

Where To Go Camping



*Blue Ox Lodge, #26
Gamehaven Council
Rochester, MN*



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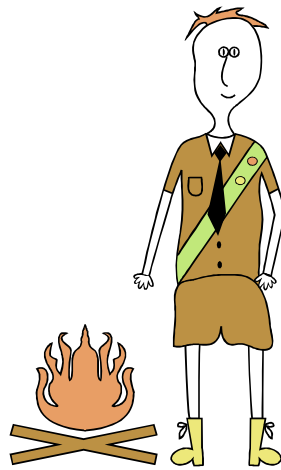
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Camps



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Gamehaven Scout Reservation

Location: Rochester, MN

Price: Developed Site = \$10 per day/night.
Shelter = \$75 to \$80 per weekend (2 nights)
\$50 to \$55 per night
Canoe Rental = \$8 per canoe per day, you must provide qualified BSA Life Guards and waterfront personnel.
Swimming Pool = \$50 per hour, you must provide BSA Life Guards.
See the next page for complete rental schedule.

Activities: 9 Developed Campsites with latrines and water.
Access to 34-acre Gamehaven Lake for fishing and non-motorized boating or canoeing.
3 Heated shelters for year round use.
Heated swimming pool.
Canoes.

Length: Varies

Additional Programs: Gamehaven Scout Reservation is not just for Cub Scouts, WEBELOS, or Camporees. It is YOUR TROOP weekend camp. GSR is 262 acres of prairie and woodland bordering on Gamehaven Lake. It features developed campsites, activity shelters, canoeing, fishing, swimming, and nature hikes all within fifteen minutes of Rochester.

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Gamehaven Scout Office
1124 11 ½ Street S.E.
Rochester, MN 55904.
(507) 287-1413

RESERVATIONS – All reservations are completed at the Gamehaven Scout Office at Rochester, MN. Questions about reservations – call the office at 507-287-1413. The Camp Manager may be reached at 507-287-1516.

RENTAL BASIS- Most facilities are rented on a per day basis. Unless otherwise indicated, this is the minimum charge. For overnight camping check in is 1:00 PM and check out is 11:00 am. All campers must be accompanied by at least two adult’s 21 years of age or older.

ACTIVITY SHELTERS- The State Fire Marshall has determined the sleeping capacity of the shelters is 20 people and requires all cooking to be done outside of buildings. Shelters include heat, electricity, mattresses, and cleaning equipment. All trash must be placed in the dumpster located by the manager’s maintenance building.

SCOUT GROUPS- Include Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, and Explorer Posts of Gamehaven Council.

SERVICE PROJECTS- “A Scout is Helpful”. We strongly encourage Scouts to participate in service projects at camp. Please call or check with the Camp Manager for projects you can help with while at camp.

FACILITIES RENTAL

***\$15 cleaning deposit will be refunded upon leaving facility clean.**

Shelter Per 2 Nights (Weekends)	Gamehaven Scouts	Out of Council Scouts, Non scout groups
Activity Shelter #1	\$75.00*	\$85.00*
Activity Shelter #2,3	\$80.00*	\$90.00*
Shelter Per 1 Night		
Activity Shelter #1	\$50.00*	\$70.00*
Activity Shelter #2,3	\$55.00*	\$75.00*
Shelters Per Day (No overnight)	(Rental from 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM)	
Activity Shelter #1	\$20.00*	\$45.00*
Activity Shelter #2,3	\$25.00*	\$50.00*
Campsites Per Night		
Campsites	\$10.00 each site*	\$30.00 each site*
Campsites with tents	\$20.00 each site*	\$40.00 each site*
Gamehaven Pool		
Pool (Includes Lifeguard)	\$50.00/hour*	\$90.00/hour* - \$50.00 for each additional hour
Extra lifeguard	\$20.00/hour*	\$35.00/hour*

Please contact Camp Manager for more information about pool rental.

RESERVATION GROUNDS RENTAL

Fire ring	\$10.00 - includes firewood	\$25.00 - includes firewood
Nature Trails	No Charge	\$25.00 per day
Picnic Area	No Charge	\$25.00 per day

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Watercraft		
Canoe (Includes 2 paddles/2 life jackets)	\$8.00 per day	\$15.00 per day
Canoe (Without paddles and life jackets)	\$6.00 per day	\$12.00 per day
Row boat (Includes 2 oars and 3 life jackets)	\$10.00 per day	\$15.00 per day
Row Boat (Without life jackets)	\$8.00 per day	\$12.00 per day
Canoe trailer (Holds 6 canoes) Please provide ball size for your vehicle	\$10.00 per day	\$20.00 per day

Other program equipment may be available for rental. Please contact the Camp Manager for assistance

USERS OF GAMEHAVEN SCOUT RESERVATION CAMP SITES MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN FIRST AID KIT. All injuries must be reported to the Camp Manager

Camp Wilderness

Northern Lights Council

Location: Near Park Rapids, MN

Price: Scouts: \$155
Adults: 2 adult leaders are free

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
Trailblazers OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 7 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Herman Stern Award
Individual and Patrol Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Canadian Fishing Trip
Winter Camping
High Adventure Activities

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Camp Wilderness
P.O. Box 295
Park Rapids, MN 56470
(218) 732-4674

L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation Chippewa Valley Council

Location: Located near Haugen, WI

Price: Scouts: \$165
Adults: 1 free for every 10 scouts, or \$95

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
1st Year Camper OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 7 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Individual and Patrol Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Cub Scout Activities
High Adventure Activities

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation
P.O. Box 37
Haugen, WI 54841
(715) 234-3536

Lewis and Clark Scout Camp Sioux Council

Location: Located near Yankton, SD, approximately 5 hours from
Rochester, MN

Price: Youth: \$135

Activities: Eagle Trail Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
1st Class Trail OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 6 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Super Troop
Individual and Patron Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp High Adventure
Canoe Trek COPE

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Lewis and Clark Camp
c/o Sioux Council
7200 W. 49 St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
(605) 361-2697

Camp Decorah Gateway Area Council

Location: Between Holmen and Galesville, WI; about 20 minutes north of LaCrosse

Price: Scouts: \$140
Adults: First 2 free, each additional \$34

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
Fishing Pond OA Callout Ceremonies
1st Year Scout Program

Length: 6 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Honor Unit
Patrol-of-the-Week
Individual and Patrol Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
Webelos Camp
COPE
Cub Scout Camp
Venture Camp

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Camp Decorah
W7520 Council Bay Road
Holmen, WI 54636
(608) 526-6418
Fax: (608) 526 6249

Camp Ingawanis Winnebago Council

Location: Located near Waverly, IA

Price: Scouts: \$155

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
Trail to Eagle OA Callout Ceremonies
Equestrian Program

Length: 7 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Super Troop
Individual/Patrol Awards

Additional Programs: Family Camp
Cope
Ultimate Ingawanis High Adventure

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Camp Ingawanis
2482 Grand
Waverly, IA 50677
(319) 352-5880

Winnebago Council Service Center
2929 Airport Blvd.
Waterloo, IA 50703
(319) 234-2867
(877) 754-4079

Many Point Scout Reservation Viking Council

Location: Park Rapids, MN

Price: Scouts: \$140
Adults: \$50

Activities: First Year Program Merit Badges
Waterfront Activities Climbing
Ethics in Action OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 6 days (excluding transportation), Saturday arrival allowed

Awards: Merit Badges
Super Troop
Ironman

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Fire Tower
History Center

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Many Point Scout Camp
5300 Glenwood Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55422
(703) 545-4550

There are fun programs and adventures available for every Scout at Many Point Scout Camp. From the Webelos Scout who just joined the troop to the veteran camper. The 2,400-acre camp is bordered by the 143,000-acre Tamarack Wildlife Refuge, home to eagles, loons, deer, beaver, and more.

Many Point has eight miles of shoreline on two crystal clear lakes. Each will give you unlimited opportunities for water front activities. You can learn to windsurf, snorkel, kayak, and sail. Weekly fishing contest adds excitement as you try to catch Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, Crappies, Sunfish and even Muskie.

Challenges like the Mile Swim, Project C.O.P.E., and the Many Point Ironman Triathlon will bring you new confidence. Get thrills on the high wire course and 400' zip line. Spend a night on the Huck Finn raft, kayak with the loons, snorkel with the fish, and learn how much you can do for yourself.

Tomahawk Scout Reservation Indianhead Council

Location: Northern Wisconsin, approximately 2.5 hours from St. Paul

Price: Scouts: \$159 Out of Council: \$164
Adults: \$50

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
Foxfire Outpost 2 Horse Corrals
Brownsea OA Callout Ceremonies
High Adventure Lake Superior High Adventure Base

Length: From 1 day to 1 week

Awards: Merit Badges
Scoutmaster Award

Additional Programs: Family Camp
C.O.P.E.

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Indianhead Council
393 Marshall Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102-1795
(651) 224-1891

Scouting comes alive at Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Indianhead Council's 2,500-acre Boy Scout summer camp. Its pristine wilderness and the eight miles of shoreline on beautiful Long Lake will captivate you. A dedicated camp staff, outstanding facilities and a wide variety of programs for Scouts of all ages has earned Tomahawk the reputation as one of the best Scout camps in the nation. Tomahawk's facilities have been continually expanded and enhanced to accommodate the growing number of Scouts, Webelos and leaders who camp in the four subcamps.

Scouts have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of programs. The aquatics area includes swimming, sailing, lifesaving, sail boarding, canoeing, and rowboats. Scoutcraft is where the Scout Handbook comes alive with camping, cooking, wilderness survival, orienteering, pioneering and Indian Lore. At shooting sports you'll find rifle, archery and shotgun. Ecology boasts many opportunities in nature, mammal study, forestry, environmental science, fish and wildlife study.

Cuyuna Scout Camp Twin Valley Council

Location: Just outside Crosslake, MN

Price: Scouts: \$138 (\$113 Payment by May 1st)
Adults: \$50

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront
Eagle Trail C.O.P.E.
Climbing Tower Shooting Sports
Ecology Horseback Riding

Length: 1 week

Awards: Life Guard Mile Swim
Snorkeling Baden Powel Patrol Award
Paul Bunyan

Additional Programs: Foxfire Lodge Camp
Family Camp
Fishing

Dining Hall Option: No (patrol cooking)

Contact Information: Twin Valley Council
724 Madison Ave
Mankato, MN 56001
1-800-944-1886

Cuyuna has an awesome program which offers a wide range of camp related merit badges, as well as a number of other programs for your fun. The afternoon has a lot of free time to do your own thing or to get involved with your Patrol or Troop.

Cuyuna is located on 880 acres of forest with 7 beautiful fish-filled lakes. You will find countless loons, eagles, and many other animals in this birch and pine paradise.

Ed Bryant Scout Reservation Four Lakes Council

Location: Mauston, WI

Price: Scouts: \$160
Adults: \$50

Activities: First Year Program Merit Badges
Waterfront Activities OA Callout
Baden-Powel Programs

Length: 6 days (excluding transportation), Saturday arrival allowed

Additional Programs: Shooting Sports
Boating

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Four Lakes Council
34 Schroeder Court
Madison, WI 53711
(608) 273-1005

National High Adventure Bases



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Northern Tier – Ely, MN & Atikokan, Ontario

Florida Sea Base – Islamorada, FL

Philmont Scout Ranch – Cimarron, NM



Northern Tier National High Adventure

The Sioux and Chippewa once traveled this northern lake country. French-Canadian trappers followed, their canoes laden with furs. Headquartered in the beautiful Lake Superior-Quetico Provincial Park boundary waters of Minnesota and Ontario. Northern Tier offers wilderness canoeing expeditions and programs featuring sailing, fishing, and winter camping.

You are stepping into a country explored by few. From May through September Northern Tier is the place to find the world's finest canoeing. During these canoe trips, campers will stop to fish the crystal clear waters, then set-up camp along the shore. When you finish your journey, the Northern Tier Base will provide hot showers and a great meal. In the winter, December through March a winter camping program at OKPIK is yours to enjoy. This program can include skiing, snow shoeing, snow camping, and winter ecology.

Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts three program choices. Choosing your Northern Tier program base is your first step. The Northern Tier has several adventures, each with a different character, length, and price. Come to the Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of our country.

Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base

Moose Lake, 22 miles N.E. of Ely Minnesota

The Charles L. Sommers Base is six miles by water from Canada and offers access to dozens of primitive wilderness trails on either side of the border. This year round High Adventure Base contains a spacious dining hall, a large camping area, and a well-stocked trading post for last minute shopping. There is also a commissary, a large canoe yard and repair shop. About 80 people trained in canoe travel, low-impact camping, ecology, and group leadership, staff the base.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness - Minnesota. During this canoe trip, scouts participate in learning the skills of the Native Americans who canoed these waters before them. Fur trapping is also discussed. All units can enjoy this program because of its wide-range of challenges. Flexibility is the key to this program. This trek occurs during May 15 through September 15. The trek lasts about 6-10 days; the crew size is 6-9 (plus interpreter). Participants must be 13 by January 1 of their trek year.

Quetico Provincial Park - Ontario, Canada. This trek is perfect for groups looking for well-controlled wilderness canoeing. Any scout, at any skill level, can enjoy this great canoeing opportunity. This trek occurs during mid May through mid-September. The trek lasts about 10 days, The Crew size is 6-8 (plus an interpreter), Participants must be 13 January 1 of their trek year.

Northern Expeditions

Bissett, Manitoba, Canada

Another great canoe expedition offered at the Northern Tier is the Northern Expedition at Bissett. It offers wilderness canoeing in the Manitoba bush country east of Lake Winnipeg.

Here the adventurous scout can find spectacular running rivers as well as lovely crystal-clear lakes. Crews fly in and out of Scout Lake by floatplane and travel on the Atikaki Provincial Park. A canoe trek usually lasts about 10 days, with 6-8 scouts in your crew. A participant must be 13 by January 1 of their trek year. This program is conducted during the summer months from about the 3rd week of June through the second week of August.

Atikokan Canoeing

Atikokan, Ontario, Canada

The newest site of the Northern Tier, Atikokan High Adventure Base is the place for some excellent canoeing adventures during the summer months. Trips are conducted north of the Quetico Park in the Turtle and Seine River drainage areas as well as south into the park. Atikokan Canoeing is perfect for all levels of canoeing experience The trek lasts about 10 days, The Crew size is 6-8 (plus an interpreter), Participants must be 13 January 1 of their trek year.

Okpik Winter Adventure

Ely, Minnesota

Many skills needed for winter camping can be learned at the OKPIK High Adventure Base. Learn skills like snowshoeing, cross country skiing, building a winter shelter, extreme temperature survival, tracking, equipment making, and ice fishing. For older scouts a staff-training course is provided, to show how to conduct a winter program. Crew size is 6-8 (plus an interpreter).

PROGRAM BASE	DETAILS	ARRIVAL DATES	LENGTH	CREW SIZE	AGE	OPTIONS
Sommers Canoe Base – Ely, MN	CBWAW, MN & Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario	June – August May 15 – Sept. 15	6 – 10 Days	6 – 8, plus interpreter	13, by date of trip	Without interpreter
Northern Expeditions – Bissett, Manitoba	Fly-in canoeing & fishing in Manitoba, east of Lake Winnipeg	June – August May 15 – Sept. 15	10 Days	6 – 8, plus interpreter	13, by date of trip	Float plane fly out
Don Rogert Canoe Base – Atikokan, Ontario	Quetico Provincial Park and areas north	June-August May 15 – Sept 15	6 – 10 Days	6 – 8, plus interpreter	13, by date of trip	Float plane fly out

Making Reservations:

1. Make your plans early.
2. Contact the base for a detailed brochure.
3. Pick your program base.
4. Decide on an arrival date. All bases accept arrivals on any day of the week. Plan to arrive at 1:00 PM. Have alternate dates ready. Plan your travel accordingly.
5. Decide your trip length.
6. Decide on the number of people that will be in your group, and if necessary, how many crews you will be divided into. Note that each crew must have the required leadership. Crew size limitations are noted above.

CONTACT:

Northern Tier National High Adventure
Boy Scouts of America
5891 Moose Lake Road
PO Box 509
Ely, Minnesota 55731-0509
Phone: (218) 365-4811
FAX: (218) 265-3112

For a free brochure and more details (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday).

Web Site: www.ntier.org



Florida Sea Base Islamorada, Florida

The Florida Keys is the home of a fabulous experience for Boy Scouts - Florida Sea Base. This facility is equipped with a wide range of aquatics equipment and instructors certified to demonstrate the use of this equipment. Along its 300-foot dock, is a large assortment of sailing craft ranging from 14 to 65 feet long. So, what can you do at Sea Base? An adventurous scout can experience windsurfing, motor boating, canoeing, deep-sea fishing, lobstering, studying oceanography, or researching marine biology. It's all happening at the Florida Sea Base.

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is headquartered in the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys, on the Lower Matecumbe Key, about 75 miles south of Miami. Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from SCUBA diving to sailing "Tall Ships." All of our participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

The elevated dormitories look out across Florida Bay to one of the many bridges that separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean. SCUBA instruction is offered in special diving tanks complete with an underwater viewing port. The Ship's Shore (trading post) sells many items that you may have forgotten and items to take home to help you remember your adventure.

Only a few miles off shore, an extensive underwater coral garden forms a barrier reef protecting the islands. Here, among pillars of living coral, you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear that while swimming, you have the sensation of floating in mid-air. The area abounds with legends and tales of unequalled adventure. Even to this day, the lure of discovering a buried treasure burns in the hearts of true adventurers. In December of 1982, a gift was received by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America that changed the very nature of some of the exciting programs offered by the Florida Sea Base. The gift was an untouched, uninhabited island over 100 acres in size, surrounded by the crystal-clear water off of Big Pine Key in the lower keys.

Out Island Adventure

This expedition combines a two-day sailing adventure with a four-day primitive island campout. At the Sea Base your crew will learn about snorkeling, pier fishing, how to sail windsurfers and sunfish. On the island you will experience fishing, snorkeling, canoeing, sailing, motor boating. This opportunity of a lifetime will let a scout fish for his own dinner, or explore uncharted reefs. Crew Size: 6 min. – 8 max.

Coral Reef Sailing Adventure

During this adventure the scouts make up the crew on a forty-one foot sailing yacht. Since you are the crew, you make all the decisions in when and what you do during your trip. You can decide to visit historic Key West or explore the fabulous natural reefs of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. During your Sailing Adventure you will learn about undersea life and the fragile Florida ecosystem. Some crews enjoy trolling the waters for fighting sport fish, while others enjoy competitions with other crews. The decision is yours, but whatever you decide be prepared to have fun. Crew Size: 6 min. – 8 max.

Sea Exploring Adventure

The Base operates two large 70-foot sailing vessels equipped for a larger crew of 20 to 22. The Adventure entails a voyage from the Florida Sea Base to the Dry Tortuous (a small island off 70 miles west of Key West). During the weeklong trip participants will enjoy lush coral gardens, excellent fishing and unequalled bird life. This is not a pleasure cruise. The crew is expected to pitch in with the sailing and the chores. Crew Size: 20 min. – 22 max.

Bahamas Adventure

The Florida Sea Base maintains two large vessels that can crew up to 12 and several vessels more than 40 feet long to explore the underwater wilderness of the Abacos in the Bahamas. Flying into Marsh Harbor in the Bahamas the staff take participants straight away to their vessel. The crew will enjoy an unforgettable trip in Abaco. A snorkeling, sailing, fishing, living on the sailboat and visiting Bahamian towns and villages makes this truly the adventure of a lifetime. Crew Size: 12 max.

SCUBA Certification

This course will allow any scout interested in SCUBA diving to get his certification. A certified Sea Base instructor will teach the group in a specially designed diving pool and then in the clear Atlantic waters. In their free time scouts can fish or wind surf, and spend their evenings at delicious luaus. Once the basic instruction is completed the scuba diving begins. In order to earn the certification, a scout must complete three open water dives, which are completed during the rest of the session. After these dives are completed each scout is then a certified scuba diver. Crew Size: 6 min. – 8 max.

SCUBA Adventure

If you have already completed the SCUBA Certification, the next step is an exciting adventure around the coral reefs that surround the Florida Keys. This program involves seven to nine dives of different specialties such as a night dive, underwater navigation, and deep-water diving. During this program group members may also seek further SCUBA advancement, such as Open water or Open water II. Advanced diving situations can also be completed to earn the Divemaster rating. Crew Size: 6 min. – 8 max.

SCUBA Expedition Adventure Advanced

This adventure is only for those scouts who are already certified divers. During this session, scouts may do as much diving as they want. These dives often include wreck diving, night diving and reef diving. Those who are not certified, but still wish to participate in this expedition may get certified the first day, and then set out for the Bahamas. Crew Size: 2 max.

