

1110 Beltrami Ave.
Bemidji, Minnesota
May 1, 1944

Copies to:

Dr. Rynearson ✓
Charles Sommers
Dudley Fitz

K. G. Bents
Boy Scouts of America
1112 Minnesota Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear K:

In view of the fact that I am in a specialized branch in Scouting in which there is a smaller chance of advancement and in which prevailing salaries are less than in the regular Executive brackets, I would like to ask for \$2600 (annual rate) starting June first. Also a definite vacation time worked out and a definite arrangement as to my moving expenses which has come pretty much out of my own pocket in the past.

My reasons for asking for this amount are as follows:

1. I feel I should be worth that much to the Region both from my experience along these lines and of the great responsibility I accept in running the canoe base.
2. I have taken into account that I have accepted a specialized line in Scouting which offers less of a future as far as money is concerned than in regular lines of Scouting and therefore have just that much longer time to work to build up security for my family for the future.
3. I am willing to accept the not-too-certain future of the canoe base as far as financial circumstances are concerned, which ^{should} be worth something.

I am willing to play the game ^{WITH} those involved in the direction of the canoe base and wait and hope for the best and will work hard for it's future success of which I am optimistic.

In looking toward whatever is in the cards for me for next fall, I hope some definite plan as far as possible can be worked out so that I can plan on Martha's school next fall. She'll be in the second grade. In the past she has missed most of her first month in school because of my moving late in September. In first grade this didn't matter much but from now on it will make more difference. Soon there will be two in school.

Sincerely yours,

Hed Ludlow

Canoe Base

1122 $\frac{1}{2}$ MINNESOTA AVENUE
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 3, 1942

DEAR K -

NO DOUBT THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS TO SOLVE CONCERNING NEXT SUMMERS' CAMPING PROGRAMS. HERE IS A PROGRAM WHICH I HAVE JUST AS A SUGGESTION WHICH IS NOT COMPLETE, STILL LEAVES MANY PROBLEMS UNSOLVED, MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE AT ALL BUT AT LEAST IS AN ATTEMPT TO OFFER SOME IDEAS.

ASSUMING THAT THE AQUATIC COURSE CANNOT BE HELD AND THAT THE REGULAR EAGLE TRAIL IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. COMBINING THESE INTO ONE WHICH IS CALL NEITHER NOR A SUBSTITUTE FOR EITHER BUT A REAL EXPERIENCE FOR SENIOR SCOUTS. POSSIBLY THE CANOE TRIPS SHOULD START A LITTLE LATER THAN USUAL AND THIS PROGRAM PRECEDE IT.

THERE WOULD BE A FEE LOW ENOUGH SO THAT ANYONE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT AND YET HIGH ENOUGH TO COVER MOST OF AT LEAST THE FOOD COSTS. THE STAFF MIGHT BE HARRY BARTELT, LES NELL, PARLEY TUTTLE, CARL CHASE, HARRALD ALVORD, BEN CONGER, ETC. NOT ALL OF THESE BUT THREE OR FOUR - WHOEVER MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. OF COURSE LEW HALL AND/OR FRED MILLS IS POSSIBLE.

THE SCOUTS WOULD ARRIVE AT ELY AT A GIVEN DATE. ONE CAR AND TRAILER WOULD MEET THEM. THERE WOULD BE PACKSACKS FROM THE CANOE BASE AT HAND AND THE SCOUTS WOULD RE-PACK THEIR THINGS FOR A HIKE USING THE PACKSACKS FOR THEIR VENTURE AND ALL "EXTRAS" WOULD BE PUT IN THE PRIVATE CAR AND TRAILER. THE SCOUTS WOULD HIKE TO THE CANOE BASE TAKING A DAY AND A HALF AT IT. THEY WOULD CAMP OUT ON THE WAY AT A PREARRANGED SPOT WHERE TENTS, ETC., WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

