

REGION TEN

WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS

RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

NAME	JOHNSON, DWAIN
ADDRESS	112 Linden Drive, Albert Lea, Minnesota.
COUNCIL	Cedar Valley
DATE OF TRIP	August 9 - 22, 1943.
GUIDE	Ben Conklin

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	
GOLD	Gold Paddle Awarded by Ludlow - 1943.
SILVER	Silver Paddle Awarded through Regional Office - 11/26/43

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CHARLES L. SOMMERS
WILDERNESS
CANOE BASE



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New
Silver Paddle*

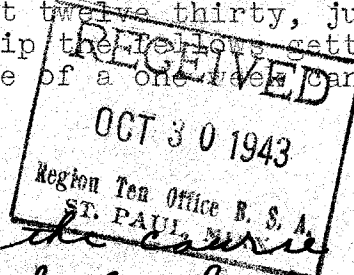
Story of canoe trip nine, July 28, to Aug. 3, 1943, as written by
Dewain Johnson.

As Hod was down to Itasca park we had a rather hard time getting the fellows out to the base, all at the same time and ready to leave the twenty-eighth. But owing to the assistance of one of the fellows who drove up we finally got all six of them out here and in readiness for the trip the next day.

There were, in the party, two from Fulda, Minn.; Bob Johnson and Dick Swanson; two from Waseca, Minn.; John and Bill Patton; one from Hibbing, Minn.; Joe Novack; and one from Fairmont, Minn.; Dick Niss. Vic Lynne was the guide and Al Schumman and Dewain Johnson were swamper.

We decided up Ensign and Vera to Knife, Then up the south arm of Knife and through Hanson and Ester to Cache Bay, Then down the Thisman Thatman route to Emerald and finally down the border route home.

The first day out we did well (having four canoes), when we went fairly uneventfully to the end of the south arm of Knife Lake. That night, after making a new camp site atop a hill across the bay from the portage, we could see Akekabic lookout tower reflected, as if a light-bulb were in it, by the last rays of the setting sun. The next day we reached Sagangons having come through Cache Bay when the Canadian ranger was in town. We also had a good mess of fish as they had caught some in the falls that afternoon. The next day we made it down to Emerald lake and there laid over a day and read, fished, and etc. Then the next day upon finding a new route through several potholes to Knife lake we took it rather than go way up to Plough lake and back down. The last night we camped on skull point in Newfound lake and had fish having caught some in the rapids in the border route. The next morning bright and early, about ten o'clock we ate and finally pulled out for the base at eleven. We got in about twelve thirty, just in time for dinner. All in all it was a good trip the fellows setting pictures and fishing in along with the adventure of a one week canoe trip.



Dewain Johnson

I have, in the course of the last two years, done several good turns to the forestry Dept. of both the United States and Canada. One of these to Minnesota was helping to put out a lightning fire several miles from camp.

another was cleaning + working the Flash Lake portage.
One to the Canadian was making + blazing the North
Bay to West Lake portage besides cleaning up in-
numerable camp sites as is the policy of the boy
scout rider.

Dewain has made + used a packsack, and
common materials, tho has proved satisfactory
to camping needs).

Mrs. Harvey Johnson

I have participated in two canoe trips last
year (1942) in August and worked as a swimmer
this summer on many trips.
(1943)

Dewain Johnson

I hold the various merit badges listed + have
passed the mystery test on Mr. Judson's
signature shows.

Dewain Johnson

CHAS. L. SOMMERS CANOE BASE PADDLE AWARDS

A Bronze, Gold, and Silver Paddle (a real canoe paddle) is awarded to any registered Scout or Scouter who successfully meets the following requirements:

BRONZE PADDLE

1. Participate in at least one one-week trip from our base.
2. Submit at least three clear photos (or drawings) taken or made by yourself on the trip, showing something of real interest which we may use as we see fit.
3. Submit a story, diary, or log, of the trip taken - or submit a printed news article of the trip written by yourself from some newspaper or magazine.
4. Be able to identify the following with ease:
 - Four trees best suited for lumber.
 - Two trees used in the building of canoes. (both primitive and modern)
 - Three woods best suited for the making of canoe paddles.
 - Four of the best woods for camp fire cooking.
 - Four edible fruits in the woods.
 - Four common plants.
 - What tree might be used for improvised shelters? for beds? for pot hooks?
5. Make a satisfactory pot hook and put it to use while on the trip.
6. Take part in a definite clean-up project of some dirty campsite left by others.

