this Wilderness Area, and we have an obligation to Canadian and American Officials to "brief" you in these practices.

4. All crews will recondition rented equipment upon return to the Base. Charges will be made for rented equipment damaged beyond normal wear and tear, and for lost Base equipment.

5. You are obligated to select very high-grade leadership for your crews. These men should be experienced campers, canoeists and woodsmen. They must be adults. They should know Scout Camping. They should have exceptional leadership ability and be able to carry on amid wilderness conditions, probable days of disagreeable weather and rough portages. They should be good. They will not be on a picnic or an overnight camp. Make these your standards of selection. It will pay well.

6. Cost - To keep this fine Canoe Base open for you under this Plan, we must have some revenue to cover the six-man staff needed, plus other general maintenance costs.

Our only means of securing this revenue is through rental of canoes or an overhead charge.

Therefore we give you a choice:

Bring your own canoes and pay a charge of \$3.00 per person to help cover our costs, or

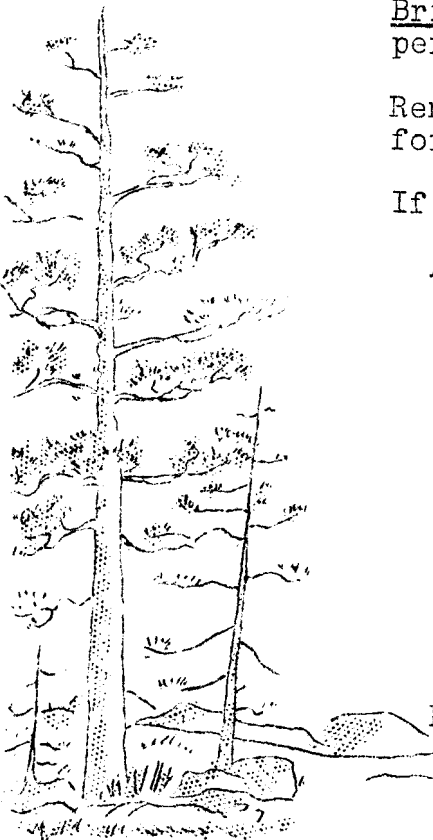
Rent our canoes and pay no additional charge except for meals and lodging at the Base as noted below -

If canoes are rented from us, here are the rates:

- A. Crew of 6 - 2 canoes for \$4.00 per day
- Crew of 7 - 3 canoes for \$6.00 per day
- Crew of 8 - 3 canoes for \$6.00 per day
- Crew of 9 - 3 canoes for \$6.00 per day
- Crew of 10 - 4 canoes for \$8.00 per day

Note: These are minimum canoe requirements. You may rent additional canoes at \$2.00 per day if you desire.

- B. Three meals and overnight sleeping accomodations, use of Base facilities including Finn Bath, maps, guidebooks, emblem, staff help in preparation - \$2.75 per person.



Example: Cost computation you can use to guide you in arriving at your probable trip cost if canoes are rented from the Base.

Crew of 6 on a seven-day trip (inc. a day at the Base)

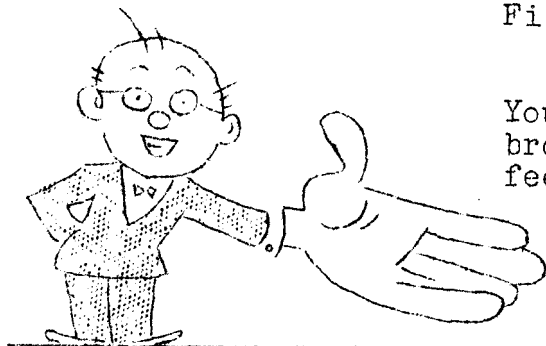
1.	2 Canoes @ \$4.00 a day times 6 days ...	\$24.00
2.	Three meals at the Base, overnight sleeping accomodations, use of Base facilities, maps, guidebooks, staff assistance, emblems. 6 times \$2.75 ...	\$16.50
3.	Food cost on Trails (estimated) \$1.25 per person - or \$7.50 times 6 days .....	<u>\$45.00*</u>
	Total cost of trip .....	\$85.50
	Cost per person from Base and return (1 wk)....	\$14.25
	Cost per person per day .....	\$ 2.04

\* You may be in a position to save money on this item.

C. Other Costs:

Meals enroute    Transportation  
Fishing license    Tent rental (if needed)  
Pack rental (if needed)

Your savings would be a little more if you brought your own canoes and paid the \$3.00 fee.



PLAN TWO  
SEVEN DAY TRIPS

Trips beginning July 13th, July 25th, August 1st and August 8th, are all-expense seven-day trips, in response to many requests for one-week trips.