THE PROGRAM AT THE BASE WOULD BE TO WORK AT THE BASE FOUR HOURS A DAY AT DIGGING DITCHES ALONG THE ROAD, PUTTING A LOG "BUMPER FENCE" AROUND THE PARKING AREA, WORK TO IMPROVE THE CAMP GROUND, INSTRUCTION AND ACTUAL WORK AT PAINTING AND REPAIRING CANOES, ACTUALLY RECANVASING ONE FOR ACTUALL EXPERIENCE, SEWING CANVAS, HOLES IN TENTS, GENERAL REPAIR OF PACKSACKS, REOIL THE CANOE BASE BUILDING, MOVE THE CANOE BASE SIGN, BUILD FURNITURE, MAKE ROUGH HIKING TRAILS BACK INTO THE WOODS, ETC. THE REST OF THE DAY WOULD BE ON THE ORDER OF AN AQUATIC COURSE - TOUGH HARD WORK ALL DAY.

CERTAIN SCOUTS INTERESTED WOULD TAKE A SIDE COURSE ON GUIDING. THEY WOULD PREPARE CANOE TRIP-STYLE MEALS EACH TAKING OVER A GROUP OF 8 OR 10 AND FEEDING THEM. THUS THEY WOULD NOT ALL EAT TOGETHER BUT UNDER A "GUIDE" AS A PATROL UNIT. MOST OF THE MEALS BEING PREPARED THUS BUT WITH A FEW GET TOGETHERS WHERE ALL EAT TOGETHER AND HERE ALSO THE "GUIDES" COOKING THE MEALS AS TRAINING FOR THE ACTUAL COOKING WHICH IS DONE AT THE CANOE BASE FOR SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPERS FOR THE SEASON. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE THE NECESSITY OF HIRING A COOK AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE GOOD TRAINING FOR THE SWAMPERS. CANOE TRIPS MIGHT WORK IN ALSO AS AN EXTRA BUT NOT VERY EXTENSIVE EXCEPT FOR THE SWAMPERS. THIS COULD LAST A WEEK OR TEN DAYS WITH AN ADDITIONAL WEEK FOR THOSE IN THE GROUP INTERESTED IN BEING SWAMPERS - THAT IS WITH THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS. THEY WOULD RETURN TO ELY IN THE SAME MANNER. PERHAPS BILL TRYGG COULD BE ADDED TO THE STAFF AND I'M SURE HE WOULD BE GLAD TO FOR CERTAIN DAYS AND HOURS.

PERHAPS A LITTLE AIR SCOUTING COULD BE WORKED IN ON THE SIDE FOR THOSE INTERESTED. SOME SEA SCOUTING AND EXPLORER SCOUTING WITH AN EXTENDED HIKE OVER TO KEKEKOBIC OR SOMETHING. THESE EXTENDED HIKES MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE AS A REGULAR PART OF THE CANOE BASE PROGRAM ALL SUMMER - ONE GROUP GO ON A WEEK'S HIKE INSTEAD OF A CANOE TRIP. INSTEAD OF JUST A CANOE BASE, A SENIOR SCOUT CAMP FOR THE SUMMER WITH ACTIVITIES FOR SEA, AIR, AND EXPLORER SCOUTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER WITH STAFF MEN AT THE BASE ALL SUMMER TO TAKE CARE OF THIS SORT OF A PROGRAM. THUS IT WOULD EXTEND THE USE OF THE CANOE BASE. I THINK IT HAS REAL POSSIBILITIES IN THIS RESPECT. IT SHOULD BE A CAMP AT WHICH SENIOR

SCOUTS COULD ARRIVE ANY TIME THEY WISH AND LEAVE WHEN THEY WISH WITH A HIKING PROGRAM TO AND FROM TOWN. THUS THERE COULD BE A SPOT IN ELY WHERE THEY COULD PICK UP A BACKSACK ANYTIME OF THE WEEK, REPACK THEIR THINGS, CHECK CERTAIN CLOTHES THEY DIDN'T WANT WITH THEM, AND HIKE OUT TO THE BASE. I THINK THIS COULD BE ARRANGED WITH THE WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS OR SOMEONE.