GOLD PADDLE - after winning the Bronze Paddle:

1. Complete a second Canoe Trip, preferably a two-week Trip or a minimum of two one-week periods on the Trail.
2. Submit at least three additional acceptable photos taken (or drawings) made on your trip.
3. Submit a satisfactory Log or Diary of your second trip.
4. Guide your group over unknown territory, using a map, and compass for a period of one day with little or no help from the Guide.
5. Plan and cook at least one meal for your group under the supervision of the Guide.
6. Make a 500 word report on "The Voyageur's Highway" by Grace Nute.

SILVER PADDLE - after winning the Gold Paddle:

1. Participate in two different seasons of the canoe trips. Participate in three weeks of canoe trips of which at least twelve days must have been continuous. In other words, a minimum of one two-week trip and two one-week trips in two different seasons.
2. Submit a satisfactory story of your canoe trip, illustrated with three or more photos (or drawings).
3. Report on some good deed to the State of Minnesota United States Forest Service or the Province of Ontario while on the canoe trip, involving Conservation and Forestry.
4. Make and use on a canoe trip, at least two of the following pieces of equipment: Paddle, sleeping bag, tent, or packsack.
5. Hold Merit Badges in the following subjects: Canoeing, Swimming, Life Saving, First Aid and Cooking.
6. Pass the "Mystery Test" of the Wilderness Camper. - (a secret)

Date _____

Boy Scouts of America
Region Ten,
1112 Minnesota Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Please Print

I hereby apply for the

SILVER PADDLE Award

I have completed all requirements for this award (see evidence attached).

My height is 5' 8".

Scout or Seoutor Bernard Johnson

Address 218 So. Main Street Fairmont, Minn.

Approved by Guide Hod Ludlow

Approved by Director Hod Ludlow

Approved by Scout Executive Les V. Mc Carthy

COUNCIL Cedar Valley council

NOVEMBER 12, 1943

MR. DEWAIN JOHNSON
112 LINDEN DRIVE
FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

DEAR DEWAIN:-

APPARENTLY EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER FOR
YOUR SILVER PADDLE AWARD. IF YOU WILL RETURN
THE PADDLE, WHICH YOU RECEIVED THIS SUMMER,
BY PARCEL POST OR EXPRESS, WE WILL HAVE IT
ENTIRELY REPAINTED WITH ALL OF YOUR INSIGNIA.

CORDIALLY,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

KENNETH G. BENTZ
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

Dwain Johnson states he passed both the Bronze and Gold paddle on two seperate trips that he took last summer.

He has given me this material and is wondering if it cannot go through for his Gold Paddle. He would like to start working on his Silver Paddle now.

It has raised a question. According to the requirements it reads as though one can get his Bronze and Gold in one year and that it would take two years to get the Silver Paddle. According to his refusal on the gold paddle last year would this mean that it would take three years for anyone to earn their Silver Paddle? The other guides are wondering about this now.

What do you think?

The dock is in.

The Boat + Sail Canoe Bay is in.

Gold Paddle
Awarded by
Juddlow

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July 1

SOMMERS CANOE BASE

PADDLE AWARDS

A Bronze, Gold, and Silver Paddle is available to any Scout or Scouter participating in any Region Ten Canoe Trip, who successfully meets the following requirements.

BRONZE PADDLE

16 - 22 Aug.

1. Submit at least three clear photos taken by yourself on the trips showing something of real interest and submit a story, diary or log of the trip taken or a printed news article of the trip submitted by yourself.
2. Be able to identify the following with ease:
Four trees best suited for lumber.
Two trees used in the building of canoes. (both primitive and modern canoes)
Three trees best suited for the making of canoe paddles.
Four of the best woods for camp fire cooking.
Four eatable fruits in the woods.
What tree might be used for improvised shelters? for beds? for pot hooks?
3. Make a satisfactory pot hook and put it to use while on the canoe trip.
4. Take part in a definite clean-up of some dirty campsite left by others.

GOLD PADDLE

Have fulfilled the requirements for the Bronze Paddle and have participated in Region Ten Canoe Trips, a total of 12 days on two or more trips.

Total days 13 Dates 9 - 22 Aug.