Contact:

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base
P.O. Box 858, Islamorada, Fl 33036
Phone: (305) 664-4173
Fax: (305) 664-2039
Do not hesitate to contact the Sea Base.

E-Mail: webmaster@bsaseabase.org



Philmont Scout Ranch Cimarron, New Mexico

"These properties are donated and dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity and freedom -- principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer. So that these future citizens may, through thoughtful adult guidance and by the inspiration of nature, visualize and form a code of living to diligently maintain these high ideals and our proper destiny."

- Waite Phillips - December 1941

Philmont Scout Ranch is a national camping area, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies, a scout may see one of many landmarks such as the Tooth of Time or the 12,441-foot high Mount Baldy. The ranch operates 32-staffed camps and 50 unstaffed camps. Philmont has high mountains which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

The mission of Philmont Scout Ranch is to achieve the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America and to serve local councils by providing an outstanding High Adventure, training, or family program experience to older Scouts and family members. The mission is achieved through the combined efforts of the Camping, Training, Ranching and Administrative departments of Philmont.

High Adventure Expedition

Length of trek is 12 days –theme is **backpacking**. The expedition is scheduled for mid-June to late August. Skills learned - rock climbing, archeology and blacksmithing. Age requirements are 14 by January 1 or completion of the eight grade prior to participation. Crew size 7 – 12.

Cavalcades

Length of Trek 8 days – theme is **horseback riding**. The members get the opportunity to see some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Cavalcade participants acquire riding and packing skills long in use on the American West. The cavalcades are scheduled for mid-June to mid-August. Age requirements are 14 by January 1 or completion of the eighth grade prior to participation. Crew size 7 – 12.

Rayado Trek

This outdoor program is designed for experienced older Scouts. The program is unparalleled for developing outdoor leadership, group dynamic, wilderness problem solving and advanced outdoor skills. Age requirements are 14 by January 1 or completion of the ninth grade prior to participation. This is an individual program and no provisions are made for unit adults.

There are other programs for selected individual such as the **Trail Crew Program** (18 days of conservation projects followed by a regular 10 day High Adventure expedition; no fee charged). The **Ranch Hand Program** is where Scouts with knowledge of horsemanship can expand their skills (8 days of horse program and eight days of a special cavalcade; no fee charged).

Philmont also offers a **winter camp program called Kanik**, where the participants learn about cold weather physiology, nutrition, equipment and clothing. Activities include: cross-country, skiing, tracking and snow shelter building. The program takes place on weekends throughout January, February and March. A special "Holiday" program is available during late December. Participants must be 14 by January 1 or completion of the grade prior to participation.

Program	Dates	Length	Crew Size	Age	Leadership
Expedition (Hiking Expedition)	June – August	12 days & nights	7 – 12 crew, including adult leaders	14 by January 1 or completed 8 th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation	2 adult leaders per crew required minimum, 4 maximum
Cavalcades (Horseback Ride)	June – August	8 days & nights	10 – 15 crew, including adult leaders	14 by January 1 or completed 8 th grade and be at least 13 prior to participation	2 adult leaders per crew required minimum, 4 maximum
Ranch Hands	July	16 days & nights	Provisional crew organized at Philmont	16 by date attending and not yet 21	2 deep leadership provided by Philmont
Rayado Trek	June – July	20 days & nights	Provisional crew organized at Philmont	15 by January 1 or completed 9 th grade prior to participation	2 deep leadership provided by Philmont
Roving Outdoor Conservation School	June – July	21 days & nights	Provisional crew organized at Philmont	16 by date attending and not yet 21	2 deep leadership provided by Philmont
Order of the Arrow Trail Crew	June - August	14 days & nights	Provisional crew organized at Philmont	16 by date attending and not yet 21	2 deep leadership provided by Philmont

CONTACT:

Philmont Scout Ranch
 Route 1, Box 35
 Cimarron, NM 87714
 Phone: (505) 367-2281

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Minnesota State Park Rules

State Parks Mission:

We will work with the people of Minnesota to provide a state park system which preserves and manages Minnesota's natural, scenic and cultural resources for present and future generations while providing appropriate recreational and educational opportunities.

Park hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 365 days a year. Office hours vary by season.

State Park Permit: All vehicles entering a state park must display a valid Minnesota State Park vehicle permit which must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the windshield. Annual and day permits can be purchased at a park. The annual permit can also be purchased by calling the Department of Natural Resources Information Center.

Accessibility: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, state parks are working to make facilities accessible to people of all abilities. Call the specific state park you are planning to visit for up-to-date information on accessibility.

Alcohol/Drugs: It is unlawful for any person to consume intoxicating liquors, or to display liquor containers in public. State laws apply to possession and use of drugs.

Biking: Biking is permitted only on designated trails or park roads where motor vehicles are allowed, unless otherwise posted.

Campers: Campers must register at the office or self-registration station. Only registered campers are allowed in the park after 10 p.m. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Check in/Check out: Overnight guests must check out by 4 p.m. If you choose to stay another day in the campground or park lodging, you must re-register by 11 a.m.

Firewood: Gathering firewood disrupts the forest and soil cycle and is not permitted. Firewood may be purchased at the park office.

Fireworks: Fireworks are not permitted in state parks.

Fishing: When fishing in waters entirely within state parks, anglers must comply with Minnesota fishing laws and rules.

Flotation Devices: In a state park, while in the water, use of air mattresses, inner tubes or other flotation devices that are not approved by the Coast Guard is prohibited except when used in an area specifically designated for that use.

Hunting: Hunting is prohibited in state parks unless authorized by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Metal Detectors: Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

Parking: Parking on the grass is not allowed. Park in designated areas only and on the parking spaces provided in the campground.

Pets: Pets are welcome in state parks but must be kept on a leash of not more than six feet and must be personally attended at all times. No pets other than hearing or seeing-eye dogs or other service animals are allowed in state park buildings, lodging, cabins, camper cabins, on tours or in beach areas.

Rock Climbing: Rock climbing in state parks is allowed only in designated areas and only by permit. Permits are available at the park office.

Skiing: When using groomed trails in parks, skiers 16 years of age and older, must have in their possession, a valid Minnesota ski pass.

Snowmobiles: Snowmobiles in state parks can be operated only on designated trails or posted areas.

Snowshoes: Snow shoeing is allowed anywhere in state parks except on groomed trails or where posted.

Weapons: It is unlawful for any person to possess explosives of any kind. It is also against the law for any person to possess a firearm (including an air gun) unless the firearm is unloaded and completely contained in a fully enclosed gun case or unloaded and contained in the closed trunk of a vehicle.

CONTACT: DNR Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
E-mail: info@dnr.state.mn.us
Phone: 651-296-6157 or 888-MINNDNR

Beaver Creek Valley State Park

Nestled in the bluff lands of southeastern Minnesota, Beaver Creek Valley State Park is known for its clear streams fed by the "Big Spring." Its streams are home to brown and native brook trout. In spring, wildflowers that blanket the woodland hills and valleys attract migratory songbirds like the rare Acadian flycatcher, Cerulean warbler, and Louisiana waterthrush. These birds nest in the park. A hiking trail meanders along the stream and up into a maple-basswood and oak forest. Campers are lulled to sleep by the murmuring stream.

Park Highlights: Camping Spring Woodland Flowers
 Hiking Bird Watching
 Trout Fishing

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Showers: Showers are available. Handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open.

Reservations: Recommended for summer and fall weekends.

Trail Conditions: Wet. The park will be working on a self-guided interpretive trail.

Hours 9 AM – 4 PM

Contact: Route 2, Box 57,
 Caledonia, Minnesota 55921
 (507)-724-2107

Best time for contacting someone: Weekdays 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Getting There: From I-90, take State Highway 76 south for 24 miles, then take Houston County 1 west for 4 miles.
 15954 County 1
 Caledonia, MN 55921

Carley State Park

Beauty and quiet; that is the essence of Carley State Park. In the spring, delicate bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), and other wildflowers carpet the valley with a profusion of color. Hike along the trail that follows the Whitewater River and take in the grand old white pines. Listen for the sweet song of orioles, song sparrows, house wrens, and indigo buntings. Enjoy old-fashioned fun in the picnic area: play on the swings or practice softball. Try your hand at horseshoes, or sit back and see a red-tailed hawk ride thermals in the sky. The north branch of the Whitewater River is a designated trout stream and provides habitat for brown trout. Rustic campsites are located near the picnic area.

Park Highlights: Camping Fishing/Trout Stream Spring
 Wildflowers Hiking

Water: Water is available throughout the park.

Bathroom Facilities: No flush toilets available at this park. Vault toilets available year-round.

Showers: No showers available at this park.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: None at this park.

Reservations: Not usually necessary.

Trail Conditions: Good

Contact: c/o Whitewater State Park
 Route 1, Box 256
 Altura, Minnesota 55910
 (507) 932-3007

Best time for contacting someone: Contact Whitewater State Park for information about this park.

Getting There: Approximately 15 miles northeast of Rochester; or 4 miles south of Plainview on Wabasha County Road 4.

Great River Bluffs State Park

This is beautiful bluff country! The park contains two Scientific and Natural Areas, King's and Queen's Bluff. The King's Bluff trail offers a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River Valley. Bring your binoculars; the river valley is a major flyway for waterfowl, eagles, and hawks. Explore the diversity in this park: oak-hickory and maple-basswood forests, pine plantations, fields, and goat prairies offer visitors excellent hiking and a diversity of wildlife. Look for ruffed grouse, wild turkeys, coyotes, and many species of songbirds.

Park Highlights: Bird watching
Goat Prairies
Rare Prairie Plants/Flowers
Camping/Hiking/Picnicking
Fall Colors
Scenic Bluff top Views of Mississippi River Valley

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: None.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Contact: Route 4
Winona, MN 55987
(507) 643-6849

Best time for contacting someone: Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Getting There: Approximately 20 miles southeast of Winona at the junction of U.S. Highway 61 and Interstate 90. Park entrance is accessed off of County Road 3. Coming from the west or southeast via I90, take exit 266 and follow park signs. Coming from Winona, south on Hwy 61 (just past mile marker 15), take a right on County Road 3 for 4 miles to the park entrance.

Minnesota Valley State Park

Just minutes from the Twin Cities, this state recreation area preserves part of the Minnesota River Valley. The Minnesota Valley Trail links Fort Snelling State Park and units of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge to waysides and other public lands. The area is ideal for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and snowmobiling. The landscapes are just as diverse as the trail system, include wetlands, floodplain forest, and bluff top oak savanna. Wildlife observation and bird watching are popular activities year-round.

Park Highlights: Camping Hiking

Water: Available year-round.

Campgrounds: Open

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good

Contact: 19825 Park Boulevard
Jordan, MN 55352
(612) 492-6400

Best time for contacting someone: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

See some natural wonders above and below ground. In the summer, beat the heat with a visit below ground to explore the world of Mystery Cave with its stalactites, stalagmites and underground pools. Park naturalists provide tours of the cave throughout the summer and on weekends in the spring and fall. The temperature stays at a constant 48 degrees Fahrenheit. Above ground, stop by Historic Forestville, a restored 1800s village operated by the Minnesota Historical Society. Fish three blue-ribbon trout streams for brown trout. Take in the soft pastels of wildflowers in spring or listen to ruffed grouse drumming and wild turkeys gobbling. Hike or bring your horse to ride the ridge tops and stream valleys. Observe interesting geologic features along the way including sinkholes and dramatic Big Spring. In the fall, don't miss the bold colors of the forest. Winter invites visitors to ski or snowmobile the Bluff Country.

Park Highlights: Mystery Cave Tours
Historic Forestville Tours
Trout Streams
Hiking & Horseback Trails

Drinking Water: Water available at drinking fountains.
Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets and vault toilets available.
Showers: Open.
Campgrounds: 73 semi-modern sites and 26 rustic sites open.
Electric Sites: 23 electric sites available.
Reservations: Recommended for camping on the weekend.
Trail Conditions: Good

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Weekend tours of Mystery Cave are available. Daily tours of the Cave are available during the summer. Regular schedule of park interpretive programs begins Memorial Weekend. Programs offered Friday nights and Saturdays throughout the summer.

Contact: Route 2, Box 128
Preston, MN 55965
Main Park:(507) 352-5111
Mystery Cave (507) 937-3251

Best time for contacting someone: Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Getting There: Approximately 6 miles south of Wykoff. Entrance to the park is 4 miles south of State Highway 16 on Fillmore County Highway 5, then 2 miles east on Fillmore County 118.

John A. Latsch State Park

John A. Latsch, a successful Winona businessman and founder of the Izaak Walton League, loved to fish in the waters of the Mississippi River below the bluffs of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Today, a half-mile hike up the deep ravine for a view from these peaks is well worth the effort. From this vantage point, visitors relish a grand and long view of the Mississippi River Valley, the green lush forest in the summer, and the colors in the fall.

Park Highlights: Camping Scenic Views

Bathroom Facilities: Vault toilets only at this park.

Campgrounds: Park has 7 walk-in sites.

Electric Sites: None.

Reservations: Not necessary.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Contact: c/o Whitewater State Park
Route 1, Box 256
Altura, MN 55910
(507) 932-3007

Best time for contacting someone: For information call Whitewater State Park (507) 932-3007.

Getting There: From Winona go approximately 12 miles northwest on U.S. Highway 61.

Lake Louise State Park

Lake Louise lures hikers, horseback riders, skiers, and snowmobilers to its trails, which wind through open landscapes and lush hardwoods. The confluence of the Little Iowa and Upper Iowa Rivers, which occur here, provide water recreation. In addition, visitors swim, boat, or fish in Lake Louise. Hiking and horseback riding are also popular sports at this park. The lakeside picnic grounds and beach area draws visitors in the summer.

Park Highlights: Quiet Park Great Swimming
 Peaceful Campgrounds Canoeing on Lake Louise
 Beach Horse Trails Through Varied Habitat

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Vault toilets available year-round.

Showers: Showers are available for the season.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: Park has 11 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Contact: 12385 766th Ave.
 LeRoy, MN 55385
 (507) 324-5249

Best time for contacting someone: Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Spring Hours: Fri. – Tues. 8 AM – 4:30 PM
 Memorial Day through Labor Day – Mon – Sat. 8 AM – 4:30 PM

Getting There: Approximately 1.5 miles north of LeRoy on County Road 14.

Myre-Big Island State Park

This park has something for everyone. The trails take visitors around wet lowlands, oak savanna, and grasslands. Albert Lea Lake and park marshes draw hundreds of waterfowl during migration. Oak savanna and prairie landscape, including wetlands, dominate most of the park. One of the more unique aspects of the park is the 116-acre Big Island that is covered with maple/basswood forest. Another is the glacial esker located in the northeast section of the park.

Park Highlights:	Spring and Fall Migrations	Glacial Esker
	Great Marsh/Bird watching	Hiking
	Canoeing	Camping

Water: Available throughout the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets available for the season. Handicapped accessible.

Showers: Available for the season.

Campgrounds: Campgrounds open.

Electric Sites: 32 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Wet but continued sunny weather should help dry them out.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Generally available Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Season Rentals: Canoe rental available. Ask at park office.

Contact: Route 3, Box 33
Albert Lea, MN 56007
(507) 379-3403

Best time for contacting someone: Weekends 9 AM - 6 PM leave message on answering machine.

Getting There: Located 3 miles southeast of Albert Lea on County Highway 38. Interstates 90 and 35 intersect just north of Albert Lea. Both interstates have signs directing visitors to the park.

Nerstrand-Big Woods State Park

Enjoy this park on foot, any season of the year. In the spring, the park is a wildflower garden where hepatica, bloodroot, Dutchman's breeches, and the dwarf trout lily bloom. The dwarf trout lily is only found here. Relax by Hidden Falls in the summer. The autumn brings a burst of red, orange, and gold in the maple-basswood forest, one of the last extensive stands of the "Big Woods." When winter comes, ski or snowmobile the trails through picturesque woods.

Park Highlights: Camping Hiking
 Unique Ecosystem

Water: Available in the park.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets available for the season.

Showers: Showers available for the season.

Campgrounds: Camping is available for the season in the campground and the park's group camp.

Electric Sites: Electric sites are open for the season.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends.

Trail Conditions: Trails are in good condition.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Run throughout the season.

Contact: 9700 170 Street East
 Nerstrand, MN 55053
 (507) 334-8848

Best time for contacting someone: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Fri. Weekends from
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Getting There: Take I-35 to State Highway 19 east into Northfield. Go south on State Highway 3, west on State Highway 246, then turn right onto County Road 40.

Rice Lake State Park

Long ago, American Indians harvested wild rice from this lake where today, the shallow waters and marshy edges of Rice Lake attract many waterfowl during migrations. Rice Lake is a major wetland in the area. Visitors enjoy camping under the tall hardwoods, photographing spring wildflowers, picnicking, and bird watching. For a more secluded camping experience, paddle across the lake and camp in a canoe campsite. Winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowmobiling on the trails.

Park Highlights: Spring and Fall Migration Bird watching
Wildflowers Canoeing
Nature Observation

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season. Handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season. Handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open

Electric Sites: Park has 16 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Available throughout the summer. Ask at office for schedule.

Season Rentals: Canoe rental available in park.

Contact: 8485 Rose Street
Owatonna, MN 55060
(507) 455-5871

Best time for contacting someone: Daily, noon - 5 p.m.

Getting There: Located 7 miles east of Owatonna on Rose Street. From Hwy 35, take exit 42A. Follow the signs to Rose Street. East on Rose Street to the park.

Sakatah Lake State Park

Sakatah-Singing Hills State Trail runs through Sakatah Lake State Park and stretches 39 miles from Mankato to Faribault. The paved trail offers hikers, bikers, skiers, and snowmobilers beautiful scenery through Minnesota's hardwoods. Sakatah Lake, a natural widening of the Cannon River, lures canoeists to paddle the calm waters, and anglers to catch walleye, large mouth and white bass, northern pike, and pan fish. Whatever the season, visitors enjoy camping and picnicking.

Park Highlights: Maple-Basswood Forests Hiking
Camping Wildlife
Biking-Access to Sakatah State Trail

Drinking Water: Available throughout the park

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season. Handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season. Handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open

Electric Sites: 14 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Run throughout the season.

Season Rentals: Boat and canoe rental available. Check at park office.

Contact: Route 2, Box 19
Waterville, MN 56096
(507) 362-4438

Best time for contacting someone: Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Getting There: Park entrance is located off State Highway 60, one mile east of the intersection on State Highway 13 and 60 at Waterville, or 14 miles west of Faribault.