The seven-day trips include five full days and nights on the Canoe Trails.

The Base supplies Guide Service, canoes, tents, packs, cooking gear, food - everything except sleeping gear and personal articles.

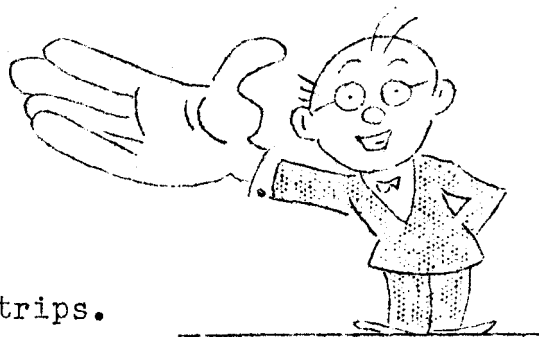
Cost - for seven days at the Base and on the Trails..\$20.00

Other Costs - Meals enroute, to the Base and to home, transportation enroute, fishing license.

PLAN THREE

TEN DAY TRIPS

Trips beginning July 21st, July 28th, August 4th, August 11th and August 15th are ten-day all-expense trips.

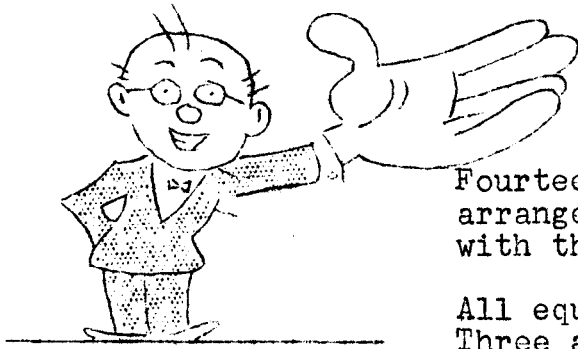


All equipment and services of Plan Two are included in ten-day trips.

Eight full days and nights on the Canoe Trails.

Cost - for ten days at the Base and on the trails... \$27.50

Other costs - Meals enroute, to Base and to home, transportation enroute, fishing license.



## PLAN FOUR FOURTEEN DAY TRIPS

Fourteen day all-expense trips can be arranged through special correspondence with the Region Ten Office.

All equipment and services of Plans Two and Three are included in the fourteen-day trips.

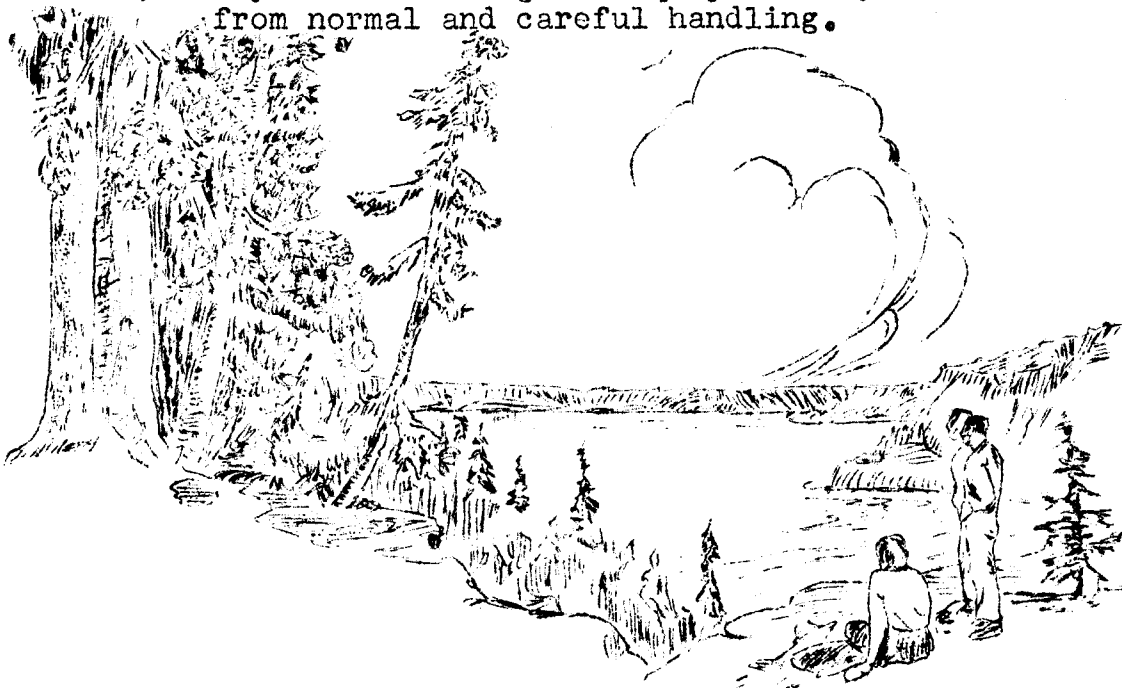
Twelve full days and nights on the Trail.