1. Send in at least three clear photos taken by yourself on the trips showing something of real interest and submit a story, diary or log of the trip taken or a printed news article of the trip submitted by yourself.
2. Has "guided" his group over unknown territory using map and compass for a period of one day with little or no help from the guide.
3. Has planned and cooked one meal for his group under supervision of guide.
4. Can identify the kinds of fish found in the Canoe country and give their habits and methods of catching each fish.

SILVER PADDLE

Have fulfilled the requirements for the Bronze and Gold Paddles and have participated in Region Ten Canoe Trips of not less than fifteen days.

Total days 15 Dates 9 - 22 Aug.

1. Send in at least three clear photos taken by yourself on the trips showing something of real interest and submit a story, diary or log of the trip taken or a printed news article of the trip submitted by yourself.
2. Have identified with ease forty different trees and plants and know the commercial value of each and have stated value to animal as well as human life. (attach a list of plants and trees)
3. Report on some good deed to the State of Minnesota while on the canoe trip involving Conservation and Forestry.
4. Pass the "Mystery Test" of a Wilderness Camper.
5. Submit satisfactory written report of the early history uses of the waterway over which the canoeist traveled.

Scout Barbara Johnson Address 112 Linden Drive has
satisfactorily met the requirements (except No. 1 in each case) for the Gold
Paddle Award and has met our approval in matters of Scouting conduct. Date 9

GUIDE B. A. Conklin

DIRECTOR Bob Gubler

COUNCIL Cedar Valley EXECUTIVE
When all items completed, forward to K. G. Bentz, Region Ten Office, 1112 Minn. Bldg.
St. Paul, Minn.

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The Ninth Region Ten Canoe Trip 1942

as written by Dewain Johnson
for Gold Paddle

There were eleven in our party in five canoes, the lake was rather rough but on the whole it was fair travelling. My home town guide Bot Conklin was with us and I helped him as sort of a swamper as he didn't have one. We took our time and when we got to Cousin Feller Creek & I went ahead down Cousin to the portage where we made supper & swam on the sand beach until the rest came.

The second night we went up Frugnier Rod, edge, turn to Glacier. Somebody was in the place across from the island so we went over to where the portage goes to a couple of pot-holes & made camp right on the point a strong wind blowing. We camped about three in the afternoon as we, ~~and~~ Cork & I had to go back to Lake Rod to pick up a rod & reel left there by a boy from Markato.

With the breeze blowing we didn't even think of mosquitoes but thick they were terrible we had to use blankets or netting wouldn't keep them out. Oh yes while Cork and I were gone one boy got stung by hundreds of bees from a dead beehive he was cutting, sick for two days but alright. The ~~place~~

night day we continued up McEwen, West and through the falls to Henry Lake and then to Kawne-Murdoch. Caught the first fish at Cannon Falls. Others followed and we had a good fish fry the night on a small island about half way to the first bend into Agnar. Not so many mosquitoes but all it was, was a big rock sticking up out of the water about fifty by one hundred feet. Two out of the three rods were broken here much to our sorrow because no body but Charlie got any more fish & that was just one in Agnar. Thursday we came by the cabin and down Anahin & Bird and is the East branch of the Agnar river. That afternoon we came by the Indian grave just as you turn into Agnar itself on the right bank. Came down Agnar to an island near where the Silence & Rhode trips come in. There we ate supper & waited for Dick and his bunch which came along about six thirty and we proceeded down Agnar by the light of the full moon. Nothing better, no mosquitoes, coal, colon.

Finally camped at Laura Falls about eleven thirty and had something to eat. The next morning we packed food and ate what a mess, but good, as a result didn't get started until almost eleven. After dinner we split off Dick's bunch took the

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lead as we weren't in a hurry he was. Took a short cut across Sunday Portage & wrote me etc in the rain several fellows looked over for their rods etc left at the station coming through the narrow in Bayley ^{almost} bay ran down two deer swimming to the main land from an island. And we caught up with Tuttle's group & passed. It rained & thundered until ^{after a little} supper & then cleared up nicely camped on ^{Newfound} ~~Sugar~~ right bank & way looking just across from Drills point. Rained again the night & when we got up sure enough a west wind & light ways to escort us home it also rained hard! We were the next to the last group from the bare out cork & I was like heck if you know Dick, & caught up & passed two other parties & almost passed Dick but he had too much of a head start for fun. etc & took some pictures until afternoon when they went to St. John's over & helped clean up some until Monday.