THE CHARLES L. SOMMERS CANOE BASE - A SENIOR SCOUT RENDEZVOUS.

SINCERELY,

HOD



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DR. E. H. RYNEARSON
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

DEAR DR. RYNEARSON:-

I AM PLEASED TO ENCLOSE A COPY OF A LETTER
RECEIVED FROM LUDLOW IN WHICH HE DOES SOME THINK-
ING ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM AT THE
CANOE BASE FOR NEXT SUMMER.

OF COURSE WE CAN MAKE NO DEFINITE DECISIONS
THIS EARLY BUT I THINK HOD HAS MADE A VERY GOOD
SUGGESTION.

CORDIALLY
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ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

DEAR EDDIE:-

MANY THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR CANOE
BASE LAUNDRY. THE PACKAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND
WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

CORDIALLY,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

KENNETH G. BENTZ
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

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1122 $\frac{1}{2}$ Minnesota Avenue,
Bemidji, Minnesota,
October 21, 1942.

K. G. Bentz,
1112 Minnesota Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear K:-

Left here last Thursday morning for the canoe base. I was pretty sure that all the men who had worked for me from Ely had other jobs and that it would be hard to find anyone there so I went to Cook and found Frank Bowen, a man who was on the job there all last winter at the base, and he was glad to get the chance to go over to see the place again. I stopped in Ely to try and find one of the fellows I knew for extra help so as to be sure and get the job done that weekend but they were all busy as I had thought. It later turned out that we didn't need any of them anyway.

We had the tools all lined up and ready for work on Friday morning. Worked Friday about twelve hours from day light 'till dark and Saturday from daylight 'till about 2:00 p.m. and finished the job.

Upon arriving at Ely, no keys from you. We went out to the base and I remembered of one window in the whole building that did not have a catch on the inside and that was upstairs so, being we had lots of tools with us, we did a nice job of taking off the shutter, removing the tacks out of the screen and opening the window and getting in without damaging anything. If it hadn't been for that particular window not having a catch on it however, I'm afraid we would have slept outside unless we damaged something.

I had heard that Bill Trygg was working out that way at the Forestry office so that evening I went over to Deer Trail Lodge and phoned into town to ask Bill if he would see if I had any mail the next morning and if so if he would bring it out the next morning when he came. Mr. Schlecter said he was going to town the next morning and would also look for the mail. I also asked him to pick me up some mouse poison. Trygg came out and no mail for me so Friday night we drove over to Deep Trail Lodge to see if he had had any luck but he had none but we got the mouse poison. When I arrived here at Bemidji the keys were here.

Got along just as well though and we put up a gate that matches the building using big logs and I think it looks much better than some make-shift gate which might have been okay to serve it's purpose but I think this one does a little more than that. Bill Trygg came out and saw the finished job and gave his okay on it and I asked him if it would be okay to move our sign up in front of the gate next spring and he agreed that was the place for it.

We couldn't put the gate in on top of the hill as it was impossible to dig on account of ledge so we moved it about half way down the hill (away from the base toward the "Dead end Road" sign - about half way between that sign and the top of the hill.) and with permission to move our sign up in front of the gate it will give us that much more land of our own for privacy and furthermore stop cars from even getting on top of the hill to see the base cuilding itself and will enable us to tare down the "Dead end" sign which wasn't so hot anyway.

I got a couple of shots of the gate and also a couple more around there and will send them to you when I get them back which shouldn't be long from now.

I bought \$1.75 worth of 12 inch spikes in Ely but we didn't use half of them so we are ahead a little for other log work on the parking lot when we might not be able to get the 12 inch spikes as they are getting hard to get.

The gate is locked and I have the keys. Advise me on what you want done with these and the ones you sent to me.