Cost - for fourteen days at the Base and on the Trail..\$38.50

Other cost. - Meals enroute to the Base and to home, transportation enroute, fishing license.

### GENERAL LOCAL COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL TRIPS

1. Selection of QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP  
(see Plan One, Paragraph 5)
2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS for all persons, with a recheck made within 24 hours of departure from home base.  
  
NOTE: No exceptions can or will be made. Persons without physical examinations will have to pay the cost of a 44 mile trip to a Doctor, and the charges made by the Doctor for an Examination.
3. PARTICIPATION in a Training Program at the Base.
4. Reconditioning of equipment after returning to the Base.
5. Payment for damage to equipment beyond that resulting from normal and careful handling.



## PLAN ONE

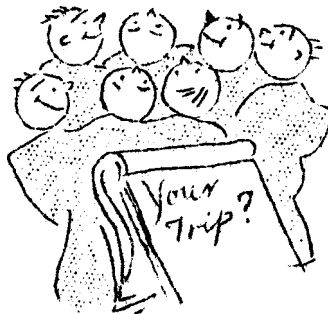
<u>TRIP NO.</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>ON TRAIL</u>	<u>RETURN</u>	<u>TO HOME BY</u>
1	July 5th		By July 16th	
2	" 7th		" " 16th	
3	" 9th		" " 20th	
4	" 11th		" " 20th	

## PLANS TWO & THREE

<u>TRIP NO.</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u> <u>2-4 P.M.</u>	<u>ON THE TRAIL</u> <u>BY 3 P.M.</u>	<u>RETURN</u> <u>AFTER LUNCH</u>	<u>TO HOME</u> <u>BY 10 A.M.</u>
5	July 18th	July 19th	July 24th	July 25th
6	" 21st	" 22nd	" 30th	" 31st
7	" 25th	" 26th	" 31st	Aug. 1st
8	" 28th	" 29th	Aug. 6th	" 7th
9	Aug. 1st	Aug. 2nd	" 7th	" 8th
10	" 4th	" 5th	" 13th	" 14th
11	" 8th	" 9th	" 14th	" 15th
12	" 11th	" 12th	" 20th	" 21st
13	" 15th	" 16th	" <del>21st</del> 24	" <del>22nd</del> 25

## PLAN FOUR

14-day trips - By special arrangements with Region Ten Office.



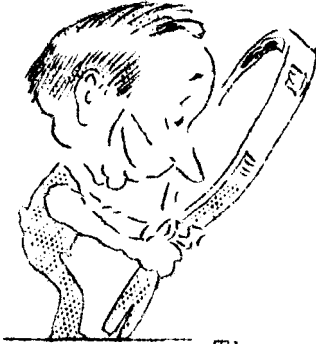
## LIMITED TO SIXTY PLUS LEADERS - APPROXIMATELY TEN IN EACH CREW

On the schedule outlined, there will be crews on the trails at all times, and a different group will be coming to or leaving the Base nearly every day of the week.

For efficient use of the equipment, and because our Staff will want to give the greatest possible attention to each individual and to each crew, we must limit each trip to approximately sixty Senior Scouts - plus their leaders and our Staff.

## TEN SENIOR SCOUTS MAKE AN IDEAL CREW

Long experience on the Canoe Trails has proven that ten Senior Scouts and a leader is the ideal crew size which should travel for comfort, convenience and most efficient use of the equipment which is issued to each crew. Plan your Council Group in Units of ten if at all possible, though eight to twelve is acceptable.



## COMPETENT LEADERS REQUIRED

Again we list qualifications for your guidance - because we know from past experience the type of man you should have with each crew of Senior Scouts.

The man should be an experienced Camper and canoe man. He must be an adult. He should know Scout Camping at its best. He should have exceptional leadership ability and should be able to carry on 'mid flies, mosquitos, rain and tough portages. No picnic camper will do.

Each crew should have such a man. It will pay off in the end.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED

Sixty-five to eighty-five pound canoes, sixty pound packs (some of them), steep portages, rocky portages, swampy portages, long portages, sleeping on rocks, paddling against the wind for three or four hours - all these demand the best physical condition. The trails are not all as hard as pictured, but every trail has some of these obstacles.

The young man in top physical condition will enjoy his trip and carry his share of the load. Those of you who have made a canoe trip in this country will agree with this.

No person should be permitted to leave home without a physical examination showing him to be in top condition. No person will be permitted on the trails without a physical examination.