Minnesota State Parks

Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
Afton State Park		2	20	Yes	Yes
Banning State Park	34		17	No	Yes
Bear Head Lake State Park	73	1	17	Yes	Yes
Beaver Creek Valley State Park	42	1	8	No	Yes
Big Stone Lake State Park	40	1	2	Yes	Yes
Blue Mounds State Park	73	1	13	Yes	Yes
Buffalo River State Park	44	1	12	Yes	Yes
Camden State Park	80	1	15	Yes	Yes
Carley State Park	20	1	5	No	Yes
Cascade River State Park	40	2	18	No	Yes
Charles A. Lindbergh State Park	38	1	6	No	Yes
Crow Wing State Park	61	1	18	No	Yes
Father Hennepin State Park	103	1	4	Yes	Yes
Flandrau State Park	90		8	Yes	Yes
Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park	73	2	16	No	Yes
Fort Ridgely State Park	39	1	11	No	Yes
Fort Snelling State Park			18	Yes	Yes
Franz Jevne State Park	12		2	No	Yes
Frontenac State Park	58	1	15	No	Yes
George Crosby Manitou State Park			24	No	Yes
Glacial Lake State Park	39	3	16	Yes	Yes
Gooseberry Falls State Park	70	3	18	No	Yes
Grand Portage State Park			1	No	Yes
Hayes Lake State Park	35	1	13	Yes	Yes
Interstate State Park	37	1	4	No	Yes
Itasca State Park	237	1	33	Yes	Yes
Jay Cooke State Park	80	2	50	No	Yes
Judge C. R. Magney State Park	33		7	No	Yes
Kilen Woods State Park	33	1	5	No	Yes
Lac Qui Parle State Park	42	3	6	Yes	Yes
Lake Bemidji State Park	98	2	14	Yes	Yes
Lake Bronson State Park	194	1	14	Yes	Yes
Lake Carlos State Park	124	2	13	Yes	Yes
Lake Louise State Park	22	1	12	Yes	Yes
Lake Maria State Park		2	14	No	Yes
Lake Shetek State Park	98	2	8	Yes	Yes
McCarthy Beach State Park	86	1	18	Yes	Yes
Maplewood State Park	60	1	25	Yes	Yes
Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	70	1	35	Yes	Yes
Minneopa State Park	62	1	5	No	Yes
Monson Lake State Park	20		1	No	Yes
Moose Lake State Park	18	1	4	Yes	Yes
Myre Big Island State Park	99	1	16	No	Yes
Nerstrand-Big Woods State Park	54	1	14	No	No
O. L. Kipp State Park	31	1	7	No	No
Old Mill State Park	26	1	7	Yes	Yes
Rice Lake State Park	42	1	4	No	Yes
St. Croix State Park	213	8	127	Yes	Yes

Minnesota State Parks (Continued)

Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
Sakatah Lake State Park	63	2	5	No	Yes
Savanna Portage State Park	64	1	17	Yes	Yes
Scenic State Park	117	1	14	Yes	Yes
Schoolcraft State Park	30	1	2	No	Yes
Sibley State Park	138	1	18	Yes	Yes
Soudan Underground Mine			5	No	Yes
Split Rock Creek State Park	28	1	5	Yes	Yes
Split Rock Lighthouse State Park			12	No	Yes
Temperance River State Park	55		22	No	Yes
Tettegouch State Park	28		23	No	Yes
Upper Sioux Agency State Park	30	1	19	No	Yes
Whitewater State Park	106	1	10	Yes	Yes
Wild River State Park	96	1	35	No	Yes
William O'Brien State Park	125			No	No
Zippel Bay State Park	57	1	6	Yes	Yes

Wisconsin State Parks

Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
Amnicon Falls State Park	36		Yes	No	Yes
Big Bay State Park	60		Yes	Yes	Yes
Big Foot State Park	100		Yes	Yes	Yes
Blue Mound State Park	78		Yes	Yes	No
Brunet Island State Park	69		Yes	Yes	Yes
Buck Horn State Park	20		Yes	Yes	Yes
Copper Falls State Park	55	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Council Grounds State Park	55		Yes	Yes	Yes
Devil's Lake State Park	406	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governor Dodge State Park	267	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hartman Creek State Park	101	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High Cliff State Park	112	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interstate State Park	85	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kinnichinnic State Park			Yes	Yes	Yes
Kohler-Andrae State Park	105	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lake Kegonsa State Park	80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lake Wissota State Park	81	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Merrick State Park	67	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mill Bluff State Park	21		Yes	Yes	No
Mirror Lake State Park	147	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nelson Dewey State Park	43	Yes	Yes	No	No
New Glarus State Park	32	Yes	Yes	No	No
Newport State Park	16		Yes	Yes	Yes
Patison State Park	59		Yes	Yes	Yes
Peninsula State Park	469	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Perrot State Park	96	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Pike Lake State Park	32		Yes	Yes	Yes
Potawwotomi State Park	123		Yes	No	Yes
Rib Mountain State Park	30		Yes	No	No
Roche-A-Cri State Park	41		Yes	No	No
Rock Island State Park	40	Yes	Yes	No	No
Rocky Arbor State Park	89		Yes	No	No
Tower Hill State Park	15		Yes	No	Yes
Whitefish Dunes State Park			Yes	Yes	Yes
Wildcat Mountain State Park	30	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Willow River State Park	72	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wyalusing State Park	132	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Yellowstone Lake State Park	128	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Michigan State Parks

Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
Baraga State Park	139		Yes	Yes	Yes
Bewabic State Park	144		Yes	Yes	Yes
Fayette State Historic Park	80		Yes	Yes	Yes
F. J. McLain State Park	90		Yes	Yes	Yes
Fort Wilkins State Historic Park	165	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Indian Lake State Park	157		Yes	Yes	Yes
Indian Lake State Park West Unit	144		Yes	Yes	Yes
J. W. Wells State Park	176		Yes	Yes	Yes
Lake Gogebic State Park	165		Yes	Yes	Yes
Porcupine Mountains Wilderness Park	95	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Porcupine Mountains Presque Isle Unit	88		Yes	No	Yes
Twin Lakes State Park	62		Yes	Yes	Yes
Van Riper State Park	226	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Craig Lake State Park			Yes		Yes

State Hiking

Trails



State Hiking Trails

Luce Line State Trail

Gateway State Trail

Root River State Trail

Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail

Douglas State Trail

North Shore State Trail

Luce Line State Trail

The Luce Line State Trail is a 63-mile long former railroad grade which is developed for biking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and skiing. The limestone surfaced trail runs from Plymouth 30 miles west to Winsted, with a parallel tread way for horseback riding. From Winsted to Cosmos (34 miles) the trail has a natural surface with 3 missing bridges. Snowmobiles are allowed on the trail west of Stubb's Bay Road.

Stretching across the varied landscapes of metropolitan and rural Minnesota, the Luce Line is a preserved strip of countryside alive with many varieties of plants and animals. In the east the influence is woodland, a carry-over from the Big Woods that once occupied the area. Rolling stands of sugar maple and basswood, along with many colorful forest floor ground-cover plants can be found here. From Hutchinson westward, the Big Woods give way to remnants of the tall-grass prairie, with some prairie plants still visible.

Wildlife inhabitants range from deer, fox and mink to owls and pheasant. Many adjacent lakes also support ducks and geese. The Luce Line is truly like a jaunt down a quiet country road.



- Hike
- Horseback
- Biking
- Mountain Biking
- Skiing
- Snowmobiling

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Minnesota Valley State Park & Trail, Crow River Canoe & Boating Route, Minnesota River Canoe & Boating Route, Mississippi River Canoe & Boating Route, Woldsfeld Woods S.N.A., Wood-Rill S.N.A.

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Other Nearby Recreational Opportunities: Baker Park Reserve - camping, Parker's Lake City Park - swimming, picnic area, Swan Lake County Park - pier fishing.

Gateway State Trail

The Gateway State Trail is a 18.3 mile long multiple use trail starting in St. Paul. This paved trail cuts through a cross-section of urban areas, parks, lakes, wetlands and fields in Ramsey and Washington Counties. Many trail users are surprised to find these rural landscapes so close to the metro area, while others appreciate the access it provides to downtown and the State Capitol complex.

Located on a former Soo Line Railway grade, the trail is very level and is wheelchair accessible. It provides access to other trail opportunities in Phalen-Keller Regional Park, connections to Stillwater and other destinations in Washington County.

For 9.7 miles of the Gateway, between I-694 and the eastern end at Pine Point Park, the paved trail adjoins a separate, unpaved trail for horseback riding or carriage driving. These 9.7 miles are groomed for cross-country skiing in the winter on the paved trail. Motorized vehicles are not permitted anywhere on the trail.



- Hike
- Horseback
- Biking
- In-line Skating
- Skiing
- Wheelchair access

Parking available at: South of the intersection of Co. Rd. B and White Bear Avenue at Maplewood Community Center.

Near the intersection of Hwy 36 and I-694: Take Highway 36 to Hadley Avenue in Oakdale. Turn south go 1/4 block to 55th Street North. Turn east (left) go 1/2 mile to parking lot on south (right) near I-694 overpass.

The trail's eastern end: Take County Road 55 to Pine Point Park five miles north of Stillwater. Turn west (left) to parking lot in the park. There is a small parking fee required. Do not leave valuables in your car.

Bike Trail Connections: Phalen-Keller Regional Park, Stillwater, Maplewood mall, White Bear Lake, St. Paul

Do not leave valuables in your car

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Afton State Park, William O'Brien State Park, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway - Canoe Route.

Root River State Trail

The Root River State Trail is a 36 mile long multiple use trail from Fountain to 5.3 miles east of Rushford at the DNR Forestry site at Money Creek Woods. Developed on an abandoned railroad grade, the entire trail is paved. The trail is generally level and wheelchair accessible as it descends from Fountain into the Root River Valley. Bicycling, in-line skating, and hiking are the main summer uses of the trail. Cross country skiing is popular in the winter.

The trail provides outstanding views of the soaring limestone bluffs of the Root River Valley. Wildlife is abundant and sightings of wild turkey, deer, hawks and turkey vultures are common. Rattlesnakes, a state threatened and protected species, are occasionally found on rock outcrops and along the river bottoms.

Historical buildings and rural communities along the trail provide sites of interest to trail users. They also provide many services. Campgrounds, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, museums, outfitters and unique stores are found in many of the trail towns.



Hiking
Biking
In-line skating
Skiing

Parking available at:

Fountain: From Highway 52 take County Road 8 about one mile to parking lot by city park/softball field.

Preston: Highway 52 to Fillmore St. (Co. Road 12), approximately 1/2 mile to the parking lot.

Lanesboro: Parking along streets, at the parking lot by the Community Center and Sylvan Park. Overflow parking is being developed by the softball field.

Rushford: From Highway 16, turn north on Elm Street (State Hwy. 43), go one block west. Parking lot is by old depot.

On the streets of Whalan and Peterson.

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Forestville State Park, Beaver Creek Valley State Park, Root River Canoe & Boating Route, R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, Rushford Sand Barrrens S.N.A., Harmony - Preston Valley State Trail

Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail

One of two segments that comprise the Blufflands Trail System, the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail is an 18 mile long multiple use trail connecting the communities of Harmony and Preston with the existing Root River State Trail.

The trail was completely paved with asphalt in the fall of 1997. Main summer uses of the trail are hiking, biking, and in-line skating. The trail is groomed for cross country skiing in the winter.

The northern two-thirds of the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail follows and crosses Watson Creek, the South Branch of the Root River and Camp Creek, passing through wooded areas and farmland on an abandoned railroad grade. The southern portion of the trail leaves the railroad grade, climbing out of the river valley, and angles cross country into Harmony.



- Hike
- Biking
- In-line Skating
- Skiing
- Wheelchair access

Parking available:

If you start your trip on the Root River Trail, parking is available in Fountain, Lanesboro, Whalan, Peterson, or Rushford. See Root River State Trail for details.

Preston: Highway 52 to Fillmore St. (Co. Road 12), approximately 1 mile west to the parking lot.

Harmony: Highway 52 to 4th St. NW, approximately 1/2 mile west to parking lot.

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Forestville State Park, Beaver Creek Valley State Park, Root River Canoe & Boating Route, R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, Rushford Sand Barrens S.N.A., Root River State Trail.

Douglas State Trail

The Douglas State Trail is a 12.5 mile, multiple use state trail developed on an abandoned railroad grade. This trail crosses outstanding rural scenery, traversing some of the richest agricultural land in Minnesota. One treadway is paved for bicyclists, hikers, in-line skaters and skiers; the other is a natural surface for horseback riders and snowmobilers.

The trail begins in northwestern Rochester, travels through the small town of Douglas (for which the trail is named) and terminates in Pine Island. Present trail access includes three parking lots with rest facilities.



- Hike**
- Horseback**
- Biking**
- In-line Skating**
- Skiing**

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Zumbro River Canoe & Boating Route, R.J. Dorer Hardwood Memorial State Forest.

North Shore State Trail

The North Shore State Trail is a 146 mile natural surface trail from Duluth to Grand Marais. Primarily used by snowmobiles, it traverses St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties in northeastern Minnesota. The trail winds its way through the forests behind the outer bluffs that overlook Lake Superior, and provides access to some of the most rugged and beautiful scenery in Minnesota.

The portion of the trail suggested for summer use is from the town of Finland to Grand Marais (70 miles). The remainder of the trail may have standing water on it during the summer months.

For most of its length, the North Shore Trail provides a backcountry experience and, in some areas, wilderness conditions. The great majority of the trail is in a remote, natural and undeveloped setting, although some logging and farms are included. Trail visitors may encounter moose, deer, bear, fox, hawks, waterfowl and possibly timber wolves.



Hiking
Horseback riding
Mountain biking

Parking:

Lester River Park parking lot: Lester River Road off Highway 61

Martin Road Parking lot: at the northern edge of Duluth's city limits.

Nearby DNR recreational areas

Gooseberry Falls State Park, Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, Tettegouche State Park, George H. Crosby- Manitou State Park, Cascade River State Park, Temperance River State Park, Finland State Forest, Cloquet Valley State Forest, Pat Bayle State Forest.

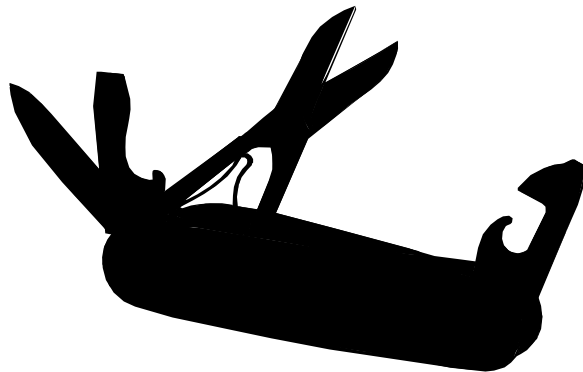
Do not leave valuables in your car.

Other nearby recreational opportunities

Superior National Forest, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

State Forests

Excellent Regional
Camping And Hiking



State Forests: Excellent Regional Camping & Hiking

Map of State Forest Locations

R.J. Dorer Hardwood Forest – A jewel in Gamehaven Council's backyard

Minnesota State Forests Camping & Hiking Alternatives

In Minnesota we pride ourselves as a land of 10,000 (plus!) lakes. **Yet Minnesota's "other" jewel--its forests--covers almost one-third of its total land area.**

Minnesota's 58 state forests encompass nearly 4 million acres. The first state forest was established in 1900 when a thousand acres of cutover pinelands in Cass County were donated to the state by Governor John S. Pillsbury to become the Pillsbury State Forest. One hundred years later, in 2000, the Minnesota Legislature created the 15,000-acre Waukanabo State Forest in north-central Minnesota.

Minnesota's state forests were established to provide outdoor recreation, protect watersheds, and perpetuate rare and distinctive species of native flora and fauna. State forests are sustainably managed to ensure they remain healthy, vital, and productive for the present and for future generations.

For more information on Minnesota's state forests check out the brochure, "Minnesota State Forests--Outdoor Recreation Guide." It includes directions to state forest recreation areas and lists state forest trails, campgrounds, and day-use areas. Get it from the DNR information center [e-mail: info@dnr.state.mn.us or phone: (651) 296-6157 or (888) MINNDNR; TTY: (651) 296-5484 or (800) 657-3929].

The following web site is very informative: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html





R.J. Dorer Hardwood Forest

Whether you're looking for an area to teach orienteering, some place for a day hike, or a week-long camp outing, the R.J. Dorer Hardwood Forest is a hiking and camping jewel in the backyard of Gamehaven Council. A collection of land tracks, this state forest extends from the Iowa border to just north of

Kellogg, MN and offers a varied terrain. We collected a list of access points that you should investigate for your troop.

For maps of these and other sites contact the DNR Information Center, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4040. Telephone: (651) 296-6157 or (888) 646-6367.

Web Site: www.dnr.state.mn.us

Hay Creek DUA

Contact: 1801 S. Oak, Lake City MN 55041

Phone: 651-345-3216

Directions: From Red Wing go 4 mi. S. on Hwy. 58; turn right (NW) at Dressen's Saloon, go 1.25 mi. on gravel road.

Features:

- On Hay Creek Trout Stream.
- Picnic shelter.
- Access to horse riding trails.
- Water Access
- Picnic Sites
- Fishing

Kruger Campground and DUA

Contact: 1801 S. Oak, Lake City MN 55041

Phone: 651-345-3216

Directions: From Wabasha take St. Hwy. 60 W. 5 mi.; then Co.Rd. 81 S. 0.5 mi.

Features:

- Camping – Drive-in Sites
- Toilets
- Wells
- Paths
- On Zumbro River
- Hiking trails
- Picnic Sites
- Nature Trails
- Fishing

Reno Horse Campground

Contact: 603 N. Sprague St., Caledonia MN 55921

Phone: 507-724-5264

Directions: From Reno (on State Hwy. 26) go west on gravel township road for 1/4 mile to parking lot.

Features:

- Near Mississippi River
- Picnic shelter
- Horse picket line
- Access to horse riding trails
- Nature Trails (15 miles)
- Camping
- Toilets

Zumbro Bottoms Horse Campground – Main

Contact: 1801 S Oak, Lake City MN 55041

Phone: 651-345-3216

Directions: From Wabasha take St.Hwy. 61 (S) to Kellogg; Turn right on Co.Rd. 18

Features:

- Near Zumbro River
- Picnic
- Sites
- Camping
- Hiking

Zumbro Bottoms Horse Campground – West

Contact: 1801 S. Oak, Lake City MN 55041

Phone: 651-345-3216

Directions: From south of Lake City on Hwy. 61 take Co.Rd. 4 (S) to Theilman; turn left (E) on Co.Rd 86

Features:

- Camping
- Horse Sites: 20
- Hiking

Zumbro Bottoms Horse Campground – North

Contact: 1801 S. Oak, Lake City MN 55041

Phone: 651-345-3216

Directions: From Wabasha take Hwy. 60 (W) 7 mi. to Co.Rd. 86. Turn left, go 2 mi. to township road then veer left at the Zumbro Bottoms sign.

Features:

- Camping
- Hiking

Snake Creek Trailhead DUA

Contact: 1801 S. Oak, Lake City MN 55041

Phone: 651-345-3216

Directions: From Kellogg take Hwy. 61 (S) 4 mi.; turn right (W) .5 mi.

Features:

- Fishing
- Hiking

Reno North Campsites

Contact: 603 N. Sprague St., Caledonia MN 55921

Phone: 507-724-5264

Directions: From Reno (on State Hwy. 26) go west on gravel township road about 4 miles to parking lot.

Features:

- Walk in and drive-in campsite
- Horse riding trails
- Near Mississippi River.
- Picnic shelter
- Nature Trails (15 miles)

Wet Bark Horse Campsites

Contact: 603 N. Sprague St., Caledonia MN 55921

Phone: 507-724-5264

Directions: From Houston, take county road 13 west 5 miles.

Features:

- Camping
- Horse Sites
- Near Root River
- Picnic Shelter
- Horse corral and picket line
- Horse riding trails
- Nature Trails (9 miles)

Vinegar Ridge Campsites

Contact: 603 N. Sprague St., Caledonia MN 55921

Phone: 507-724-5264

Directions: From Rushford, take Township Road 270 east 4 miles.

Features:

- Camping
- Drive-in Sites: 8
- Near Root River
- Access to Root River State Trail
- Horse riding trails
- Nature Trails (6 miles)

Regional Canoeing Rivers



Regional Canoeing Rivers

Root River

Zumbro River

Cannon River

Root River



The Root River maintains timelessness as it represents the fine scenic and historic qualities which is characteristic of southeastern Minnesota. The Root River has gentle to moderate flow with a few riffles. The water level varies substantially with rainfall. The river offers wonderful opportunities for family day trips, and towns along the river offer historical sights, services, and hospitality. Those who are more adventurous can take advantage of the canoe campsites for overnight trips.

Water characteristics - The water flow on the Root River ranges from gentle to moderate. From Chatfield to the Mississippi River the river falls 310 feet for an average drop of 3.4 feet per mile. River levels peak in mid-March and once again in June. Though the watershed has many spring-fed clear water tributaries including the South Branch, the Root River is somewhat cloudy due to erosive soil types in the watershed.

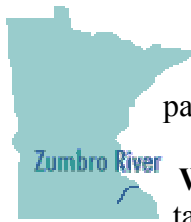
Landscape - Formed of two branches in the west, the North and Middle, the Root River winds past towering bluffs topped with oak and hickory. Joined above the town of Whalen by the South Branch, a tributary which flows from Mystery Cave, the river continues its way past bluffs and outcrops until Rushford. There the river straightens as the valley broadens considerably. The scenery then settles into a gentle plain of pastureland and mixed cottonwood and maple with wooded rolling hills visible in the distance.

Fish and wildlife - There are many species of fish inhabiting the river including small mouth bass, channel catfish, rock bass, sunfish, crappies, and rough fish. Most of these can be found in the active stretches of pooled areas of the river. Brown trout can be found in the clearer and colder spring-fed streams, as well as the western end of the South Branch. All anglers fishing in the designated trout waters are required to have a current trout stamp.

The Root River supports over 40 species of birds. It is quite common to see blue herons, egrets, and wood ducks moving about the river's edge. Raptors in the area include red-tailed hawks, osprey, turkey vultures, and bald eagles.

Wooded shores harbor mammals such as deer, gray fox, red fox, coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks, squirrels, weasels, and badgers. River otters and beaver can be found in the water. Lizards such as the skink, racerunner, and many species of snakes, including the timber rattlesnake, can be found along the banks and outcrops.

Zumbro River



The Zumbro River flows through the southeastern part of Minnesota and encounters a diverse array of natural communities. The river has few rapids but paddling skills are needed in order to maneuver with the current and to avoid snags.

Water characteristics - Canoeists expecting to drift down the Zumbro may be taken by surprise. At even moderate levels the river has a lively current and travelers must keep a lookout to avoid the many snags they're liable to encounter.