Will draw a little sketch of what the gate was like. We slept and ate right at the base and our grocery bill is enclosed.

I tried to keep down expenses but it cost enough at that but I think it's worth it.

Sincerely,

(signed)

HOD J. LUDLOW

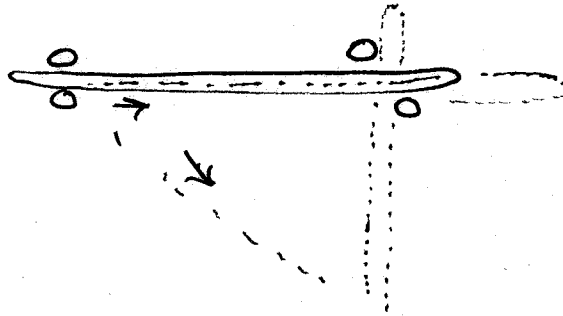
P.S.

Grocery bill \$1.19 enclosed but I cannot find another for \$1.09 for butter and cold meat.

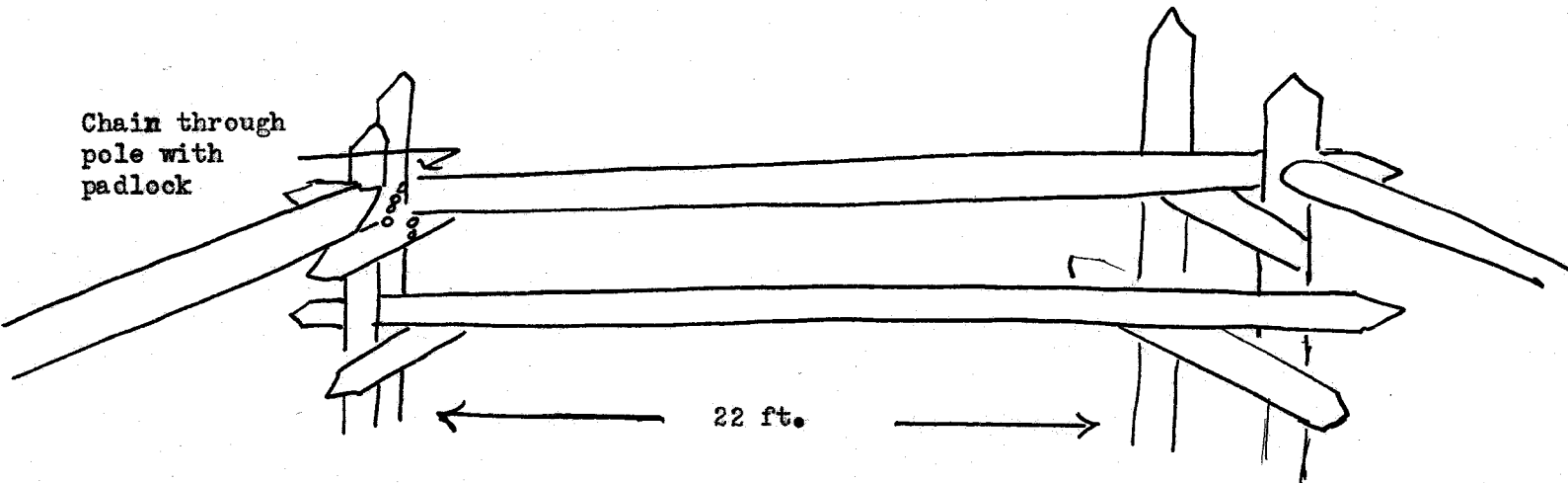
The mouse poison was purchased by Mr. Schlochter of Deer Trail Lodge and he did not get a receipt for it.

Dr. Rynearson and his gang evidently swept up all the mouse seed which I had spread on the floor so I had to get more.