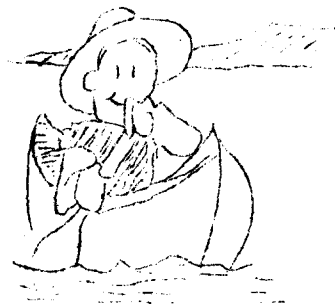


## GUIDE SERVICE-TRIPS 5-13

As in 1947, we are employing only Adult Guides for the 1948 Season - men who are well-qualified to do a constructive and intelligent job of instructing and guiding.

A guide will be assigned to each crew on Trips 5-13, but in no way will the Guide relieve the Council Leader of his responsibility.

The Guide's job is to assist the Crew - through the Leader - to have a swell trip. He knows the country, its history, camping techniques of this country and numerous other things that make for a grand experience.



## RESERVE DESIRED SPACE NOW

1. Make a tentative reservation now for your Local Council, requesting a block of spaces in trips desired. Use the attached form. Be sure to state 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. No reservation fees required nor are names required.

2. No reservation fees will be required from you until June 1st - except in case some other Council desires the space you have reserved and they have offered to pay a reservation fee guaranteeing them such space.

In such instance, we will write you giving you the option to pay a \$5.00 non-refundable reservation fee or to release the space you tentatively reserved.

Under no circumstances will we request any Council to release space prior to April 1st.

If at that time you do not wish to pay the reservation fee, we will expect you to release the space and we will reserve for you, on your request, other space open at the closest available dates.

3. If on June 1st, the space is still being held for you on a tentative basis, you will then be expected to pay a \$5.00 non-refundable reservation fee.

This June 1st date has been based on the assumption that Councils know by this date whether they will successfully fill their reserved space for the Canoe Trip.

At this time adjustments downward may be made and adjustments upward if space is available in the same trip.

4. The balance of the total fee is payable at the Canoe Base.



## ABOUT JOINING WITH ANOTHER COUNCIL

Though you may not organize a group with your own adult leader - you may have a few Senior Scouts who want to make a Canoe Trip. We suggest that you arrange with a neighboring Council Executive to have these young men join their group from start to finish.

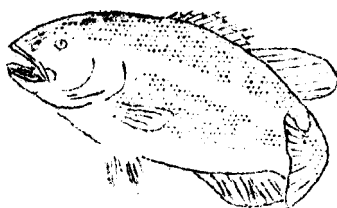
The Region Ten Office will, upon request, give you information regarding Councils which have reservations.

## TRANSPORTATION

Each Council will be responsible for the transportation of its own group from home to the Canoe Base. We feel that most groups will be traveling by car or special bus, which is the best means of travel to the Base. Those traveling by train or commercial bus to Ely will be furnished transportation from Ely to the Canoe Base and return for \$1.00 per person.

## FISHING LICENSES

Canadian fishing license is now \$2.00 for Senior Scouts and \$5.50 for adults



Minnesota non-resident license for all persons is \$3.00.

We are going to continue to do our utmost to make the Region Ten Canoe Base Trips outstanding in every respect. Not only will equipment be improved, but more important, we will serve you to the best of our ability and operate strictly in accord with the Camping Policy of our Movement, and provide a very competent Staff of high-grade adult leaders.

## PROMOTION AIDS FOR YOUR USE

1. We suggest that you channel all efforts into a single trip. Instead of having eight in one trip, ten in another and nine in still another trip, concentrate your efforts in a single trip. You then gain the enthusiasm of numbers. Recruit Units first, then individuals.
2. The three. COLOR MOVIES of the Canoe Trails are available from the Regional Office on request. These 16 mm movies are excellent for showing at Order of the Arrow Meetings, Senior Leaders Training Course, District Roundtables, and at Post, Ship, or Squadron Meetings.
3. COLOR SLIDES, 2X2 are available on request.
4. MAPS of the Canoe Country are available for distribution in reasonable amounts upon request.

5. Make use of Senior Scouts and men who have been on the Canoe Trails. This is one of your most potent selling aids.

6. Regional Office Personnel is available for meeting with Senior Units, Training Courses, and District and Council Meetings. We will help you fill your space.

7. Tourist and scenic folders are available for your use.

8. After the first of February, 1948, broadsides will be available for distribution to Senior Units and Senior Scouts in Troops.

NOTE: When requesting films, slides or personnel, please give as much advance notice as possible, listing first, second, and third choice of dates wanted.

### SUMMARY

1. Only Senior Scouts will qualify for such trips.
2. Only groups organized by the Local Council are accepted.
3. Groups must provide their own qualified adult leaders who are responsible for each crew.
4. Each group provides its own transportation.
5. Make application on the attached form being sure to state first, second, and third choice of dates desired.

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