The Zumbro's original name aptly describes this aspect of the river. The French called it Riviere des Embarras, meaning river of difficulties. The snags, caused by widespread bank erosion, hindered the canoes of the French voyagers engaged in the fur trade. Erosion has also obliterated a small waterfall which was once located just above the town of Zumbro Falls. At the site of the falls the river now flows rapidly over a sandstone rubble bed.

A stretch of mild rapids at Jarrett presents a rocky obstacle course during low water. Usually a very shallow, muddy river, the Zumbro's water level depends largely on the flow at the Rochester power dam. The dam operators generally release water on weekends, raising the level sufficiently for canoeing. The river's level may also rise dramatically and dangerously after rainstorms producing flash floods. When flash floods are likely to occur, there is generally a four-hour lag between storm and flood.

Landscape - Limestone and sandstone bluffs watch over the Zumbro River as it winds through southeastern Minnesota to the Mississippi. The Zumbro flows through a deep narrow valley hemmed in by rocky cliffs for much of its length below the Rochester power dam (river mile 60). Below Theilman to the river's mouth, however, the valley widens considerably and farmland stretches away from the banks. Woods and marshes along the river offer a gentle contrast to the striking bluffs. Trees in the river valley are predominantly elm, box elder, willow and cottonwood, with some walnut.

Fish and wildlife - The Zumbro is a good fishing river; anglers can take catfish, small mouth bass, bullheads and suckers. According to the most recent Minnesota Department of Health Advisory (1997), children under six and women of childbearing years should not eat any fish caught above the Zumbro Lake Dam. Below the dam, they can eat smaller catfish (under 20") small mouth bass and white sucker. Others should eat no more than one meal a month.

Wildlife which can be found along the river includes deer, fox, grouse, bald eagles, and herons. The open marshes provide important habitat for sandhill cranes and moorhens.

Cannon River



The Cannon River has few rapids, and none are difficult (Class I). Several dams must be portaged. Downed trees and logjams are hazards in high water. The river varies in width from 50 to 200 feet.

Water characteristics - Stream flow usually peaks in early April. Very heavy rains can cause the river to flood. Because there are few rapids to cause canoeists problems in low water, the level is usually sufficient for canoeing. The dam at Lake Byllesby, affects water levels and canoeing downstream. From Faribault to its mouth, the Cannon falls 280 feet, an average of 4.8 feet per mile.

Landscape - Bounded by rolling hills, bluffs, farmland and woods in its upper reaches, the Cannon enters a broad gorge below Cannon Falls, where it is flanked by bluffs up to 300 feet high. The Cannon River is underlaid with a variety of sedimentary rocks. The river valley created by cutting through these rocks produced rock outcrops of St. Peter Sandstone, the Prairie du Chein Group of dolomites and sandstone, and near the river's mouth, Jordan Sandstone and the St. Lawrence and Franconia formations.

Fish and wildlife - In the reservoirs and slow stretches above Faribault the most common game fish are northern pike, black crappies, bluegills and bullheads. Downstream from Faribault the most common species are small mouth bass, northern pike, walleye and, in the stretch below Cannon Falls, channel catfish.

Wildlife seen in the river valley includes white-tailed deer, beavers, otters, raccoons, bobcats, red fox, gray fox and coyotes. Bald eagles are sighted near the Mississippi River.

National Parks & Lake Shores



National Parks and Lake Shores

Voyageurs National Park – International Falls, MN

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore – Bayfield, WI

Isle Royal – Houghton, MI

Boundary Waters Canoe Area – Ely, MN

Glacier – West Glacier, MT

Voyageurs National Park

The park lies in the southern part of the Canadian Shield, representing some of the oldest exposed rock formations in the world. This bedrock has been shaped and carved by at least four periods of glaciation. The topography of the park is rugged and varied; rolling hills are interspersed between bogs, beaver ponds, swamps, islands, small lakes and four large lakes. In the years since the last glaciation, a thin layer of soil has been created which supports the boreal forest ecosystem, the "North Woods" of Voyageurs National Park.

This land is rich in human history. Named for the Voyageurs, French-Canadian canoe-men who traveled these waters in their birch-bark canoes from the Great Lakes to the interior of the western United States and Canada. Modern voyageurs continue to ply these waters. The water, accompanying scenery, geology and rich cultural and natural resources that give Voyageurs its national significance, merits its protection for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

VISITATION: Highest from May through August with boating, canoeing, camping, fishing, wildlife-watching and hiking. January through March the park is a destination for winter snowmobile vacations, snow shoeing, and winter camping.

LOCATION: On the northern edge of Minnesota's border, 55 miles of the park meander along the Canadian border with Ontario. Voyageurs is about 15 miles east of International Falls, MN and 300 miles north of Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

ADDRESS:

Voyageurs National Park
3131 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649-8904

TELEPHONE:

Headquarters: (218) 283-9821
FAX Number: (218) 285-7407

FEES: There is no entrance fee or any charge for use of park facilities.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Contact park headquarters for more information!

Apostle Islands National Lake Shore

Located on the south shore of Lake Superior in Ashland and Bayfield Counties, Wisconsin. There are over 50 miles of maintained trails in the national lakeshore. These are located primarily on Stockton Island (14.5 mi.), Oak Island (12 mi.), Outer Island (9 mi.), Basswood Island (7.5 mi.), Manitou Island (3 mi.), Sand Island (2.5 mi.), Rocky Island (2 mi.), and Otter Island (2 mi.).

The three-mile-long Little Sand Bay Road provides access to the Little Sand Bay visitor center and Hokenson Brothers Fishery. Only the northernmost section of the road is within park boundaries. Meyers Road provides access off state highway 13 to a parking lot, picnic area, and kayak launch site at Meyers beach on Squaw Bay, about five miles northeast of Cornucopia, WI. Camping is permitted on 18 of the 21 islands.

A permit is required for any camping or scuba diving in the national lakeshore. A camping permit fee system allows visitors to reserve campsites prior to their visit. Reservations for individual and group campsites (1-7 campers) can be made up to 30 days in advance.

Isle Royale National Park

An island park in Lake Superior, accessible by ferry from Houghton and Copper Harbor Michigan, and from Grand Portage, Minnesota. Wolves and moose, the wild North Woods forest, ever-changing weather and a cool climate, and the crystal clear waters and rugged shoreline of Lake Superior characterize Isle Royale National Park.

This wilderness archipelago is 45 miles long and nine miles wide at it's widest point. The park encompasses a total area of 850 square miles including submerged land which extends four and a half miles out into Lake Superior. The archipelago is composed of many parallel ridges resulting from ancient lava flows which were tilted and glaciated.

Isle Royale has 165 miles of scenic hiking trails and 36 campgrounds for backpackers and recreational boaters. There is excellent fishing, historic lighthouses and shipwrecks, ancient copper mining sites, and plenty of spots to observe wildlife. Isle Royale is accessible only by boat or float plane. Isle Royale is relatively untouched by direct outside influences and serves as a living laboratory and Unites States Biosphere Reserve.

Some supplies and facilities available at Rock Island. 165 miles of hiking trails.

VISITATION: Highest from mid-July through the third week of August (expect to share campsites); lowest in April, May, September, and October.

LOCATION: Isle Royale is located in Lake Superior about 20 miles southeast of Grand Portage, Minnesota, and about 53 miles north of Copper Harbor, Michigan. Headquarters for Isle Royale National Park during the summer is located on Mott Island, one of numerous islands associated with the Isle Royale archipelago. During the winter, headquarters is located in Houghton, Michigan, on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

ADDRESS:

Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, MI 49931

TELEPHONE AND EMAIL:

Phone: (906) 482-0984

For general information, ISRO_ParkInfo@nps.gov

For Ranger III reservations, ISRO_Ranger3Reserve@nps.gov

For Group Camping Reservations, ISRO_GroupReserve@nps.gov

FEES, COSTS, RATES:

A user fee was initiated in 1997. This \$4.00 per person per day fee helps support visitor facilities. Children 11 and under are free.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area is the crowning jewel of Superior National Forest. Stretching 150 miles along the Minnesota-Ontario border, this federally protected wilderness contains several thousand lakes and streams linked by overland trails, or portages. All but a handful of the lakes are paddle-only (no boat motors allowed).

The key to enjoying a visit to the BWCA is to plan a trip that matches your experience and expectations. Circular routes can be planned through a number of lakes and rivers, with campsites moved every day or two. Another option is to canoe to a site that can be used as a base camp.

For those who lack equipment or experience, dozens of canoe outfitters service the BWCA. Most offer as much or as little help and equipment as a camper requires. Practice packing, you may be surprised at the size and weight of your pack and find some things to leave behind.

Maps and a good compass are essential to finding your way. Such maps are available from sporting goods stores and canoe outfitters. Cans and bottles are not allowed in the BWCA wilderness, so all food must be packed in plastic bags or other reusable plastic containers.

The BWCA is most heavily used on the opening weekend of fishing season, holiday weekends, and from mid-July through the first three weeks in August. In addition, late May, September and early October tend to be relatively insect-free. Weekends are more heavily used, so you may want to begin your trip on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

A visitor distribution system has been established. A limited number of permits are available each day for just under 100 separate entry points. Each overnight party and day-use party of up to nine people must have a valid permit in possession while in the BWCA.

An overnight permit is valid for a party of up to nine people entering the BWCA only on the date and through the entry point specified on the permit. The person named on the permit must accompany the group. A day-use permit is valid for a party of up to nine people entering the BWCA at the entry point designated on the reservation, and on the date specified on the permit at pickup.

You can obtain a permit by making a reservation ahead of time, or on a walk-in basis if a permit is still available. Those who can plan ahead and are flexible in their starting date and entry point should have no trouble getting into the BWCA.

To increase your chances, try to make reservations as early in the year as possible. If possible, start your trip mid-week. Remain flexible regarding your choice of entry point.

Reserved overnight permits: Unless you specify otherwise, your permit will be waiting for you at the Forest Service office closest to your entry point. You may pick your permit up (please bring your confirmation letter) within 24 hours prior to your scheduled trip. Walk-in overnight and day-use permits: Stop at any USFS district office or cooperating business up to 24 hours before your desired entry to the BWCA. If a permit is available, one will be issued to you.

Low impact camping: Camp and travel quietly to preserve the peace of the wilderness. Leave no trace of your visit, burning or packing out anything you packed in. Never wash dishes, clothes or yourself in lakes or streams even with “biodegradable” soap. Use a camp stove rather than a fire for cooking meals and boiling water. Leave rocks, flowers, moss and other natural objects in their place. Camp at designated campsites only.

Anyone accepting a permit to enter the BWCA agrees to be responsible for any violation of BWCA rules. With the exception of fuel, insect repellent, medicines, and personal toilet articles, cans and bottles are prohibited. Nine people and four watercraft are the maximum allowed in your party. You must camp at U.S. Forest Service-developed campsites or within designated Primitive Management Areas as specially approved on your permit.

All canoes must be licensed in order to operate within the BWCA or on any other Minnesota waters. Minnesota honors licenses valid in the canoeist’s home state, but visitors from states not requiring canoe licenses must purchase a Minnesota canoe license.

If you intend to cross the US-Canadian border during your trip, you may need to obtain a Remote Area Border Crossing Permit or a Quetico Provincial Park visitors permit.

State law requires that each person must have a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device aboard the boat or canoe at all times. Wearing it is advisable. If a storm approaches, get off the lake. Rapids in the BWCA are not safe, use the designated portages. As clear and pure as BWCA water looks, boil drinking water, or treat it with a filter or chemicals designed to kill Giardia lamblia. The best safety precautions are common sense, training in first aid, and watching out for others in the group.

For more information on the BWCA, contact

Minnesota Travel Information Center
121 7th Place East
St. Paul, MN 55101-2112
(800) 657-3700

Glacier National Park

Created in 1910, Glacier National Park provides over one million acres of habitat and protection for a wonderful variety of wildlife and wildflowers. Historic lodges preserve the ambience of nineteenth century travel for twentieth century visitors.

The geologic history of Glacier National Park is read in the numerous exposed layers of Precambrian sedimentary formations. These extremely well preserved sediments date back to over 1 billion years. Subsequent sculpting by massive bodies of ice has transformed this area into a dramatic example of glacial landforms. Today several small alpine glaciers of relatively recent origin dot the mountains. Due to its geographic location and geologic history, Glacier National Park contains a particularly rich biological diversity of plant and animal species. This combination of spectacular scenery, diverse flora and fauna, and relative isolation from major population centers have combined to make Glacier National Park the center of one of the largest and most intact ecosystems in North America.

Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta were joined together by the governments of Canada and the United States in 1932 as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, the first park of its kind in the world. Both parks have been designated Biosphere Reserves. In December of 1995 they were jointly designated the "Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park World Heritage Site."

Visitation: Visitation in Glacier National Park, like many mountain parks in the west, follows seasonal weather patterns. Although open year-round, long cold winters restrict the bulk of visitor use to the months of June, July, August and September. Many visitors are increasingly finding the "off season" (fall, winter and spring) a rewarding time to visit. Less crowded conditions and increased opportunities for wildlife sightings are just a few of the benefits of a visit during the other months of the year.

Location: Glacier National Park is located in northwestern Montana on the U.S./Canadian border.

Address

Glacier National Park
National Park Service
P.O. Box 128
West Glacier, MT 59936

Telephone

(406) 888-7800 voice
(406) 888-7806 TDD
(406) 888-7808 fax

Entrance Fees

By purchasing your National Parks Pass locally at Glacier, your dollars will directly benefit Glacier National Park.

National Trail System



National Trail System

Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

Florida National Scenic Trail

Ice Age National Scenic Trail

Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail

North Country National Scenic Trail

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

California National Historic Trail

Iditarod National Historic Trail

NPS Pacific-Great Basin SSO

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail

Nez Perce National Historic Trail

Oregon National Historic Trail

Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail

Pony Express National Historic Trail

Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

National Trail System

In the early days of this nation, before railroads and highways were constructed, people traveled overland on foot, on horseback, or by wagon. Some of these trails remain in existence today as reminders of our rich historic past. Stories of the Oregon Trail, the Santa Fe Trail, the Trail of Tears, and others bring to mind exciting and sometimes tragic chapters in our national heritage.

In the early 20th century, outdoor enthusiasts in New England and the Sierra Nevadas constructed footpaths to gain access to scenic mountain terrain. Trails became a way to gain access to spectacular natural beauty and at the same time to pursue healthy outdoor recreation. The first interstate recreational trail was conceived in 1921 as a national preserve parallel to the East Coast; it is known today as the Appalachian Trail.

In 1968 to provide federal assistance to the Appalachian Trail and to establish a national system of trails, Congress passed the National Trails System Act. The Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails were named in the act as the first two national scenic trails. Today the National Trails System consists of Congressionally designated national scenic trails, which are continuous protected scenic corridors for outdoor recreation, and national historic trails, which recognize prominent past routes of exploration, migration, and military action.

The historic trails generally consist of remnant sites and trail segments, and thus are not necessarily continuous. Although both types are administered by federal agencies, land ownership may be in public or private hands. Of the 17 national scenic and national historic trails so far established, 12 are administered by the National Park Service, four by the Forest Service, and one by the Bureau of Land Management.

National recreation trails are existing trails recognized by the Federal Government as contributing to the National Trails System. They vary in length, terrain, difficulty, and accessibility. These trails are managed by public and private agencies at the local, state, and national levels and include nature trails, river routes, and historic tours. Besides administering and coordinating national trails, the National Park Service conducts a variety of programs to enhance and build a national system of trails available to all. Trail system planning occurs at the metropolitan, state, and regional levels to fulfill the requirement for a National Trail Plan.

Through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, the National Park Service provides technical assistance to local and state public agencies and private organizations working on river and trail corridor projects. Some of these involve establishing trails on abandoned railroad rights-of-way.

For further information on the National Trails System contact:
National Trails System Branch
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127
Phone: (202) 343-3780.

Appalachian National Scenic Trail – 2,144 miles

The Appalachian Trail was first envisioned in 1921 by Benton MacKaye as a greenway from Maine to Georgia. The trail hugs the crests of the Appalachian Mountains and is open only to the hikers. Shelters are spaced for convenient overnight stays. The Appalachian Trail Conference established in 1925, developed the trail and maintains it today through 32 affiliated volunteer trail clubs. Only 65 miles still needs protection through public ownership. Almost 175 people each year hike the entire trail, while millions find inspiration and adventure on shorter trips along the "A.T."

Appalachian Trail Conference

P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
304-535-6331

National Park Service

Appalachian Trail Project Office
c/o Harpers Ferry Center
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
304-535-6278

Continental Divide National Scenic Trail – 3,200 miles

The Continental Divide Trail provides spectacular backcountry travel the length of the Rocky Mountains from Mexico to Canada. It is the most rugged of the long-distance trails. The only section officially designated runs for 795 miles from Canada through Montana and Idaho to Yellowstone National Park. It is open to hikers, pack and saddle animals, and in some places, off-road motorized vehicles. Some segments are open for use in other states.

Continental Divide Trail Alliance

P.O. Box 628 Pine, CO 80470
303-838-3760
Continental Divide Trail Society
3704 N. Charles St., #601 Balto, MD 21218-2300

Florida National Scenic Trail – 1,300 miles

The Florida Trail was conceived and initiated by James A. Kern, who formed the Florida Trail Association in 1964. The trail will eventually extend from Big Cypress National Preserve in South Florida through Florida's three national forests to Gulf Islands National Seashore in the western panhandle. It is especially delightful for winter hiking and camping, passing through America's only subtropical landscape. Side loop trails connect to nearby historic sites and other points of interest. More than 1,000 miles are completed and some 300 miles are officially open to public use.

USDA-FS, National Forests in Florida

325 John Knox Rd., #F-100,
Tallahassee, FL 32303
904-942-9305

Ice Age National Scenic Trail – 1,000 miles

At the end of the Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago, glaciers retreated from North America and left behind a chain of moraine hills, which defined their southern edge. In Wisconsin, the band of hills zigzags across the state for 1,000 miles from Lake Michigan to the Saint Croix River. A trail along these hills was conceived by Ray Zillmer in the 1950s and publicized by Rep. Henry Reuss in his book, *On the Trail of the Ice Age*. Today, with help from the State of Wisconsin and the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation, almost half of the trail is open to public use. Certain sections are popular for marathons, ski races, and ultra-running.

Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation

P.O. Box 423
Pewaukee, WI 53072-0423
414-691-2776

National Park Service,

700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100
Madison, WI 53711
608-264-5610

Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail – 110 miles

The Natchez Trace National Scenic Trails within the boundaries of the Natchez Trace Parkway, extending for 450 miles from Natchez, Mississippi, to Nashville, Tennessee. The Parkway commemorates the historic Natchez Tracer, an ancient path that began as a series of animal tracks and Native American trails. It was later used by early explorers, "Kaintuck" boatmen, post riders, and military men, including General Andrew Jackson after his victory at the Battle of New Orleans. In the trail's 1987 comprehensive plan, four segments near Nashville, Jackson, and Natchez totaling 110 miles were selected for development as hiking and horseback trails.

National Park Service

Natchez Trace Parkway
Rural Route 1 NT-143
Tupelo, MS 38801
601-842-1572

Natchez Trace Trail Conference

P.O. Box 1236
Jackson, MS 39215-1236
601-680-4016

North Country National Scenic Trail – 3,200 miles

Conceived in the mid-1960s, the North Country Trail links New York's Adirondack Mountains with the Missouri River in North Dakota. The trail journeys through a variety of environments: the grandeur of the Adirondacks, Pennsylvania's hardwood forests, the farmland and canals of Ohio, the Great Lakes shorelines of Michigan, the glacier carved forests, lakes, and streams of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the vast plains of North Dakota. Today, almost half of this trail is open for public use. Some of the longer segments cross nine national forests and two national park areas along the route.

North Country Trail Association

3777 Sparks Dr., SE., Suite 105
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-957-0831

National Park Service

700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100
Madison, WI 53711
608-264-5610

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail – 2,638 miles

Lying along the spectacular shoulders of the Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountain ranges from Canada to Mexico, the Pacific Crest is the West Coast counterpart of the Appalachian Trail. Inspired in the 1930s by the idea of a long-distance mountain trail, citizen activists worked with the Forest Service to establish the trail. It passes through 25 national forests and seven national parks. The trail was completed in Oregon and Washington in 1987. Today only 30 miles in California are not protected.

Pacific Crest Trail Association

5323 Elkhorn Blvd., Suite 256
Sacramento, CA 95842
800-817-2243

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail – 700 miles

The Potomac Heritage Trail recognizes and commemorates the unique mix of history and recreation along the Potomac River. Much is already in place: the 184-mile towpath of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in the District of Columbia and Maryland, the 18-mile Mount Vernon Trail in Virginia, and the 75-mile Laurel Highlands Trail in Pennsylvania. In western Maryland, members of the Potomac Heritage Trail have recommended a 55-mile hiking path from Cumberland, Maryland, north to Pennsylvania's Mount Davis and on to the Laurel Highlands.