TOP VIEW (to open)



Chain through
pole with
padlock



Hal Hamilton

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

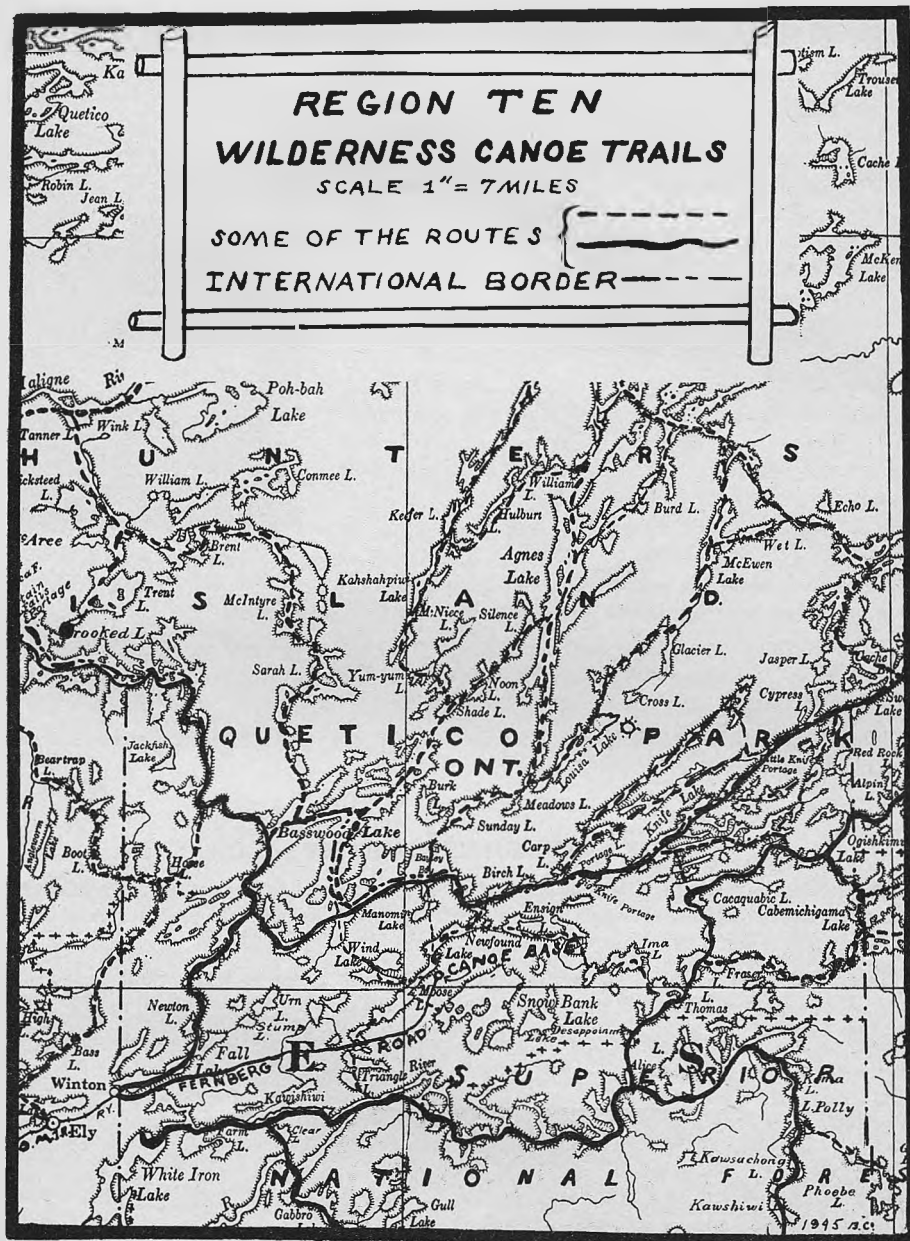
Scouter or older Scout who travels with the party, assisting with the cooking, instructing in packing and portaging, a man who knows the trails.

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."

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ADVENTURE BOUND





This map shows a small section of the canoe country surrounding the Canoe Base on Moose Lake. Ely and Winton are in the lower left-hand corner. Winton is at the end of the Railway, the canoe base is at the end of the road. The heavy line along the Canadian Border is the ancient route of the fur traders, the "Voyageurs Highway."

