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Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Adventure 2019

Mid-to late July
Actual dates TBD

Our wilderness adventure is a truly different camping trip, traveling via canoe through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) of the Superior National Forest in Northern Minnesota. We will spend time exploring, swimming, taking pictures, fishing, cooking over an open fire, and sleeping in tents. Drink your morning hot chocolate or coffee as you watch a cautious sunrise gain confidence and take command of the entire sky and water. Experience a smallness as the night envelops our campfire and the moon lights a silvery path across dark waters. Find wonder and awe as the northern lights put on their heavenly display. Relax and revitalize. Throw your hook in the water – your worries to the wind.

The Itinerary:

- Day One: Depart 6:00 AM for Gunflint Trail & Tuscarora Lodge
- Brunch at the Norske Nook (Osseo, WI) (3 Hours from Milwaukee)
 - Visit/shop at the trading post in Grand Marais, MN
 - Dinner at Sven & Ole's Pizza & Restaurant
 - Arrive Tuscarora Lodge before sunset
 - Canoe safety & paddling technique workshop
 - Sleep overnight in a Tuscarora bunkhouse
- Day Two: Hot breakfast at the lodge
- Our vehicle(s) remain at Tuscarora parking lot
 - Shuttle via Tuscarora vehicle to our entry point
 - Depart via canoe
- Three-Five: Wilderness tent camping. Scouts plan route, degree of difficulty, and number of times we break camp.
- Day six – last day in the wilderness:
- Paddle to our pick-up point
 - Shuttle via Tuscarora vehicle back to the lodge
 - Hot Shower
 - Dinner somewhere along the Gunflint Trail
 - Sleep overnight in a Tuscarora bunkhouse
- Drive Home Day: Depart early
- Breakfast in Grand Marais (1 hour from lodge)
 - Possible stop: Gooseberry Falls
 - Late Lunch/Dinner in Eau Claire or Norske Nook
 - Arrive home late (11:00pm – midnight)

Basics:

- Scouts will be planning the wilderness routes, degree of difficulty, and menus.
- The cost is approximately **\$650** which includes complete outfitting (canoes, camping gear, food, etc.), all meals, and transportation. A final amount will be calculated at the end of the trip based on actual expenses.
- Trip is open to Scouts 14 and older who have achieved the rank of First Class before the departure date of the trip. Scouts younger than 14 with a parent can also come – discuss with Mr. Lilek).

Our outfitter will provide the following:

- "Alumacraft" lightweight aluminum canoe with carrying yoke & paddles
- Stearns vests
- Ultra light freeze-dried food pack with ample portions.
- Eureka nylon tent with rain fly, no-see-um netting and sewn-in floor
- All-nylon Duluth packs (including an extra pack for your personal gear)
- Clean and warm Hollofil sleeping bag with liner
- Therma-rest sleeping pad
- **Rain poncho** (*you can bring your own rain gear if you want*)
- Lightweight tarp
- Large dining fly
- Rope
- Folding saw
- First aid kit
- Camp stove
- Cleanup items
- Cooking and eating utensils
- Water purification system
- All staples

Items you may not bring in the Wilderness:

- Do not pack food or candy in your personal belongings (*attracts bears*)
- Tin Cans, Glass
- Electronic gear (*iPods, electronic games, cellular phones, etc.*)

Tips on packing:

- Plan for daytime highs in the mid 70s to low 80s and nighttime lows in the mid 50s
- Whatever you bring you carry. Keep it simple, but make sure you can stay warm and dry in all conditions.
- As a rule of thumb: all of your gear should fit in a standard sized, paper grocery bag
- You should try to fit everything inside your pack including fishing tackle. We will move better over portages we don't have loose items such as fishing rods & tackle boxes to deal with. There is also the risk of loss and damage for unprotected poles. However, if you want to carry a rod case (lightweight) or simply carry your rods loose – you can.

The outfitter for this trip will be Tuscarora Lodge

www.tuscaroracanoes.com

Items you need to bring checklist:

- Rain Gear (*It is best to have rain pants and a waterproof/breathable rain jacket. The outfitter provides good ponchos, but a good rain suit can be your most valuable piece of clothing.*)
- Troop T Shirts
- Short pants (BSA convertibles work best)
- A long sleeved shirt for sun and bug protection
- Lightweight long pants (*jeans are not ideal because they are heavy when wet, BSA "convertible" pants are a good choice*)
- Swimsuit
- Swim Goggles
- Socks & underwear
- Light jacket -or- fleece jacket –or- hooded sweatshirt –or- flannel shirt –or- wool sweater
- 1 brimmed hat (*optional bandanna*)
- 1 pair of sturdy "wet" shoes or boots (*for slippery rocks and rough lake bottom*)
- 1 pair of dry shoes for the campsite (*tennis shoes or hiking shoes*)
- Flashlight and/or head lamp (*with brand new batteries and extra set*)
- Sunglasses (*polarized are recommended for fishing*)
- Washcloth
- Bath towel
- Lip balm (*with sunscreen*)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Empty pillow case (*fill with clothes to sleep on*)
- Toiletry articles
- Medications (BSA medication forms required)
- Water Bottle (*Nalgene brand or equivalent is required to fit with our water filtration system*)
- Pack everything in a large garbage bag (heavy-duty grade)

Optional items:

- Fishing tackle (recommend telescoping/back pack rod, a small tackle box that can fit inside your pack, fish stringer, steel leaders)
- Filet knife (*adults only*)
- Camera
- Deck of cards
- Book and/or small journal

Trip Home Items:

Pack a small bag of items for our last night at the lodge and drive home

- 1 set of clean clothes
- Fresh towel & wash cloth
- Shower tongs

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