Potomac Heritage Trail Association

c/o Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
118 Park St., SE
Vienna, VA 22180

National Park Service, National Capital Field Office

Assoc. Supt., Stewardship and Partnership
1100 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20242
202-619-7025/7038

California National Historic Trail – (5,665 miles)

Following the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in California, the 1849 gold rush followed many paths. Starting at several points along the Missouri River, gold seekers converged on the Great Platte River Road, overlapping with Oregon and Mormon emigrants, until they had crossed the crest of the Rockies. From there a variety of routes - determined by the availability of water and grass, the knowledge of guides, or the presence of Indians - were used to get to and cross various passes through the Sierra Nevada mountains. Over 70,000 crossed to California in 1849 and 1850 alone. Recent Oregon settlers used the newly opened Applegate Trail to come south into the California mountains. Today the Trail's comprehensive management plan is being completed to outline auto tour routes, public land management policies, interpretive themes, and public-private partnerships essential to commemorating this important chapter in opening the American West.

Oregon-California Trails Association

P.O. Box 1019
Independence, MO 64051-0519
816-252-2276

NPS Long-Distance Trails Office

324 S. State St., P.O. Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155
801-539-4094

Iditarod National Historic Trail – 2,450 miles

The Iditarod is a system of historic trails made famous by Alaska gold prospectors and their dog teams during the late 19th and early 20th century gold rush. Most of the trail is usable only during Alaska's six-month winter when rivers and tundra are frozen. Each year the renowned 1,150-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race is run along the trail from Anchorage to Nome. Other events include the 210-mile Iditasport race for skiers, mountain bikers, and snowshoers, and the Alaska Gold Rush Classic Snowmachine Race. A network of shelters is being installed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Iditarod Trail Committee. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

Anchorage District, Bureau of Land Management

6681 Abbott Loop Road
Anchorage, AK 99507
907-267-1246

Iditarod Trail Committee

P.O. Box 870800
Wasilla, AK 99687
907-376-5155

NPS Pacific-Great Basin SSO – 1,200 miles

In 1775, a party of Spanish colonists led by Col. Juan Bautista de Anza set out from Mexico to establish an overland route to California. They sought to build a presidio and mission overlooking the Golden Gate and secure it from threats by the Russians and British. This party

of 30 families, a dozen soldiers, and 1,000 cattle, horses, and mules spent three months traversing the deserts of the Southwest before reaching the missions of the California coast. Another three months were spent traveling up the Pacific coast to the Golden Gate where the city of San Francisco now stands. In 1975 and 1976, an expedition re-enactment took place from Horcasitas, Mexico, to San Francisco.

National Park Service

Planning, Grants and Environmental Quality Division
600 Harrison St., Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94107-1371
415-744-3975

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail – 3,700 miles

In 1804, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory and the "Oregon Country." Setting out in boats from what is today Wood River, Illinois, and following the Missouri River upstream, their expedition eventually reached the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1805 and returned east the next year. In Idaho and western Montana, the route follows roads and trails as it crosses the Rocky Mountain passes. Along the route, state, local, and private interests have established motor routes, roadside interpretive markers, and museum exhibits telling the Lewis and Clark story.

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 3434
Great Falls, MT 59403

National Park Service

700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100
Madison, WI 53711
608-264-5610

Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail – 1,300 miles

Mormon emigration was one of the principal forces of settlement of the West. Departing from Nauvoo, Illinois, in February 1846, thousands of Mormons crossed into Iowa seeking refuge from religious persecution. They spent the next winter in the Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, area. Early in 1847, Brigham Young led an advance party west along the Platte River, paralleling the Oregon Trail, to Fort Bridger, Wyoming, where they turned southwest and eventually came to the Great Salt Lake. The 1,624-mile auto tour route in five states is generally marked with the trail logo and closely follows the trail's historic route.

NPS Long-Distance Trails Office

342 S. State St., P.O. Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155
801-539-4094

Nez Perce National Historic Trail – 1,170 miles

This trail route honors the heroic and poignant attempt by the Nez Perce Indians to escape capture by the U.S. Army. In 1877, the Nez Perce were forced to leave their ancestral homelands and move to a reservation east of Lewiston, Idaho. During this journey, hostilities broke out between white settlers and some groups of the Nez Perce. The U.S. Army was called in. The resisting bands headed east, crossed the Rocky Mountains, and hoped to find refuge in Canada. Led by several commanders including Chief Joseph, they eluded capture for months, traveling through the newly established Yellowstone National Park and out onto the Great Plains. Just short of reaching the Canadian border in Montana, most of the party was overtaken near the Bearpaw Mountains.

Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation

P.O. Box 20197
Missoula, MT 59807
406-728-7649

Oregon National Historic Trail – 2,170 miles

As the harbinger of America's westward expansion, the Oregon Trail was the pathway to the Pacific for fur traders, gold seekers, missionaries, and emigrants. Beginning in 1841 and enduring for more than 20 years, an estimated 300,000 emigrants followed this route from the Midwest to Oregon on a trip that took five months to complete. Today the trail corridor contains some 300 miles of discernible wagon ruts and 125 historic sites. The approximate route can still be followed by automobile, and opportunities are available to travel by foot, horse, or mountain bike in many places.

NPS Long Distance Trails Office

324 S. State St., P.O. Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155
801-539-4094

NPS Pacific Northwest Region, Oregon National Historic Trail

83 South King Street, Suite 212
Seattle, WA 98104
206-553-5366

Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail – 300 miles

In the fall of 1780, upcountry patriots from Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina formed a militia to drive the British from the southern colonies. This trail marks their 14-day trek across the Appalachians to the Piedmont region of the Carolinas. There they defeated British troops at the Battle of Kings Mountain, setting in motion events that led to the British surrender at Yorktown and the end of the Revolutionary War. Each year history buffs commemorate this patriotic event. Much of the trail has become road and highway; only a small 20-mile portion remains as a foot trail across the mountains. In most places roadside signs indicate proximity to the trail. A guide to the seven walking sections of the trail is available.

Overmountain Victory Trail Association,
c/o Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area
1651 West Elk Avenue
Elizabethton, TN 37643
615-543-5808

National Park Service,
Southeast Region
Planning and Compliance Division
75 Spring Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-331-5465

Pony Express National Historic Trail – 1,855 miles

Begun in 1860 as a vital mail route connecting the eastern United States to California, this privately financed operation only lasted 18 months before it was supplanted by telegraph. Dozens of wiry riders and hundreds of horses conducted the relay of mail through desert and plain, mountains and storm around the clock to get the mail through. Average travel time from St. Joe, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, was 10 days. Nearly 35,000 pieces of mail were transported, some containing the momentous news of Lincoln's election and the outbreak of the Civil War. The transcontinental railroad followed much of its route in later years. Today many portions of the route are marked by highways sign and reenactment rides - complete with souvenir mail – take place every year.

National Pony Express Association
P.O. Box 236
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

National Park Service
Long-Distance Trails Office
324 S. State St., P.O. Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155
801-539-4094

Santa Fe National Historic Trail – 1,203 miles

After Mexican independence in 1821, U.S. and Mexican traders developed the Santa Fe Trail, using American Indian travel and trade routes. It quickly became a commercial and cultural link between the two countries. It also became a road of conquest during the Mexican and Civil wars. With the building of the railroad to Santa Fe in 1880, the trail was largely abandoned. Of the 1,203 miles of trail route between Old Franklin, Missouri, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, more than 200 miles of ruts and trace remain visible; some 30 miles of these are protected on federal lands.

National Park Service, Southwest Region,
Branch of Long Distance Trails
P.O. Box 728
Santa Fe, NM 87504-0728
505-988-6888

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail – 2,052 miles

After many years of pressure from white settlers, 16,000 Cherokee Indians from the southeastern states were moved by the U.S. Army in the late 1830s to lands west of the Mississippi River. Various detachments followed different routes west to the Oklahoma Territory. Thousands died along the way. Today, the designated trail follows two of the principal routes: a water trail (1,226 miles) along the Tennessee, Ohio, Mississippi, and Arkansas rivers; and an overland route (826 miles) from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. National Park Service

NPS Long Distance Trails Group-- Santa Fe

P.O. Box 728

Santa Fe, NM 87504-0728

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Opportunities

For

OA Members



Opportunities For Order of the Arrow Members

Philmont OA Trail Crew

Northern Tier OA Wilderness Voyage

European Camp Staff Program

Philmont OA Trail Crew

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/other/tcrew>



The National Order of the Arrow is offers an opportunity to join together with other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch. Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on the two week trail crew and trek.

The program is a fourteen-day experience. The first week focuses on the rebuilding trails under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is spent on a seven day backpacking trek that is completely planned and chosen by the participants in the program. Each crew plans their own trek! The program is not simply building trails and hiking. The OA Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Trail building is tough work. The work site experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the trail that is being built is designed to last over 75 years and protect the beautiful landscape of Philmont Scout Ranch. Other than trail building techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, observe and participate in group wilderness safety, good judgment, and motivation activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using scout camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge and council programs. Camping is a method of Scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people.

Requirements: 1) Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion. 2) Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 pounds. (Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.) 3) Be a registered member of both the BSA and a local OA lodge. 4) Scouts from the same unit, or otherwise acquainted, will be placed in separate crews. No Exceptions! *No exceptions can be made to these requirements.*

Selection for this program is competitive and is both an honor and a privilege.

How To Apply: Complete the application, have it approved by both your Scout Executive and Lodge Adviser, and receive parental permission if you are under age 18. Mail your completed application and \$25.00 deposit to:

Philmont Trail Crew
Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America
P O Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Web Site & Application Form: www.oa-bsa.org/misc/pdfinfo.htm

Northern Tier OA Wilderness Voyage

<http://www.oa-bsa.org/other/ntvoy>



The National Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US/Canadian Boundary Waters. Under the direction of the United States Forest Service, experienced Charles L. Sommers staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week voyage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The program is a thirteen-day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured into the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800s. Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these Voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with Native Americans and Europeans. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is two-fold. One-half of the O-A Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans their own voyage! However, the program is not simply portage trail work, camping, and canoeing. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Portage trail work is tough and serious. The work site experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the tasks being accomplished are designed to benefit generations of Scouts and non-Scouts in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area. In addition to mastering portage trail maintenance techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and no-impact camping skills, learn wilderness safety techniques, participate in many motivational activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and intensify the purpose of the Order of the Arrow through Scout camping traditions.

Program Costs: Participant cost is \$100 for the two-week experience. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit is required with the application. The balance of the fee is due at the time of acceptance as a participant in the program. Additional expenses, including travel to and from Philmont or Northern Tier as well as miscellaneous purchases, are the responsibility of the participant.

Requirements: 1) Be at least 16 years old the day your program begins, but not 21 by its conclusion. 2) Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 pounds. (Philmont height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced.) 3) Be a registered member of both the BSA and a local OA lodge. 4) Scouts from the same unit, or otherwise acquainted, will be placed in separate crews. *No Exceptions! No exceptions can be made to these requirements.*

Selection for this program is competitive and is both an honor and a privilege.

To Apply: Obtain an application at your local council service center, or write to:
Northern Tier Voyage
Order of the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

European Camp Staff Program

The aim of the European Camp Staff Program is to assist young people to develop their leadership skills and intercultural learning. This is achieved by providing a residential experience as a volunteer staff member at a Scout Center in another country for a minimum of six weeks. Through the European Camp Staff Program, young leaders from the Boy Scouts of America have the opportunity to learn more about Scouting in Europe at a European Scout Center. Scout Centers in Europe do not operate in the same way as camps in the USA.

The staffs of European Scout Centers are usually involved in many different aspects of the running of the Center, rather than specializing in one particular area. This is different from the situation in a BSA camp, where it is common that counselors are assigned for a particular activity or skill with which they work for the majority of their time at the camp. In addition, normally scouting in Europe operates on a coeducational basis, with males and females having the opportunity to be equally involved at all levels.

Room and board are provided in camp in addition to accident and illness insurance.

Program Costs: Registration fee is \$135. Participants pay their own travel to Europe. The European Scout Region will refund 50% of the travel costs, up to a maximum sum of \$800. The administration of the European Camp Staff Program in the USA is through the Boy Scouts of America National Office.

Requirements: Be between the ages of 18 and 30 must be registered leaders with the BSA.

To Apply:

European Camp Staff Program
International Division
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving TX 75015-2405

<http://www.bsa.org/nav/scouts.html>

Where To Stay In Europe

List of over 270 Scout Camps in Europe. If your unit is interested in attending a Scout Camp or if you are considering the Camp Staff Program in Europe, look up the Where To Stay In Europe Scout Camping Directory on the Internet at <http://www.scout.org/europe/wtsie>. It is a listing Scout Camps and Centers across Europe where Scouts can stay.

Hiking Awards



Hiking Awards

Historical Trails Program

50-Miler Program

The Historical Trails Program



Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails seek cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout units. A unit should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity-most communities have such societies.

Reports from many units indicate that these societies have been eager to offer their cooperation by:

- Suggesting trails or sites that are suitable for unit historic activities and exploration.
- Providing units with historic information about the trails or sites.
- Offering guidance to units during restoration and marking projects.
- Financing the cost of materials used by units for restoration and marking projects.
- Staging historic pageants and ceremonies with unit participation.
- Directing public attention to unit historic activities through newspapers, television, and radio.

Award Requirements

To earn the award, members of a unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to:

- Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from a historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.)
- Hike or camp 2 days and 1 night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
- Cooperate with a historic society to restore and mark part of the trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to the trail or site.
- The unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with their local council service center.

Applications for the Historical Trails can be obtained through the Council Office. Ask for form No. 4408

If the trip is 500 miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application.

The 50-miler Program

The primary objective is to simulate Boy Scout interest in the idea of movement and to promote activity that will result in personal activity that result in personal fitness, self reliance, knowledge of wood lore and a practical understanding of conservation.



Chartered unit participation is most desirable; however, provisional groups are eligible.

The Boy Scout unit or provisional group must follow these rules for a 50-Miler trip:

- Select a suitable trail or waterway.
- Adult leaders older than 21 must make the entire trip.

Award Requirements

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award the individual must fulfill all of the following requirements.

- Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.
- Cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles (a maximum of 10 miles per day); take a minimum of 5 consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)
- During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours (individually) of work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or other area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours on the trail, a similar project may be done in the unit's home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)
- Unit or tour leader must then file the 50-Miler Award application with local council service center.

Applications for the 50 Miler Award can be obtained through the Council Office. Ask for Form No. 4408.

If the trip is 500 miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Tour Permit Application is necessary. For trips and overnight camps less than 500 miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application.

High Adventure

Camps Across

America

	State	Back-packing	Canoeing	Caving	Horse / Llama Treks	Mountain Biking	Peak Climbing	Rock Climbing	Sailing, Scuba Diving & Sea Kayaking	Whitewater Canoeing, Rafting, Kayaking
Adirondack Adventure Area	NY	Yes	Yes			Yes				
Adirondack Canoe and Trail Base	NY	Yes	Yes				Yes			
Appalachian Wilderness Adventure	WV	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		Yes
Beaver High Adventure Base	UT	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes		
Boston Minuteman Scout Reservation	MA	Yes	Yes						Yes	
Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch	TX	Yes			Yes					
Camp Bud Schiele High Adventure	NC			Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes
Camp Daniel Boone High Adventure Base	NC	Yes			Yes			Yes		Yes
Camp HoNonWah High Adventure Treks	SC	Yes							Yes	Yes
Camp Orr Adventure Base	AR	Yes	Yes					Yes		
Cedar Valley Challenge	AR	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		Yes
Challenge Programs	OR						Yes		Yes	Yes
Cherokee Saddle-Up Horse Trek	TX				Yes					
Coastal Adventures	GA								Yes	
Constantin Sailing Cruise	TX								Yes	
Del Webb High Adventure Camp	NV	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes		
Edward N. Cole Canoe Base	MI		Yes							
Elkhorn High Adventure Base	CA	Yes			Yes			Yes		Yes
Highlander Outback Programs	GA	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes		
K-M Voyageur Program	MT		Yes			Yes				
Laguna Station	TX								Yes	
Lenhok'sin High Adventure	MD	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes
Log Cabin Wilderness Camp Gateway	CA	Yes								
Log Cabin Wilderness Camp Quest Beyond the Eagle	CA	Yes					Yes	Yes		
Longhorn Trek	TX	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		
Maine High Adventure Area	ME	Yes	Yes							Yes
Marengo Extreme	KY	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
Mead Wilderness Base	NH	Yes	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Mt. Allamuchy Voyager Treks	NJ	Yes	Yes					Yes		Yes
North Idaho High Adventure Base	ID	Yes					Yes		Yes	Yes
Occoneechee Challenge Treks	NC	Yes	Yes							Yes
Odyssey Adventure	WA								Yes	
Oklawaha Canoe Trek	FL		Yes							
Ozark Mountain Trek	MO	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Pacific Northwest High Adventure	WA	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes	

	State	Back- packing	Canoe- ing	Caving	Horse / Llama Treks	Mountain Biking	Peak Climbing	Rock Climbing	Sailing, Scuba Diving & Sea Kayaking	Whitewater Canoeing, Rafting, Kayaking
Packard High Adventure Base	CO	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation	MI	Yes	Yes							
Pendola High-Adventure Base,	CA			Yes						Yes
Phillips Scout Reservation	WI	Yes	Yes						Yes	
Pigeon River Trek	IN		Yes							
Prevailing Winds II Sailing Adventure	MI								Yes	
Sabattis High Adventure Camp	NJ	Yes	Yes				Yes			
Salmon River High Adventure Base	ID					Yes		Yes		Yes
Summit High Adventure Base	NY	Yes	Yes							
Tapico Outdoor Adventure	MI	Yes	Yes			Yes				
Ten-Mile River Trek	NY	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
Teton High Adventure Base	UT	Yes	Yes			Yes				Yes
Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base	OH		Yes						Yes	
Ultimate Zone "Great Smoky Mountain Challenge"	GA	Yes			Yes			Yes		Yes
Voyager Trek Outpost	PA	Yes	Yes							
Wildfire	MA	Yes		Yes				Yes		

Adirondack Adventure Area

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 6-7
Approximate starting date: End of June
Approximate last arrival date: Mid-August
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/10
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, and combination treks
Description of program: A National Camp School Voyageur guide accompanies each group throughout its hiking or canoeing trek in the Adirondack Mountains. Each trek is custom designed to meet group needs and wants.
Equipment provided: Tents, stoves, canoes, cooking equipment, maps, food, and local transportation
Location of base: Massawepie Scout Camp, Tupper Lake, New York
Region: Northeast
Contact: Otetiana/Hiwatha Councils Nos. 397/373
474 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607-1992
Phone: 716-244-4210

Appalachian Wilderness Adventure

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 2
Approximate starting date: June 29
Approximate last arrival date: July 12
Minimum/maximum crew size: 1/60
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Whitewater rafting and canoeing, backpacking, rappelling, spelunking
Description of program: This diversified outdoor program features two days of backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, two days of whitewater canoeing on the New River, and a choice of either an Appalachian mountain-man experience, a spelunking adventure, or rock climbing and rappelling.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Camp Roland, near Bastian, Virginia, off of Interstate Highway 77 south of Bluefield, West Virginia
Region: Central
Contact: Buckskin Council No. 617
2829 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311-1727
Phone: 304-340-3663 or 800-272-6880

Adirondack Canoe and Trail Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: July 7
Approximate last arrival date: August 11
Minimum/maximum crew size: 4/12 (charged for a minimum of 7)
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, high peaks
Description of program: Crews select their trek agendas from canoeing, backpacking, and high-peak experiences in the Adirondack Mountains. The area's unique natural and human history is emphasized.
Equipment provided: Tentage, cooking gear, stoves, canoes, personal flotation devices, trail food, first aid kits, etc.
Location of base: Camp Russell, BSA, one mile north of Woodgate, New York, off New York State Route 28
Region: Northeast
Contact: General Herkimer Council No. 400
427 North Main Street
P.O. Box 128
Herkimer, NY 13350-0128
Phone: 315-866-1540

Beaver High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: Monday after July 4
Approximate last arrival date: Second Saturday in August
Minimum/maximum crew size: 5/20
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, rappelling, Project COPE, mountain biking, canoeing, mountain-man skills
Description of program: For their week's experience, participants backpack from camp to camp, choosing from ten different outposts that include field sports (shooting, archery, orienteering), Project COPE, mountain biking, rappelling, mountain-man skills, "Sherwood Forest," "Homestead" (gold panning and logging), aquatics, a three-peaks hike, or a weeklong 50-mile trek.
Equipment provided: Cooking gear, all outpost program gear
Location of base: 17 miles east of Beaver, Utah, on State Highway 153
Region: Western
Contact: Utah National Parks Council No. 591
250 West 500 North
P.O. Box N
Provo, UT 84603-0106
Phone: 801-373-4185