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.

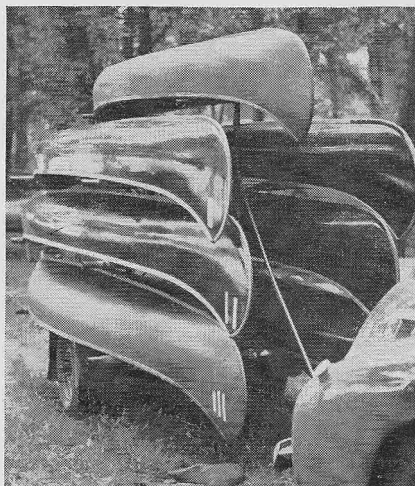


HOW DO WE GET TO THE CANOE BASE?

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.



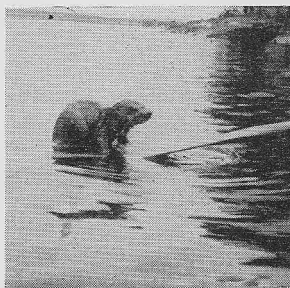
"FISH FOR SUPPER"

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.

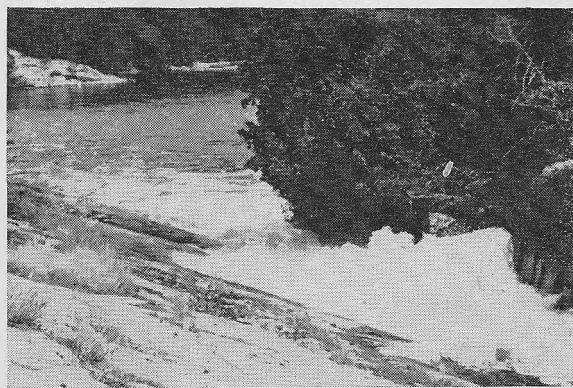
The personal gear which you will need to bring with you is indicated below. Weight is a factor in making up your list, so—"Remember the Portages, and keep your Pack light."



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.

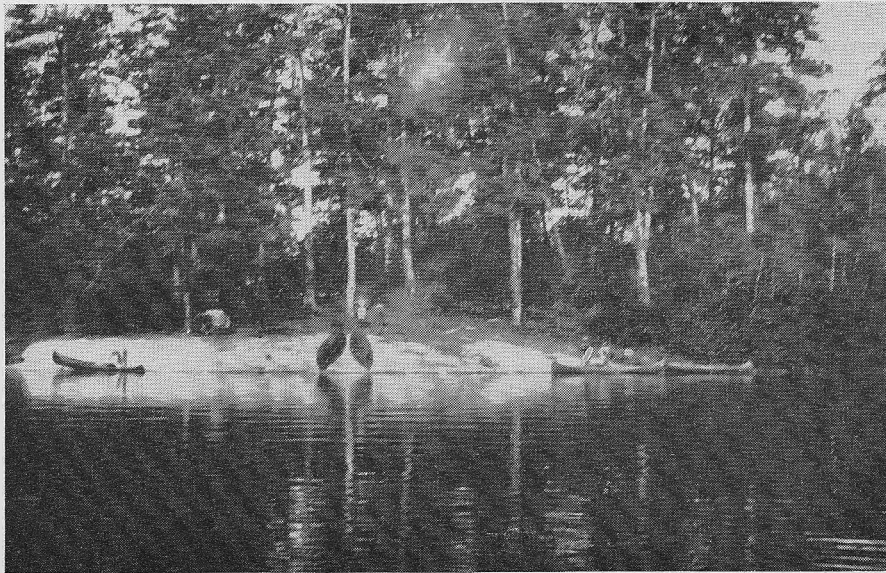
On your way from Ely to the Base, stop at the Immigration office at the end of the road on the point at the north end of the Village of Winton. Every member of your party must register. If neglected, it means a 40 mile drive from the base before you begin your trip. There is no fee for registering, but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

