

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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PADDLE AWARDS: DATE
BRONZE 8/8/42 - Through Cornell
GOLD
SILVER

## MY TRIP TO SOMMERS CANOE BASE

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My companion and I left Minneapolis Saturday morning, August 1, 1942, by Greyhound bus for Ely, Minnesota, where we were met by the Scout Director and taken to the lodge on Moose Lake.

It was dark when we reached camp, so that my first impression was left for the morning. We slept in the lodge Saturday, and the next day helped the guides pack for our trip.

We left the base at 8:30 P.M. and for some of us it was our first canoe trip. At 10:30 P.M. we camped on an island on Lake Newfound. The next day we ran into some windy weather on Bayley Bay and one canoe was separated from the rest of the party but we met at the Canadian Ranger Station where we ate lunch and received our travel permits.

After our second portage we saw four deer and one of the party got a picture of them. There were three canoes with six Scouts and a guide on the trip. That night, Monday, we camped on an island in North Bay.

On Tuesday morning we met a party of Scouts from Chicago who were on a two weeks trip, and a few hours later overtook them at our first portage. After four portages we reached Noon Lake where we had lunch. That night we pitched our tents on an island in north Lake Agnes. It rained that night, and again the next day as we traveled south on Lake Agnes to Louisa Falls. We arrived there about noon, had lunch, and decided to camp there a day. That night a bear visited our camp, but the guide succeeded in hustling him along the way. We rigged up a sail for one of the canoes and sailed the lake, and some of the others fished, without luck. We also took baths in Natural Tub at Louisa Falls.

Early Friday morning we started out again, we had two tough portages in a row, where we had to rehaul our packs. We lunched off Bayley Bay on Sunday Lake, where Swede caught a five pound bass and a Northern. One of the other Scouts also caught a small Northern. We crossed the Bay, visited the Trading Post at Prairie Portage, and saw a Ranger's plane from Ely. We traveled on Sucker Lake to Newfound, and while enroute met another party of Scouts. We camped on an island. It was very windy so we were not bothered by mosquitoes that had been with us constantly up to this point. We were treated with pie for supper - also had four fish given us by a friendly fisherman.

Saturday we cleaned up camp and set out for the base, which we reached about 11 o'clock. It was just in time to catch our bus out of Ely for Minneapolis, which we reached about 1 A.M.

We had a splendid trip and are planning on returning next year.