P.S. The best trip I had & good food O! Boy! by Cork.
 E. A. Johnson



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DEWAIN JOHNSON
112 LINDEN DRIVE
FAIRMOUNT, MINNESOTA

DEAR DEWAIN:-

I AM RETURNING HERewith YOUR APPLICATION FOR
CANOE AWARDS WHICH IS INCOMPLETE.

TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BRONZE
PADDLE, YOU WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT THREE GOOD PHOTO-
GRAPHS TAKEN ON THE TRIP. THEN, TOO, ONLY ONE
AWARD CAN BE MADE IN ONE YEAR. NEXT YEAR IF YOU
TAKE A CANOE TRIP, YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE GOLD
PADDLE.

IF YOU SEND THE APPLICATION FOR THE BRONZE
PADDLE WITH THE PICTURES, WE WILL BE GLAD TO SEND
YOUR PADDLE AWARD.

YOURS VERY TRULY,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

KENNETH G. BENTZ
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE



THE SCOUT OATH

On My Honor I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

1. A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY

A scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his scout badge.

2. A SCOUT IS LOYAL

He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his scout leader, his home, and parents and country.

3. A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.

4. A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY

He is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout.

5. A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS

He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

6. A SCOUT IS KIND

He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

7. A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

He obeys his parents, scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.

8. A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL

He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.

9. A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects. He may work for pay but must not receive tips for courtesies or good turns.

10. A SCOUT IS BRAVE

He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear and to stand up for the right against the coaxings of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.

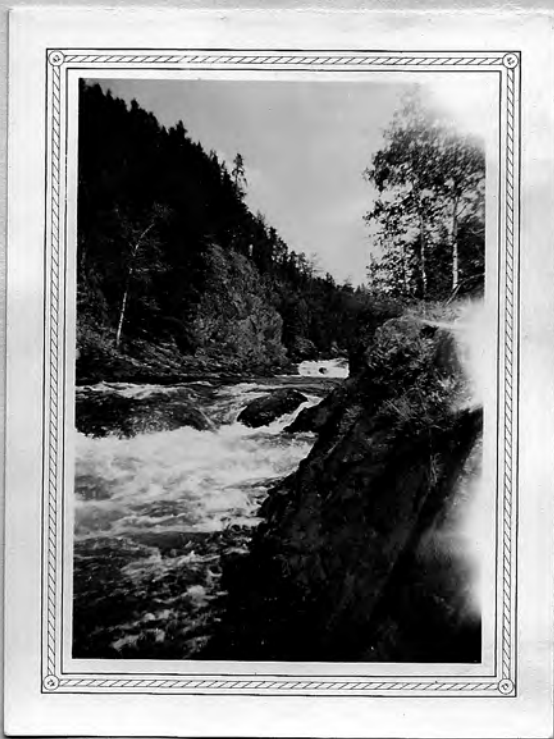
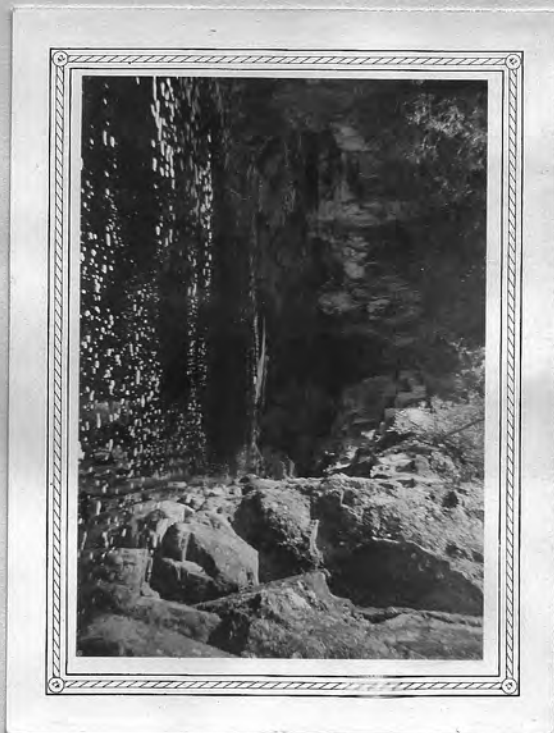
11. A SCOUT IS CLEAN

He keeps clean in body and thought; stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

12. A SCOUT IS REVERENT

He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.





Stewart Johnson