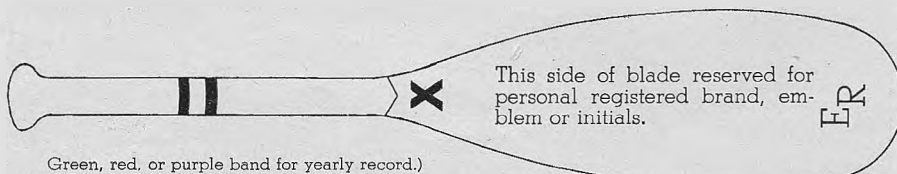
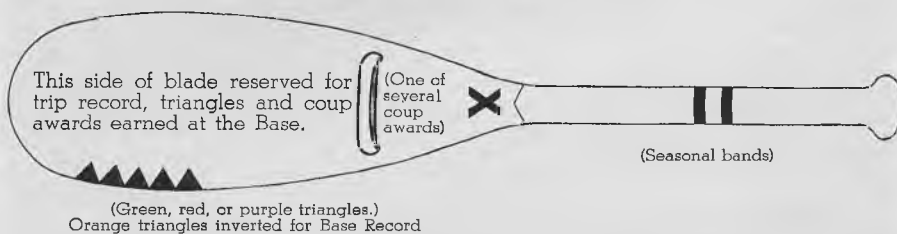
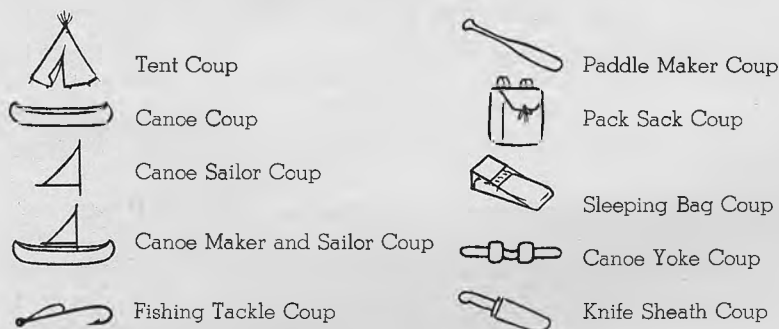
Daily record: For each full day (24 hours) on the trails, a green $1\frac{1}{2}$ " triangle; a red triangle for five days, a purple one for ten days. (See the diagram below.)

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 post 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, Dad and Sons Trip , runs
Trip No. 2—July 8 to 14.	from August 5 to August 11.
Trip No. 3—July 15 to 21.	Trip No. 7—Aug. 12 to Aug. 18.
Trip No. 4—July 22 to 28.	Trip No. 8—Aug. 19 to Aug. 25.
Trip No. 5—July 29 to Aug. 4.	Trip No. 9—Aug. 26 to Sept. 1.
	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.

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

TEAR OFF AND MAIL TODAY

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 ☐ _____
 Auto ☐ Hour _____

My Scout Rank _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Scout Camps I have attended_____

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

Signed _____

Address _____

PARENTS' APPROVAL FOR SCOUTS

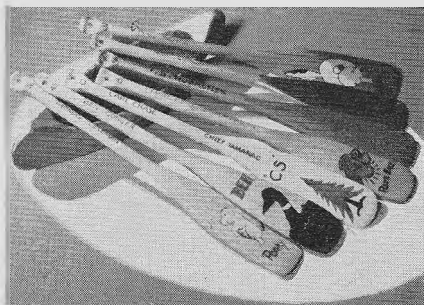
We, the parents or guardians of the above-named Scout have acquainted ourselves with the Canoe Trails thru the information sent out by your office, and thru our Council Office. We recognize that every precaution will be taken for the safety and protection of those going on trips and therefore we assume 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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