Boston Minuteman Scout Reservation

Length of sessions: 6—12 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: July 5
Approximate last arrival date: August 2
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/10
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, whitewater canoeing
Description of program: Wilderness backpacking treks in White Mountains National Forest in New Hampshire, lake and river canoeing in New Hampshire, and whitewater canoeing in Maine.
Equipment provided: Canoes and general crew equipment (stoves, cook kits, etc.)
Location of base: Barnstead, New Hampshire
Region: Northeast
Contact: Boston Minuteman Council No. 227
891 Centre Street
Boston, MA 02130
Phone: 617-522-4000

Camp Bud Schiele High Adventure

Length of sessions: 5 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 15
Approximate last arrival date: July 20
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/12
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Caving, horseback riding, rock climbing, rappelling, whitewater rafting
Description of program: Scouts enjoy a different high-adventure experience each day off camp property. Treks include caving, horseback riding, rock climbing, rappelling, and whitewater rafting.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Rutherfordton, North Carolina, approximately 60 miles west of Charlotte and 45 miles south of Asheville in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains
Region: Southern
Contact: Piedmont Council No. 420
P.O. Box 1059
Gastonia, NC 28053-1059
Phone: 704-864-2694

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: June 1
Approximate last arrival date: July 20
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, horse trekking
Description of program: Crews backpack through the pines and desert cacti of the rugged Davis Mountains, on trails that may have a vertical change of more than a thousand feet in less than a mile. In the cavalcade program, riders cover 50 to 60 miles on horseback through some of the mountains' most scenic areas.
Trek: can be customized to fit the needs of a crew.
Trekking may split their itinerary between hiking and riding.
Equipment provided: All meals; all tack for the cavalcade program
Location of base: 21 miles southwest of Balmorhea, Texas, in the Davis Mountains of West Texas
Region: Southern
Contact: Buffalo Troll Council No. 567
1101 West Texas Avenue
Midland, TX 79701-6171
Phone: 915-570-7601

Camp Daniel Boone High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 9
Approximate starting date: June 9
Approximate last arrival date: August 4
Minimum/maximum crew size: 10
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, llama treks, rock climbing, white-water rafting, kayaking
Description of program: All treks of 50 to 60 miles include backpacking, rock climbing, and whitewater rafting. In "rock climbing school," participants learn the basics of climbing and rappelling on Devil's Courthouse and Looking Glass Rock on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
Provisional campers accepted.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Blue Ridge Mountains, Great Smoky Mountains, Haywood County, western North Carolina
Region: Southern
Contact: Daniel Boone Council No. 414
P.O. Box 8010
Asheville, NC 28814-8010
Phone: 800-526-6708

Camp HoNonWah High Adventure Treks

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 5
Approximate starting date: June 10
Approximate last arrival date: July 10
Minimum/maximum crew size: 12/15
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Mountain treks, backpacking, outer banks excursion
Description of program: Mountain treks (two per summer) include whitewater rafting, swimming, and hiking. The outer banks excursion (one per summer) emphasizes fishing and touring. These trips as well as two backpacking treks per summer coincide with the weeks of traditional Boy Scout camp.
Equipment provided: All patrol equipment furnished; participants provide their own tents, backpacks, etc.
Location of base: Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, 20 miles south of Charleston
Region: Southern
Contact: Coastal Caroling Council No. 550
1025 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29407-3441
Phone: 803-763-0305

Cedar Valley Challenge

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 5-7
Approximate starting date: June 1
Approximate last arrival date: July 15
Minimum/maximum crew size: 10/50
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing, backpacking, whitewater, rappelling, spelunking
Description of program: Each trek incorporates canoeing on several different rivers with backpacking, day hikes, rappelling, whitewater, and spelunking.
Equipment provided: Tentage, cooking equipment, canoes, and rappelling gear; backpack rentals available
Location of base: Camp Cedar Valley in the Pine Trail Reservation, 2 miles south of Viola, Arkansas
Region: Southern
Contact: Eastern Arkansas Area Council No. 15
P.O. Box 146
(Council camping office, RO. Box 323)
Jonesboro, AR 72403-0146
Phone: 501 -932-3871

Camp Orr Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 16
Approximate last arrival date: July 21
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/24
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing
Description of program: Crews hike the trails of the Ozarks along the Buffalo National River and through 95,000 acres of wilderness, canoe the river's cold waters, climb and rappel on the bluffs, and learn how pioneers lived in the Ozark wilderness in the early 1840s. On each hiking trek, some time is spent working to improve the trails.
Equipment provided: Canoes, rappelling and climbing gear
Location of base: North central Arkansas, 7 miles west of Jasper
Region: Southern
Contact: Westark Area Council No. 16
1401 South 31st Street
Station A, P.O. Box 3156
Ft. Smith, AR 72913-3156
Phone: 501 -782-7244

Challenge Programs

Length of sessions: 2—3 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 6
Approximate last arrival date: August 12
Minimum/maximum crew size: 12/16
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Mountaineering, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, Project COPE, ski touring
Description of program: Mountaineering treks (two per summer) take climbers up Mt. Hood, the highest summit in Oregon; climbs are limited to 12 participants each. Three-day whitewater rafting trips on the Deschutes River (two per summer) accommodate up to 15 participants. A maximum of 16 kayakers may participate in a three-day sea kayaking expedition (one trip per summer) on the lower Columbia River.
Equipment provided: Boots, crampons, ice axes, rope, and harnesses for mountaineering; rafts, sea kayaks, spray skirts, paddles, and personal flotation devices for aquatics
Location of base: Portland, Oregon
Region: Western
Contact: Cascade Pacific Council No. 492
2145 Southwest Naito Parkway
Portland, OR 97201
Phone: 503-225-5752

Cherokee Saddle-Up Horse Trek

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 5
Approximate starting date: June 9
Approximate last arrival date: July 13
Minimum/maximum crew size: 15
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Horse trek
Description of program: This is a weeklong horse trek, with wranglers, on the Clements Scout Ranch.
Equipment provided: Horses, tack, food
Location of base: 9 miles southwest of Athens, Texas
Region: Southern
Contact: Circle Ten Council No. 571
8605 Harry Hines Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75235
214-351-1010

Constantin Sailing Cruise

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: June 2
Approximate last arrival date: July 19
Minimum/maximum crew size: 15
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Sailing
Description of program: These weeklong sailing cruises in large sailboats on Possum Kingdom Lake are guided by cruise directors. Located in north Texas, the lake has a surface area of 19,800 acres and 310 miles of shoreline meandering through rugged hills and valleys.
Equipment provided: 22- to 24-foot sailboats, personal flotation devices, food, communications equipment
Location of base: Possum Kingdom Lake, west of Mineral Wells, Texas
Region: Southern
Contact: Circle 10 Council No. 571
8605 Harry Hines
Dallas, TX 75235-0726
Phone: 214-351-1010

Coastal Adventures

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 4
Approximate starting date: June 16
Approximate last arrival date: July 15
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/13
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Barrier-island camping, sailing
Description of program: Barrier-island campers live on Sapalo Island, a remote barrier island off the coast of Georgia. Sailing adventures involve learning to sail a 26-foot sailboat, exploring the Atlantic Ocean and the Sea Islands along the coast.
Equipment provided: All but tents, sleeping bags, and personal gear
Location of base: Camp Blue Heron
Region: Southern
Contact: Coastal Empire Council No. 99
P.O. Box 60007
Savannah, GA 31420-0007
Phone: 912-927-7272

Del Webb High Adventure Camp

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 14-18
Approximate starting date: August 1
Approximate last arrival date: August 14
Minimum/maximum crew size: 4/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling, mountain biking
Description of program: This diversified program offers a variety of experiences, including a mountain-man/Indian village, black-powder shooting, mountain biking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, rappelling, rock climbing, backpacking, action archery, and Dutch-oven cooking.
Equipment provided: Canoes, kayaks, black-powder rifles, mountain bikes, archery equipment
Location of base: Southern Utah, north of Zion National Park near Cedar City
Region: Western
Contact: Boulder Dam Area Council No. 328
1135 University Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119-6605
Phone: 702-736-4366

Edward N. Cole Canoe Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: June 30
Approximate last arrival date: August 11
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/36
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing
Description of program: Canoeing on the Rifle River 6 miles to Saginaw Bay.
Equipment provided: Canoes, personal flotation devices, paddles, river packs, cooking gear, trail tarps, raw food delivery, local transportation
Location of base: Northern Michigan near Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay, in Ogemaw County at Alger (Interstate Highway 75 Exit 202)
Region: Central
Contact: Detroit Area Council No. 262
1776 West Warren
Detroit, MI 48208-2215
Phone: 313-897-1965

Elkhorn High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 25
Approximate last arrival date: August 1
Minimum/maximum crew size: 7/11
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, whitewater rafting, horse treks
Description of program: In addition to backpacking, whitewater rafting, and horse treks, other program opportunities include snow camping, rock climbing, Project COPE, black-powder shooting, and fly fishing. Treks of 50 miles are possible.
Equipment provided: Stoves, cooking equipment, program items; rental tents available
Location of base: Red Feather Lakes, Colorado
Minimum/maximum crew size: 5/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, mountain biking, sailing, rock climbing
Description of program: Units and individuals choose from several different activities, including hiking, fishing, fly fishing, sailing, rock climbing, and mountain bike treks. Each crew can design its own wilderness adventure in the High Sierras. A typical crew will hike 30 to 35 miles, and spend an afternoon rock climbing and another afternoon sailing or mountain biking.
Equipment provided: Food, tents, cooking gear, water filters, mountain bikes, helmets, all needed rock climbing equipment
Location of base: Huntington Lake in the Sierra National Forest, off Highway 168 near Lakeshore, California
Region: Western
Contact: Southern Sierra Council No. 30
2417M Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2341
Phone: 805-325-9036

Highlander Outback Programs

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 9
Approximate starting date: June 16
Approximate last arrival date: August 17
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing, backpacking
Description of program: Activities include whitewater canoeing and kayaking on the Flint River, Class I—III rapids; mountain biking over rugged terrain; climbing and rappelling on a 50-foot tower or on natural cliffs; a Project COPE course with both low and high events; a 50-mile afoot/afloat trek; or combination treks.
Equipment provided: Climbing and rappelling gear, canoes, kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices, mountain bikes, helmets, etc.
Location of base: Canoe Base, approximately 60 miles south of Atlanta and halfway between Columbus and Macon, Georgia
Region: Southern
Contact: Flint River Council No. 95
RQ. Box 173
Griffin, GA 30224-0173
Phone: 770-227-4556

Laguna Station

Length of sessions: 7 and 10 days
Number of sessions per year: 3
Approximate starting date: June 1
Approximate last arrival date: August 31
Minimum/maximum crew size: 1/300
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Sailing, island adventure, scuba certification, gulf fishing
Description of program: This program offers high adventure on the Texas Gulf coast including fishing, sailing, scuba certification, and island adventure. Participants enjoy fun and sun in the surf. Equipment provided: Food, lodging, beds, bait, tackle, boats (captained), kayaks, boogie boards, scuba and snorkeling gear, fishing lodge, beach huts
Location of base: South Padre Island, Texas
Region: Southern
Contact: Rio Grande Council No. 775
P.O. Box 2424
Harlingen, TX 78551-2424
Phone: 210-423-0250

K-M Voyageur Program

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 13
Approximate last arrival date: July 27
Minimum/maximum crew size: 1/13
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing and mountain biking
Description of program: Canoeists enjoy scenic vistas and a relaxing, easy-going river experience retracing Lewis and Clark's return trip down the wild and scenic Missouri River, on the only portion of the Missouri to be protected and preserved in its natural, free-Rowing state. Crews may also travel by mountain bike through the nearby mountains and plains.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: K-M Scout Camp, 21 miles north of Lewistown, Montana, located closer to Hilger, Montana
Region: Western
Contact: Montana Council No. 315
820 Seventeenth Avenue South
Great Falls, MT 59405-5999
Phone: 406-761-6000

Lenhok'sin High Adventure

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: June 23
Approximate last arrival date: August 11
Minimum/maximum crew size: 12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking
Description of program: Participants backpack between camps with themes. The camp themes include horseback riding, foxfire crafts, chuck wagon, lumberjack, mountain man, Native American, wagon train, rock climbing, kayaking, caving, Project COPE, and primitive camping.
Equipment provided: All specialty equipment; participants bring personal gear
Location of base: Outside Goshen, Virginia, 20 miles from Lexington, near intersection of Interstate Highways 64 and 81
Region: Northeast
Contact: National Capital Council No. 82
9190 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897
Phone: 301-530-9360

Log Cabin Wilderness Camp Gateway

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 4
Approximate starting date: July 20
Approximate last arrival date: August 17
Minimum/maximum crew size: 15
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking
Description of program: Camp staff available to plan and lead backpacking trips. Also offered is a full Project COPE course and classes in backpacking stove operation and cooking procedures, backcountry first aid, backcountry ethics, sanitation and water purification, and map and compass skills.
Equipment provided: Tents, stoves, cooking utensils, fuel, food
Location of base: Lee Vining, California, near Yosemite National Park and Mono Lake
Region: Western
Contact: Los Angeles Area Council No. 33
233 Scout Way
Los Angeles, CA 90026-4995
Phone: 213-413-4400

Longhorn Trek

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 5
Approximate starting date: June 1
Approximate last arrival date: July 1
Minimum/maximum crew size: 14
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, Project COPE, rock climbing, mountain biking, horseback riding
Description of program: The trek entails backpacking each day to specific program areas on Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. Participants spend one day each on Project COPE, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking, and horsemanship.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, Bridgeport, Texas
Region: Southern
Contact: Longhorn Council No. 582
4917 Briarhaven Road
Fort Worth, TX 76109-4498
Phone: 817-738-5491

Log Cabin Wilderness Camp Quest Beyond the Eagle

Length of sessions: 14 days
Number of sessions per year: 1
Approximate starting date: July 6
Approximate last arrival date: July 20
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/32
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, rock climbing, mountain peak climb, ice-axe travel
Description of program: This two-week high-adventure program for Eagle Scouts includes cross-country backpacking, peak bagging, a glacier course and glacier climb, Project COPE course, and solo quest.
Equipment provided: Tents, stoves, cooking utensils, fuel, food
Location of base: Lee Vining, California, near Yosemite National Park and Mono Lake
Region: Western
Contact: Los Angeles Area Council No. 33
233 Scout Way
Los Angeles, CA 90026-4995
Phone: 213-413-4400

Maine High Adventure Area

Length of sessions: 7—10 days
Number of sessions per year: 1
Approximate starting date: June 20
Approximate last arrival date: August 18
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/11
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, whitewater and lake canoeing
Description of program: The area encompasses Mount Katahdin, the Allagash Waterway, a portion of the Appalachian Trail, and the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers, totaling more than 10,000 square miles of wilderness that remains much as Henry Thoreau saw it 140 years ago. Wilderness experiences include backpacking a portion of the Appalachian Trail, including Mount Katahdin, and whitewater and lake canoeing in northern Maine.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Matagamon Base, north entrance of Baxter State Park, 37 miles west of Interstate Highway 95 (Patten-Sherman exit) in Maine
Region: Northeast
Contact: Katahdin Area Council No. 216
P.O. Box 278
Jackman, ME 04945
Phone: 800-668-4226

Marengo Extreme

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: June 6
Approximate last arrival date: August 3
Minimum/maximum crew size: 10/20
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Caving, rock climbing, canoeing, backpacking
Description of program: The weeklong program includes three caving expeditions, rock climbing inside a cave, canoeing the Blue River, and backpacking in a state forest. The base camp has a hot shower and swimming pool.
Equipment provided: Cooking gear, food, local transportation, canoes, caving and climbing gear
Location of base: Southern Indiana, 30 miles north of Louisville, Kentucky
Region: Southern
Contact: Lincoln Heritage Council No. 205
P.O. Box 36273
Louisville, KY 40233-6273
Phone: 502-361-2624

Mt. Allamuchy Voyager Treks

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 12
Approximate starting date: July 6
Approximate last arrival date: August 9
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, rafting
Description of program: Groups hike the Appalachian Trail or ride the waters of the Delaware River on customized treks into the Adirondack wilderness. Treks of varying difficulty challenge participants in camping, hiking, climbing, and rappelling. A Voyageur guide accompanies each trek group from arrival to departure and arranges for food, equipment, and program services provided by Camp Somers.
Equipment provided: Tents, canoes, personal flotation devices, paddles, stoves, trail food, cook kits, and local transportation
Location of base: Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, Stanhope, New Jersey
Region: Northeast
Contact: Morris-Sussex Area Council No. 343
12 Mt. Pleasant Turnpike
Denville, NJ 07834
Phone: 201-361-1800

Mead Wilderness Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: June 23
Approximate last arrival date: August 11
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, sea kayaking, lake and river canoeing
Description of program: Mead Wilderness Base, located in the heart of the White Mountains National Forest, customizes backpacking, mountain biking, rock climbing, river and lake canoeing, and sea kayaking treks in New Hampshire and Maine to meet the needs of groups.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear; personal equipment rentals available
Location of base: White Mountains National Forest, Sandwich, New Hampshire
Region: Northeast
Contact: Daniel Webster Council No. 330
571 Holt Avenue
Manchester, NH 03103-1892
Phone: 603-625-6431

North Idaho High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: June 24
Approximate last arrival date: August 18
Minimum/maximum crew size: 10/14
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, whitewater rafting, scuba diving
Description of program: Backpacking trips are 50 miles into Selkirk Crest, the Mallard Larkins Pioneer Area, and the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness Area. Some trips have the option of adding mountain climbing. Whitewater rafting is on the St. Joe, Lochsa, and Salmon Rivers, which have rapids to Class 111+. One week in August, the base has an all-aquatics week that features a Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) certification course.
Equipment provided: All activity equipment, transportation from base to activity area, food
Location of base: Coeur d' Alene Lake, 20 miles southeast of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, on Highway 97
Region: Western
Contact: Inland Northwest Council No. 611
West 411 Boy Scout Way
Spokane, WA 99201-2243
Phone: 509-325-4562

Occoneechee Challenge Treks

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 3
Approximate starting date: June 20
Approximate last arrival date: July 5
Minimum/maximum crew size: 24
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking and whitewater canoeing
Description of program: Participants choose from among three treks offered: a backpacking trek of more than 50 miles on the rugged Appalachian and other trails, a 50-mile whitewater canoeing trek on the scenic New River in the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia, and a "second-year" whitewater canoeing trek on the French Broad River for those who have the Whitewater merit badge or equivalent skills and experience. Merit badge work is incorporated into the program.
Equipment provided: Canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices, food, and local transportation
Location of base: Camp Durant, in Moore County, North Carolina
Region: Southern
Contact: Occoneechee Council No. 421
P.O. Box 41 229
Raleigh, NC 27629-1229
Phone: 919-872-4884 or 800-662-7102

Oklawaha Canoe Trek

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: June 16
Approximate last arrival date: August 3
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Canoeing
Description of program: A 62.5-mile tropical canoeing trek down the Oklawaha River tests the physical abilities of participants on the crystal-clear waters of the Silver River, long paddles to Eureka Dam and Rodman Dam on Lake Oklawaha, and finally a beautiful paddle through a dense river swamp and across the St. Johns River to Welaka, site of a national fish hatchery.
Equipment provided: Canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices
Location of base: La-No-Che Scout Reservation, east central Florida
Region: Southern
Contact: Central Florida Council No. 83
Council Camping Office
P.O. Box 531084
Orlando, FL 32853-1084
Phone: 407-896-4801

Odyssey Adventure

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 9
Approximate starting date: June 23
Approximate last arrival date: August 18
Minimum/maximum crew size: 10
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Sailing
Description of program: This weeklong cruise on a 90-foot sailing vessel through the San Juan Islands and scenic Puget Sound offers a hands-on sailing experience on a tall-mast schooner.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Friday Harbor, San Juan Islands, Washington
Region: Western
Contact: Pacific Harbors Council No. 612
1722 South Union Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98405-1930
Phone: 206-752-7731

Ozark Mountain Trek

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 3
Approximate starting date: June 16
Approximate last arrival date: July 6
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/16
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, caving
Description of program: The program offers 50 miles of hiking and canoeing in the Mark Twain National Forest. Participants may canoe down the Courtois, Huzzah, and Meramec rivers to Onondaga Cave and camp overnight.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Camp Sunnen, 8 miles west on Highway 8 from Potosi, Missouri
Region: Central
Contact: Trails West Council No. 112
1055 Harrison
Wood River, IL 62095-1895
Phone: 618-259-2145

Pacific Northwest High Adventure

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: June 21
Approximate last arrival date: August 9
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/10
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, sea kayaking, mountain climbing
Description of program: Participants choose from sea kayaking, mountain biking, backpacking, mountain climbing, and canoeing treks in northwestern Washington, in settings that stretch from the snow-capped mountains of the Cascade Range to the Olympic National Forest and the waters of Puget Sound.
Equipment provided: Canoes, kayaks, mountain bikes (for a fee), climbing gear, cooking equipment
Location of base: Camp Sheppard, southeast of Seattle, Washington, approximately 26 miles from Enumclaw
Region: Western
Contact: Chief Seattle Council No. 609
RO. Box 440408
Seattle, WA 98114-9758
Phone: 206-725-0361

Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 4
Approximate starting date: July 6
Approximate last arrival date: July 27
Minimum/maximum crew size: 12
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing
Description of program: Groups tailor a weeklong program of canoeing and/or hiking to include as many days of each activity as desired. Guides are provided.
Equipment provided: Canoes, patrol equipment
Location of base: Rose City, Michigan
Region: Central
Contact: Lake Huron Area Council No. 265
P.O. Box 129
Auburn, MI 48611-0129
Phone: 517-695-5593

Packard High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: June 8
Approximate last arrival date: July 27
Minimum/maximum crew size: 20
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rappelling, fishing
Description of program: Participants enjoy whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River, hiking the Colorado Trail (climbing above 14,000 feet on some peaks), mountain biking the backcountry, rappelling, and fishing for rainbow trout.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear (backpack and sleeping bag)
Location of base: South of Poncha Springs, Colorado, on Chaffee County Road 115
Region: Western
Contact: Rocky Mountain Council No. 63
411 South Pueblo Boulevard
Pueblo, CO 81005-0292
Phone: 719-561-1220

Pendola High-Adventure Base,

Camp John Mensinger
Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: June 22
Approximate last arrival date: August 3
Minimum/maximum crew size: 20/2
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Mountain biking, caving, kayaking
Description of program: Participants enjoy a mountain biking trek that begins at the Pendola High Adventure Base. Activities include Project COPE, rock climbing, cycling, caving, and kayaking over six days.
Equipment provided: All except personal gear (sleeping bag, clothes)
Location of base: Stanislaus National Forest above Beardsley Reservoir, Highway 10B, California
Region: Western
Contact: Yosemite Area Council No. 059
1324 Celeste Drive
Modesto, CA 95355
Phone: 209-523-5694

Phillips Scout Reservation

High Adventure Base
Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: June 15
Approximate last arrival date: August 1
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing, sea kayaking, backpacking
Description of program: Participants enjoy sea kayaking on Luke Superior; canoeing on the Brule, Flambeau, Namekagon, and St. Croix rivers; and backpacking in the Rainbow Lakes Wilderness Area or on the Ice Age Trail.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Haugen, Wisconsin, north of Eau Claire and northeast of Minneapolis—St. Paul
Region: Central
Contact: Chippewa Valley Council No. 637
710 South Hastings Way
Eau Claire, WI 54701-3425
Phone: 715-832-6671

Prevailing Winds II Sailing Adventure

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 11
Approximate starting date: June 8
Approximate last arrival date: August 10
Minimum/maximum crew size: 18
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Sailing
Description of program: Most trips take participants into the Canadian waters of northern Lake Huron, sailing on a 47-foot ketch. The *Prevailing Winds II* is licensed by the State of Michigan as a traveling long-term camp.
Equipment provided: Cooking equipment, eating utensils, refrigeration, maps, buckets
Location of base: Rogers City, Michigan
Region: Central
Contact: Tall Pine Council No. 264
202 East Boulevard Drive
Flint, MI 48503-1894
Phone: 810-235-2531

Pigeon River Trek

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 5
Approximate starting date: June 22
Approximate last arrival date: July 26
Minimum/maximum crew size: 4/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing
Description of program: Crews canoe through several northern Indiana lakes, fishing for dinner as they go, portaging around dams, and camping on the river. Stops include the Pigeon River State Game Preserve and a campsite that offers horseback riding and other features. Participants can qualify for the Anthony Wayne Reservation High Adventure Patch and the 50-Miler Award.
Equipment provided: Tents, canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices, local transportation
Location of base: Means Canoe Base, Angola, Indiana
Region: Central
Contact Anthony Wayne Area Council No. 157
3635 Portage Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46802-4797
Phone: 219-432-9593

Sabattis High Adventure Camp

Length of sessions: 4—6 days
Number of sessions per year: 4
Approximate starting date: July 1
Approximate last arrival date: August 1
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing, backpacking, high-peak hiking
Description of program: The Adirondack Mountains challenge trekkers with more than 2,500 miles of backpacking trails and 1,500 miles of lake and river waterways for canoeing. For climbers, the Adirondacks offer rugged hiking and climbing on 46 peaks above 4,000 feet.
Equipment provided: Canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices, trail food, ropes for lashings, tents if necessary
Location of base: 18 miles from Long Lake, New York
Region: Northeast
Contact: Watchung Area Council No. 358
1170 Route 22 West
RO. Box 1177
Mountainside, NJ 07092
Phone: 908-654-9191

Salmon River High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 8
Approximate starting date: July 7
Approximate last arrival date: August 1
Minimum/maximum crew size: Up to 40
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Whitewater rafting, kayaking
Description of program: This program offers whitewater rafting or kayaking on the River of No Return, the main fork of the Salmon River. Other activities include rappelling and mountain bike riding.
Equipment provided: Watercraft, personal flotation devices, helmets, rappelling gear
Location of base: 18 miles up the main fork of the Salmon River from Riggins, Idaho
Region: Western
Contact: Ore Ida Council No. 102
8901 West Franklin Road
Boise, ID 83709-0638
Phone: 208-376-4411

Tapico Outdoor Adventure

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 8-9
Approximate starting date: June 29
Approximate last arrival date: August 9
Minimum/maximum crew size: 8/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking
Description of program: Crews backpack in and around Tapico Scout Reservation in rolling hills and valleys, fish for trout in premier trout streams, canoe to Lake Huron on the Au Sable River, and mountain bike to Sleeping Bear Dunes and Mackinaw Island.
Equipment provided: Mountain bikes, canoes; can provide tents and backpacks
Location of base: Camp Tapico, Kalkaska, Michigan
Region: Central
Contact: Tall Pine Council No. 264
202 East Boulevard Drive
Flint, MI 48503-1894
Phone: 810-235-2531

Summit High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: July 7
Approximate last arrival date: August 10
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/11
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing
Description of program: Weeklong backpacking or canoeing treks anywhere in the six-million-acre Adirondack Park. Experts work with each crew to tailor-make an experience that fits the group's desires and experience level.
Equipment provided: Cooking equipment, canoes, personal flotation devices, paddles, tents, and local transportation
Location of base: Brant Lake, New York, in the Adirondack Park approximately 30 miles north of the village of Lake George
Region: Northeast
Contact: Westchester Putnam Council No. 38
41 Saw Mill River Road
Hawthorne, NY 10532-1519
Phone: 914-773-1135

Ten-Mile River Trek

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: July 7
Approximate last arrival date: August 18
Minimum/maximum crew size: 15
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, whitewater rafting and canoeing, mountain biking, rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding
Description of program: In this flexible program, groups schedule backpacking, whitewater canoeing, overnight horseback riding, and mountain biking trips. Each trek is designed for a maximum of 15 people either from one unit, or as part of a Ten Mile River provisional group.
Equipment provided: All but personal gear
Location of base: Ten Mile River Scout Camps
Region: Northeast
Contact: Greater New York Councils No. 640
345 Hudson Street
New York, NY 10014-4588
Phone: 212-242-1100

Teton High Adventure Base

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 35
Approximate starting date: June 23
Approximate last arrival date: August 23
Minimum/maximum crew size: 12/48
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, white-water rafting
Description of program: Challenging treks include canoeing and rafting through Grand Teton National Park for more than 65 miles, and backpacking and mountain biking in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.
Equipment provided: Canoes, personal flotation devices, paddles, mountain bikes, backpacking tents
Location of base: 12 miles from Jackson, Wyoming
Region: Western
Contact: Great Salt Lake Council No. 590
525 Foothill Boulevard
Salt Lake City, UT 84113-1199
Phone: 801 -582-3663

Ultimate Zone “Great Smoky Mountain Challenge”

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 22
Approximate last arrival date: July 27
Minimum/maximum crew size: 5/20
Coed groups permitted? No
Type of trek(s): Whitewater rafting, backpacking, climbing and rappelling, horseback riding, Project COPE
Description of program: This weeklong adventure includes whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River, hiking the Appalachian Trail, horseback riding, a rappelling/climbing tower, and a Project COPE high-events course.
Equipment provided: Tents, stoves (if needed), and other program equipment
Location of base: Northern Georgia
Region: Southern
Contact: Atlanta Area Council No. 92
100 Edgewood Avenue N.E.
Fourth Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303-3068
Phone: 404-577-4810

Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base

Length of sessions: 7 days
Number of sessions per year: 7
Approximate starting date: Mid-June
Approximate last arrival date: Early August
Minimum/maximum crew size: 5/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing and sea kayaking
Description of program: Participants canoe 50 miles in six days, on the French River through Canadian waterways once traveled by French explorers and traders. Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base offers the beauty of the Canadian north and the splendor of a wilderness river.
Equipment provided: Canoes, sea kayaks, paddles, cooking gear, tents
Location of base: On the French River near Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, five hours north of Niagara Falls
Region: Central
Contact: Greater Cleveland Council No. 440
East 22nd Street at Woodland Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115
Phone: 216-861-6060

Voyager Trek Outpost

Length of sessions: 6 days
Number of sessions per year: 6
Approximate starting date: June 23
Approximate last arrival date: August 28
Minimum/maximum crew size: 6/12
Coed groups permitted? Yes
Type of trek(s): Canoeing and backpacking
Description of program: Participants canoe the Delaware River for the first half of the 195 weeklong program, then backpack on the Appalachian Trail during the second half. Groups can work toward earning the BSA 50-Miler Award.
Equipment provided: Canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices, food, and cooking equipment
Location of base: Approximately one-quarter mile from the western shore of Lake Wallenpaupack in northeastern Pennsylvania
Region: Northeast
Contact: Northeastern Pennsylvania Council No. 501
947 Broadcast Center
Avoca, PA 18641-1654
Phone: 717-451-0350

Wildfire

Length of sessions: 6 days

Number of sessions per year: 2

Approximate starting date: August 4

Approximate last arrival date: August 11

Minimum/maximum crew size: 20

Coed groups permitted? No

Type of trek(s): Backpacking, caving, rock climbing and rappelling, Project COPE

Description of program: This program offers a caving expedition to wet and dry caves, a 20-mile backpacking trek to Massachusetts's highest mountain, rock climbing and rappelling on a 200-foot cliff face, and Project COPE low- and high-course events.

Equipment provided: All but personal gear; participants need gloves and boots

Location of base: Chesterfield Scout Reservation, Chesterfield, Massachusetts

Region: Northeast

Contact: Great Trails Council No. 243

88 Old Windsor Road

Dalton, MA 01226-1398

Phone: 413-684-3542

International

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European Scout Camps

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European Scout Camps

Where to Stay in Europe Scout Directory

<http://www.scout.org/europe/wtsie/index.html>

The web site has detailed information on the camps and contact information for over 280 national scout centers throughout Europe. Places which will be able to host you and your group, either in homes or in tents, and which will also provide you with assistance (and usually material) to help you organize your camp activities. The countries covered in this directory are Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia.

Australia

List of Camps in New South Wales

<http://www.scouts.asn.au/NSW/sites/sites.htm>

The web site contains information on the camps and contacts. Also has information on a wide variety of activities at many scout camps. Also, you may contact the NSW Headquarters by telephone at (02) 9799-9244.

List of Camps in Western Australia

http://www.scouts.asn.au/WA/wa_camps.html

The web page contains information on the camps and contacts. Also has information on a wide variety of activities at many scout camps. You may contact the Western Australia Region Branch, 581 Murray Street West Perth, and Postal: PO Box 467, West Perth WA 6872, and Australia. Tel: 08 9321 2814 Fax: 08 9321 2804 after hours: 08 9321 2817

New Zealand

Ruapehu Camp

<http://www.scouts.org.nz/centres/ruapehu.htm>

The Ruapehu Scout Lodge is owned by Scouting New Zealand and provides accommodation for 31 people in 3,4, 5 and 6 person bunkrooms. The building is situated at the top of the Bruce Road on the Chateau side of Mount Ruapehu. Mail or fax to, Frank Daken, Ruapehu Scout Lodge, Scouting New Zealand, P O Box 11348, Wellington, New Zealand. Fax (04) 471 0727

Requests for winter season bookings should be made by 31 March. Winter season bookings made after this date will be subject to availability.

Tatum Scout Park (New Zealand)

<http://www.scouts.org.nz/centres/tatum.htm>

Tatum Park has 14 Hectares of park like grounds, attractively laid out, with native bush and a sheltered camping ground for caravans and tents. A Tourist flat and four Tourist Cabins are situated in the grounds, giving safe and peaceful conditions for a family holiday. Located south of Levin on S.H.1, with Wellington 80km south, and Palmerston North 50km north. For more information please e-mail TATUM@clear.net.nz

Hong Kong

List of Scout Camps & Hostels

<http://www.scout.org.hk/html/camp.html>

Web page has information on the camps and contact information. There are many camps and centers that are available throughout Hong Kong. Look up the above web page or contact Hong Kong Scout Centre, 8 Austin Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Telephone is 2377-3300, Fax is 2302-1001.

South Africa

List of Many Scout Camps throughout South Africa

<http://www.web.co.za/scouts/campsites.html>

List of Scout-owned or -managed properties which may be available for use by visitors, including the various activities that are offered at each camp. Generally speaking these camping grounds or Scout halls are 'bare', you must bring all your living requirements with you. Few have resident wardens. For additional information look up the web page or contact South African Scout Association, PO Box 2434, Clareinch 7740, South Africa. Tel: (021) 683 3910 International: +27 21 683 3910 Fax: (021) 683 3716 International: +27 21 683 3716 email: sahq@scouting.org.za

Chile

Camp Escula

<http://www.scout.cl/scout/callejones/> (This is in Spanish)

Military

Bases

Military Bases

When traveling long distances on high adventure tours or transporting Scouts interstate, military bases are excellent place to stay overnight. Bases are often times willing to offer scouts a roof to sleep under and showers to clean up in. In addition, if you arrive early enough tours of the facility can usually be arranged. Oftentimes, scouts may be permitted to use cafeterias where meals can be obtained a very reason prices (Air Force Bases particularly accommodative in regards to feeding scouts).

The best way to make contact with military base is to phone a particular facility and ask to speak to public relations officer. This officer will either personally make arrangements for group (depending on the size of the facility) or will pass responsibility onto a designated scouting liaison.

Appendix

Appendix

Camping and Outdoors Packing Checklist

Leave No Trace

Safety Afloat

Safe Water Defense

BSA Policy On Use Of Chemical Fuels

Use of Wilderness Areas

Lightning Facts and Prevention Actions

Camping and Outdoors Packing Checklist

***** *This in not intended to be a definitive list.* *****

Use common sense and always evaluate what you intend to do before packing for any outdoor experience.

	Fall Camporee	Winter Camporee	Spring Camporee	Summer Camp	Canoeing	Backpacking
Backpacking						
Assorted Ziploc bags					Yes	Yes
Backpack with padded hip strap	Optional		Optional	Optional		Yes
Sturdy pack cover	Optional		Optional	Optional		Yes
Sleeping						
Foam sleeping pad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Yes	Yes
Garbage bags to wrap sleeping bag in	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sleep clothes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sleeping bag	Yes	Yes 0 - 20 degrees	Yes	Yes 30+ degrees	Yes	Yes
Stocking cap	Optional	Yes	Optional		Optional	Optional
Straps for holding bag on pack						Yes
Waterproof mattress / ground cloth	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Waterproof stuff sack					Yes	Optional
Clothes						
BROKEN IN Hiking boots	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Camp shoes/tennies – <i>NOT SANDALS</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canoeing shoes that can get wet					Yes	
Extra pairs of mittens / gloves		Yes				
Hat with visor	Optional		Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes
Long pants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Yes	Yes
Long Underwear		Yes				
Pair of gloves	Optional		Optional	Optional	Yes	Yes
Rain gear	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Short sleeve shirt	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shorts	Optional		Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes
Snow Pants		Yes				
Socks - Polypropylene liner						Yes
Socks - Wool (For hiking or warmth)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Underwear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WARM sweater/jacket	Optional	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes

Camping and Outdoors Packing Checklist (Continued)

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	Fall Camporee	Winter Camporee	Spring Camporee	Summer Camp	Canoeing	Backpacking
Eating						
Cup/mug					Yes	Yes
Deep bowl					Yes	Yes
Spoon					Yes	Yes
Thermos bottle with HOT water		Yes				
Water Bottles (1qt.)	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Misc. Personal						
Bandana				Optional	Yes	Yes
Bug Spray	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boy Scout Handbook	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Optional
Camera and film	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compass	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lip balm (Carmex and/or with SPF 15 protection)	Optional		Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moleskin						Yes
Money – (small bills and change)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Note pad and pen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quick dry hand towel					Yes	Yes
Safety pins	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes
<i>Small</i> pocketknife	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunglasses	Optional		Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)	Optional		Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toothbrush	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toothpaste	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Watch with alarm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water Bottle	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes	Yes	Yes

It should NOT be assumed that transportation of equipment (personal or troop) will be proximate to the campsite - you should plan that what every you bring must be able to be carried by you to the campsite.

Camping and Outdoors Packing Checklist (Continued)

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	Fall Camporee	Winter Camporee	Spring Camporee	Summer Camp	Canoeing	Backpacking
Crew Equipment						
2.5 gal collapsible water containers	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
Bear bags					Yes	Yes
Biodegradable Campsuds					Yes	Yes
Compass	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cooking pots	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dinning fly stakes (same as tent stakes)	Yes		Yes			
Duct Tape				Optional		Yes
First Aid kit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Frisbee / cards / ball / hacky sack / cribage board	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Fuel - Propane or white gas bottles (1qt)	Yes		Yes	Yes	White gas	White gas
Ground cloth	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Insect Repellent	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lighter / matches	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Matches	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multitool (Leatherman/Gerber)					Yes	Yes
Nylon cord	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Polar Pure / Water purification system					Yes	Yes
Rope	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Scrubby pads	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Small Shovel or Trowel					Yes	Trowel
Stoves (2-Burner or Backpacking Style)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Backpack	Backpack
Tent stakes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Tents	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Toilet Paper					Yes	Yes
Trash bags	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Water Purification Tablets/Filter					Yes	Yes

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LEAVE NO TRACE

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Visit the backcountry in small groups.
- Avoid popular areas during times of high use.
- Choose equipment and clothing in subdued colors.
- Repackage food into reusable containers.

CAMP AND TRAVEL ON DURABLE SURFACES

On the Trail

- Stay on designated trails. Walk in single file in the middle of the path.
- Do not shortcut switchbacks.
- When traveling cross-country, choose the most durable surfaces available: rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the need for rock cairns, tree scars and ribbons.
- Step to the downhill side of the trail and talk softly when encountering pack stock.

At Camp

- Choose an established, legal site that will not be damaged by your stay.
- Restrict activities to the area where vegetation is compacted or absent.
- Keep pollutants out of water sources by camping at least 200 feet (70 adult steps) from lakes and streams.

PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT

- Pack everything that you bring into wild country back out with you.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations securely.
- Pick up all spilled foods.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF WHAT YOU CAN'T PACK OUT

- Deposit human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, or trails.
- Use toilet paper and wipes sparingly. Pack them out.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. - Scatter strained dish water.
- Inspect your campsite for trash and evidence of your stay. Pack out all trash: yours and others!

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Treat your natural heritage with respect. Leave plants, rocks, and historical artifacts as you find them.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site should not be necessary.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Keep loud voices and noises to a minimum.
- Control pets at all times. Remove dog feces.
- Do not build structures or furniture or dig trenches.

MINIMIZE USE AND IMPACT OF FIRES

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Always carry a lightweight stove for cooking. Enjoy a candle lantern instead of a fire.

- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires. Do not scar large rocks or overhangs.
- Gather sticks, no larger than an adult's wrist.
- Do not snap branches off live, dead, or downed trees.
- Put out campfires completely.
- Remove all unburned trash from fire ring and scatter the cool ashes over a large area well away from camp.

For Additional Information, Call: 1-800-332-4100

Safety Afloat

SAFETY AFLOAT, a policy adopted in 1981 by the Boy Scouts of America, is related to using watercraft in the same way that the Safe Swim Defense program applies to swimming. By enforcing these nine measures most watercraft accidents can be prevented.

- 1. QUALIFIED SUPERVISION.** A responsible adult must supervise all activity afloat and must be experienced and qualified in water safety (BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross, Advanced Lifesaving or YMCA Senior Lifesaver) and in the particular skills related to the watercraft being used, or use assistants so qualified. Ability to meet current requirements for Canoeing, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing or Motor Boating merit badge qualifies a person in respect to safe handling of respective watercraft. One adult supervisor is required for each ten people with a minimum of two adults for any one group. All adult supervisors must complete Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training, and at least one must be certified in CPR basic life support.
- 2. PHYSICAL FITNESS.** All persons must present evidence of fitness assured by a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. Adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions an examination by a physician (recommend BSA form No 4412) should be required.
- 3. SWIMMING ABILITY.** A participant who is not classified as a swimmer (see requirement 1). may ride as a passenger in a rowboat or motorboat with an adult "swimmer." In all other watercraft, a person must pass the "swimmer" test to participate.
- 4. PERSONAL FLOATATION EQUIPMENT.** U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD's) shall be properly worn by ALL engaged in activity on the open water (rowing, canoeing, sailing, motor boating). The only exception would be for persons classified in the current season as SWIMMERS in closely supervised situations (such as instructional activity) when the trained adult in charge has determined that the conditions are such that personal flotation equipment may be safely stowed loosely in the craft within easy reach of occupants.
- 5. BUDDY SYSTEM.** All activity afloat necessitates using the buddy system not only does every individual have a buddy but every craft should have a buddy boat when on the water.
- 6. SKILL PROFICIENCY.** All participants in unit afloat activities must be trained and experienced in watercraft handling skills, safety, and emergency procedures. (a) For unit activity on white water, all participants must complete special training by an Aquatics Instructor BSA or qualified equivalent (b) Powerboat operators must be able to meet requirements for Motor boating merit badge or equivalent. (c) A minimum of three hours training and supervised practice is required for all other unpowered watercraft.

7. **PLANNING.**

FLOAT PLAN. Obtain current maps and information about the waterway to be traveled. Know exactly where the unit will "put in" and "pull out" and what course will be followed. Travel time should be estimated generously. Review plan with others who have traveled the course recently.

LOCAL RULES. Determine which state and local regulations are applicable, and follow them. Get written permission to use or cross private property.

NOTIFICATION. File the float plan with parents of participants and a member of the troop committee. File float plan with council office when traveling on running water. Check in with all those notified when returning.

WEATHER. Check the weather forecast just before setting out and keep an alert weather eye. Bring all craft ashore when rough weather threatens.

CONTINGENCIES. Planning must identify possible emergencies and other circumstances that may force a change of plans must be developed for each.

8. **EQUIPMENT.** All equipment must be appropriate for the craft, water conditions, and the participants, and must be in good repair. Spare equipment or repair materials must be carried. All equipment must certify state and federal regulations.

9. **DISCIPLINE.** All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for a safe activity afloat. Rules for safety do not interfere with fun when fairly applied.

NOTE: For operation a large boat (26 feet or over), standards and procedures as outlined in the Safe Boating Instructor's Guide, No.6662, and the Advanced Seamanship Instructor's Guide, No. 6660, may be substituted for the Safety Afloat standards.

BOATING SAFETY

It was mentioned earlier that many drowning victims did not intend to enter the water. Automobile accidents, floods, and just plain falling into the water account for many of these drownings. Boating accidents comprise the rest. Just as the ability to swim will save people thrown into the water, the ability to handle a boat properly will prevent an unexpected dunking. Aquatics merit badge pamphlets will give you information on handling various craft and the safety precautions necessary for each. There are, however, several safety items common to all types of small boats.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- Do not overload the boat.
- Wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
- If the boat capsizes, stay with it until help arrives. Do not try to swim to shore.
- Stay off the water in bad weather.
- Always file a "float plan" with friends or relatives who will know if you haven't returned when expected.

Safe Swim Defense

Lifesaving begins with the prevention of water-related accidents. The safety of an aquatics area should be judged by how few emergencies arise rather than by the number of assists successfully performed the prepared lifesaver reacts to situations of potential danger long before they become a problem.

EVERY SCOUT A SWIMMER

The best way of preventing accidents is to study their causes. Most people who drown are unskilled swimmers. If everyone could swim well, then the number of drowning would decrease. If there are those in your family or troop who cannot swim; it is your duty to encourage them to learn.

Remind them that thousands who drown each year had no intention of entering the water. Once a person becomes adjusted to the water, many types of recreational activities present themselves. Learning to swim involves fun as well as safety: Steps for teaching the non-swimmer can be found in the Boy Scout Handbook.

SAFE SWIM DEFENSE

If you were to study actual cases of drowning during recreational swims you would notice several common factors. These would include a lack of adequate supervision as in the case of a small child wandering into deep water, physical problems such as a heart attack, and often the use of an unsafe area as shown by the poor swimmer stepping unexpectedly into a deep hole or the diver hitting his head on a submerged object. Having found these contributory causes of drowning, you could then establish rules or procedures for avoiding them. Add to your list a few precautions just in case an accident still happens and you will have a set of guidelines with which to conduct a safe swim period while allowing everyone the maximum enjoyment of the water. Such a set of guidelines, called the Safe Swim Defense, has been developed for use during troop swims. With only a few adjustments, it also can be used whenever you swim with family or friends.

The Safe Swim Defense has eight parts:

1. **QUALIFIED SUPERVISION.** An adult (21 or older) who is trained in water safety be present to conduct the swim. If he lacks swimming and lifesaving skills, then he must have assistants who have the necessary training. Someone of mature judgment must see that the other points are followed
2. **PHYSICAL FITNESS.** All persons involved in swimming activity must provide evidence of fitness with a current and complete health history: from a parent, legal guardian or physician.
3. **SAFE SWIMMING AREA.** You obviously would not want to swim where there are broken bottle, tree stumps or strong currents. Have good swimmers with shoes or check the area by shuffling their feet in shallow water and surface diving feet first in deeper water.

Mark any dangers which cannot be moved. After clearing the site of hazards divide the area by depth according to the swimming ability of those in your troop. Those who cannot swim should have waist deep water marked by floats connected by rope or twine. Beginners may swim in water just over their heads

provided they can reach shallow water with only a few strokes. Swimmers may swim in deep water provided the lifeguards can easily reach bottom (less than 12 feet). The accompanying illustration shows a typical setup with all three areas. The size of each area will depend on the number of swimmers in each group and on the slope of the bottom. Give everyone enough room to practice and have fun, but make sure the entire site is adequately covered by the guards.

4. **LIFEGUARDS.** Reliable Boy Scouts with a lifesaving background such as Lifeguard USA or Life Saving merit badge should be appointed lifeguards and provided with safety equipment, including a lifeline. There should be one guard for every ten Boys Scouts in the water. Two guards are the minimum required for a line tender rescue. If available, a boat should be manned just outside the swimmer area.
5. **LOOKOUT.** A lookout is stationed where he can see the entire area without moving. He alerts the lifeguards to situations they may not have noticed *and* informs the supervisor of any breakdown of the other points of the Safe Swim Defense. The lookout does not perform rescues, in fact, he need not be a swimmer. He must however, be watchful at all times.
6. **ABILITY GROUPS.** Before group swimming starts, each Scouts swimming ability is tested. The Scouts are then divided into three groups: non-swimmers who are just learning, beginners who have jumped feet first into deep water and swum 7.6 meters (25 feet), then reversed direction and swim another 7.6 meters to their starting point. Swimmers pass this test: jump feet first into water over their head in depth, lever off and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards or 76 meters in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breast stroke, trudge or crawl; the swim 25 yards or 25 meters using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards or 100 meters must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating as motionless as possible. These classification tests should be renewed annually, probably at the beginning of each season. Each group stays in its own area during the swim.
7. **BUDDY SYSTEM.** The buddy system pairs every swimmer with another in his own ability group. This serves two purposes. First, it provides an extra pair of eyes watching everyone in the water. Each buddy serves as lookout for the other. For this reason, buddy checks are often timed. If you are watching your buddy, then you can easily pair in a short time. A long delay informs the supervisor that part of the plan is not working.

The buddy plan also serves to count the number of people in the water. As each buddy pair enters the swimming area, they place nametags in a spot reserved for their ability group. Every ten minutes a count is made by buddies. The number of swimmers is then compared with the number of tags. Tags may be fashioned from sticks or any convenient object. The buddy board may be anything that clearly divides the ability groups. A guard should see that tags are removed when a buddy pair leaves the swim site.

8. **GOOD DISCIPLINE.** The last defense is intelligent discipline. Clearly, throwing a non-swimmer into deep water is dangerous and cannot be allowed. The safety of other actions, however, is not so easily defined. Thus certain games may be encouraged when the area is uncrowded, but forbidden when large numbers are present. The intent of such rules is safety; then are not imposed to limit the swimmers enjoyment of the water. Rules

should be agreed upon by the group before the swim and then applied fairly to everyone. It then becomes the Scouts duty to discipline his own actions for the in and safety of all. Needless to say, the other points or the Safe Swim Defense are of little value if swimmers are allowed to ignore them.

The Safe Swim Defense should be familiar to you - It is in your Boy Scout Handbook and is included in the requirements for Swimming skill award and Swimming merit badge. You may wonder if all the repetition is really necessary; indeed, you may think that the whole concept is more of a bother than it is worth. You may sometimes object to the responsibilities and minor restrictions imposed by the buddy system. A beginner may wonder why he is not allowed to jump into deep water off the diving board since he can make it to the side with his excellent dog paddle. Besides that, no one ever gets in trouble at a supervised swim anyway. Or do they? The answer can be found in the accident reports.

If the plan is followed, few persons get into trouble, and those who do are quickly assisted. However, this excellent record can lead to a false sense of security. With no accidents to spoil the fun, points of the Safe Swim Defense are sometimes relaxed, or even ignored. Unfortunately, this all too often emphasizes the need for strict adherence. Quite simply, the necessity for every point of the plan has been, and continues to be, proven in the worst possible way- by the needless loss of life.

WATER

Drinking water directly from any stream is not recommended. Streams that appear clean may contain agricultural runoff or other bacteria. Giardia is also a problem in most streams in the south.

On a day hike, bring water from home or fill your canteens from a well or other purified water source.

For overnight trips bring a method to purify and filter the water. This writer's experience is that most pump systems clog quickly unless you pre-filter the water with a coffee filter or other filter medium and then use a filter such as The First Need, PUR or other high tech filters. The other method is to pre-filter the water and use iodine tablets or boil the water.

BSA Policy On Use Of Chemical Fuels (LIQUID, GASEOUS OR JELLIED)

NATIONAL COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PURPOSE

To share the policy and guidelines on the use of chemical fuels by the membership of the Boy Scouts of America.

BACKGROUND

There are three factors that influence the establishment of Scouting's policy on the use of fuel other than natural wood: 1) The basic purposes of Scouting and its camping program. 2) The protection from hazards of chemical fuels. 3) The necessity of safely adapting to local conditions and practices.

First, it is essential to Scouting's purpose that a boy learns and practices the skills of primitive living. A boy develops a personal confidence, initiative and preparation for life as he advances through the Scouting program.

In building a fire, a boy needs to learn the care and use of tools; know about tinder, types of fuel and how to prepare it. The correct principles of building a fire to cook his food and warm his body, containing fire and putting it out are essential for his training in camp craft, self-reliance and preparedness.

The need for adapting to special circumstances, such as lack of natural wood for fuel or the regulations of specific areas where open fires are prohibited for safety or environmental reasons, makes it necessary for Scouts and Scout leaders to learn the skills and safety procedures in using chemical fuel stoves.

Convenience is one of the joys of modern life, but with it goes the necessity of precaution against many hazards.

When any chemical fuel is used for cooking and lighting, it is the fuel which is dangerous - not the stove and lanterns.

POLICY AND GUIDELINES

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storage of chemical fuels, the handling of chemical fuels in the filling of stoves and lanterns, or the lighting of chemical fuels.

Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by Scouts in camping activities, particularly in and around canvas tents. No chemical fueled lantern or stove is to be used inside a tent.

Kerosene, gasoline, or liquefied petroleum fuel lanterns may, when necessary, be used inside permanent buildings or for outdoor lighting. When used indoors, there should be adequate ventilation. Strict adherence to the safety standards and instructions of the manufacturers in fueling and lighting such stoves and lanterns must be carried out under the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.

Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well-marked approved containers (never in a glass container) and stored in ventilated locked box at a safe distance (minimum 20 feet) from buildings and tents.

Empty liquid petroleum cylinders for portable stoves and lanterns should be returned home or to base camp. They may explode when heated and therefore must never be put in fireplaces or with burnable trash.

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited, including lighting damp wood, charcoal and ceremonial campfires. Solid-type starters are just as effective, easier to store and carry, and much safer to use for this purpose.

All types of space heaters that use chemical fuels consume oxygen and must only be used in well-ventilated areas. When used in cabins, camper-trucks and recreational vehicles, there is not only a fire danger, but also lives can be lost from asphyxiation if not well ventilated. Use of charcoal burners indoors can be lethal in causing carbon monoxide poisoning.

GUIDELINES FOR SAFELY USING CHEMICAL STOVES AND LANTERNS

Use compressed or liquid-gas stoves and/or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision, and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted.

Operate and maintain regularly according to manufacturers instructions included with the stove or lantern.

Store fuel in approved containers and in storage under adult supervision. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gases or refilling from bottles of liquid gas.

Refill liquid gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from any flames, including other stoves, campfires and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.

Never fuel a stove or lantern inside a cabin; always do this out-of-doors. Do not operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low. To provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gases never fuel, ignite, or operate a stove or lantern in a tent.

Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operating. On snow, place insulated support under the stove to prevent melting and tipping.

With soap solution, periodically check fittings for leakage on compressed gas stoves and on pressurized liquid gas stoves before lighting.

When lighting a stove keep fuel bottles and extra canisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side. Open the stove valve quickly

for two full turns and light carefully, with head. fingers and hands to the side of the burner. Then adjust down.

Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.

Do not overload the stovetop with extra-heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, set up a freestanding grill to hold the pots and place stove under grill.

Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated.

BULK STORAGE AND PRACTICES

Storage of bulk supplies of any chemical fuels (especially volatile fuels) is a camp maintenance function. Storage and issue of such fuel must be controlled by a responsible adult and be kept under lock and key in Scout camps. Quantities of gasoline in long-term camps must be stored in a properly installed underground tank with pump and/or must be in compliance with local safety standards and regulations. Camp officials must be especially alert to prevent violation of these principles by Scout leaders and their units

Filling tanks for motor vehicles, outboard and inboard motors, and gasoline-powered saws and motors shall always be handled by someone qualified by age and training for this responsibility. All motors are turned off during filling. Enclosed bilges on boats equipped with inboard motors in enclosed spaces must be ventilated by blower for not less than four minutes (federal law) to remove fumes before engines are started. All hatches and ports should be closed during fueling and the boat re-ventilated when fueling is completed. No smoking or open flames are permitting filling any fuel tanks.

Liquid petroleum storage tanks at permanent camps should be installed by experienced technicians and changed only by the gas distributors. These installations must conform to local regulations. Fuel containers should be surrounded by a chain link fence in a cleared area.

Local councils through round tables and volunteer training courses should make every effort to train unit leaders and assistants in the proper techniques and procedures necessary to safely operate chemical fueled stoves and lanterns. These leaders, in turn, train and supervise youth members in these same skills and procedures.

Use Of Wilderness Areas

All privately or publicly owned back country land and designed wilderness are included in the term "wilderness area" in this policy. The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America applies to outdoor behavior generally, but for treks into wilderness areas minimum impact camping methods must be used. Within the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, there are many different camping skill levels. Camping practices that are appropriate for day outings, long term Scout camp, or short-term unit camping do not apply to wilderness areas. Scouts and Explorers need to adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior, wherever they go, that respect the rights of others, including future generations, to enjoy the outdoors.

In wilderness areas, it is crucial to minimize our impact on particularly fragile ecosystems such as mountains, lakes and streams; deserts and seashores. Since our impact varies from one season to the next, it becomes important for us to adjust to these changing conditions as well, to avoid damaging the environment.

The Boy Scouts of America emphasizes these practices for all troops and posts planning to use wilderness areas.

Contact the landowner or the land owning agency (Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, State, private, etc.) well in advance of the outing to learn the regulation for that area and to obtain required permits and current maps.

Always obtain a tour permit, available through council Scout service centers, meet all conditions specified and carry it on the trip.

Limit the size of groups generally to no more than 8 - 11 persons, including at least one adult leader (maximum: 10 persons per leader). Two leaders per group are best. Do not exceed the group size established for some wilderness areas. Organize each (patrol or crew) to function independently by planning their own trips on different dates, serving their own food, providing their own transportation to trail head, securing individual permits, and camping in a separate and distinct group. When necessary to combine transportation and planning or buying, small groups should still camp and travel on the trail separately from other groups of the same unit.

Match the ruggedness of high adventure experiences to the skills, physical ability and maturity of those taking part. Save more rugged treks for older youth members who are more proficient and experienced in outdoor skills.

Participate in training for adult leaders on low impact camping or be proficient and experienced in the leadership and skills required for treks into wilderness areas.

Conduct pre-training for your group that stresses proper wilderness behavior, rules, and skills for all other potential conditions that may be encountered.

Use backpacking stoves particularly where the fuel supply is limited or open fires are restricted. Supervision by an adult knowledgeable in the use of stove(s) must be provided. If

a fire is necessary keep it as small as possible and use established fire lays where available if in a safe area .After use, erase all signs.

Emphasize the need for minimizing impact on the land through proper camping practices and preserving the solitude and quietness of remote areas. Camp at low use areas-- avoid popular sites that show signs of heavy use.

Leave dogs, radios, and tape players at home.

Use biodegradable (not metal or glass) or plastic food containers. Carry out non-burnable trash of your own and *any* left by others.

Dig shallow holes for latrines and locate them at least 200 feet from the nearest water source. Cover the latrines completely before leaving.

Wash clothes dishes and bodies at least 200 feet from any natural source of water.

Where a choice is available, select equipment of muted colors which blend with natural surroundings.

Look at and photograph; never pick or collect.

Follow trail switchbacks and stay on established trails.

Treat wildlife with respect and take precautions to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife. Leave snakes, bears, ground squirrels, and other wildlife alone.

Lightning Facts and Preventive Actions

Take time NOW to learn and understand the hazards of lightning, and the basic safety rules.

Lightning occurs with all Thunderstorms, in the storm area and out in front of the storm. It causes the thunder we hear. If you can hear thunder before the storm, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.

Lightning Facts:

- Causes an average of 93 fatalities in the USA each year, and over 300 serious injuries.
- Causes several hundred million dollars in damage to property and forests each year.
- Results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between negatively charged areas (bottom of cloud) and positively charged areas (items on earth). It is static electricity on a huge scale.
- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000 each year, but that can be greatly reduced by knowing and following lightning safety rules.
- A lightning flash is estimated to carry 30,000 to 300,000 Amps. at 15 million to 125 million Volts, for less than 1 second. This is why such awesome and often bizarre stories are told of the results.
- The air near a flash is heated to 50,000°F - 5 times hotter than the surface of the sun. The rapid heating and cooling of this air causes the shock wave we hear as thunder.
- Most lightning casualties occur in the summer months, during afternoon or early evening, when people are caught outdoors.
- A strike begins as channels of negatively charged air (invisible leaders) move **downward** from the cloud toward the ground. When one channel nears an object on the ground, a powerful surge of positively charged particles (skin and hair tingle) moves **upward** toward the cloud, connects, and produces the flash. Three or four strikes may occur within one-tenth of a second, makes the flash appear to flicker.
- To estimate the distance in miles between you and the lightning, count the seconds between the flash and the sound of the thunder, and divide by five.
- In recent years, people have been killed by lightning while boating, fishing in a boat, swimming, golfing, bike riding, standing under a tree, riding on a lawnmower, talking on the telephone, loading a truck, playing soccer, and mountain climbing.

Myths and Facts:

Myth: *If it is not raining, then there is no danger from lightning.*

Fact: Lightning often occurs as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall, in or around the future path of the storm.

Myth: *Rubber shoe soles and auto tires will protect you from being struck.*

Fact: These provide NO protection. The steel frame of a hardtop vehicle provides some protection, if you are not touching metal inside.

Myth: *After being struck by lightning, a person carries an electrical charge, and should not be touched.*

Fact: Not true. Attend to the victim without delay, CPR may be needed immediately.

Myth: *Heat lightning without sound poses no threat, it simply occurs after very hot summer days.*

Fact: This is from a thunderstorm too far away for the thunder to be heard. It may be moving in your direction.