

Great Smoky Mountain 2019 High Adventure Programs

Northern Tier Canoe Base Summer Trek

July 16-July 26, 2019 (Approximate dates – Travel time not included)

How would you like to spend 10 days and nights this summer in a canoe on the lakes of Northern Minnesota and Ontario, Canada? This trek will take you from Donald Rogert Canoe Base in Atikokan, Ontario to Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, MN through the Quetico Provincial Park. If this sounds like an adventure for you, join us in one of our GSMC Scouting High Adventure Treks as we head off into the wilderness of the Boundary Waters between Canada and the United States for the adventure of a lifetime.

Ely, MN - Charles L Sommers Canoe Base

The flagship base of Northern Tier, the Charles L Sommers Canoe Base has hosted Boy Scout Canoe Expeditions on the shores of Moose Lake since 1941. Located twenty miles, outside of the town of Ely, MN, the Sommers Base outfits over 4,000 scouts each year on wilderness canoe trips in the [Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness \(BWCAW\)](#) of Minnesota and the [Quetico Provincial Park](#) of Ontario. Trips out of the Sommers base are limited to the size of 8 participants plus an Interpreter.

We are a Cooperator with the USDA Forest Service under the Superior National Forest. We issue permits into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. As a Cooperator with the Forest Service, we are an equal opportunity service-provider.



Atikokan, ON - Donald Rogert Canoe Base



Located an 80-mile paddle North of the Sommers base, the Donald Rogert ("Atikokan") Canoe Base outfits 1500 scouts each year for expeditions into the Northern regions of the [Quetico Provincial Park](#) as well as into the Canadian Crown Lands, including the Turtle River - White Otter Lake Provincial Park. The Quetico is a gorgeous and pure wilderness, with traces of human travel; the Crown Lands region features the remains of a used wilderness - trappers cabins, age-old gold mines and even the remains of a World War II Prisoner of War camp can be found amidst the beautiful wilds of the Canadian Shield (a vast geological shield covered by a thin layer of soil). Crew sizes may be up to 11 participants plus an Interpreter if travelling in the Crown Land and 8 participants plus an interpreter if traveling in the Quetico.

The Atikokan Base is also home to two specialty programs: the [Fishing Expedition](#), designed for crews with an intensive interest in angling, and the [Kayak Trek](#), an introduction to wilderness travel via kayak.

Approximate Cost: \$1,450.00 – Estimated cost base upon full crew participation. Payment will be completed by **monthly installments** as per agreed upon schedule after sending in the deposit and commitment form (next page). Deposit and all payments will be refunded in the event trek is unable to be filled by required deadline.* **We have requested a total of 5 crews with 8 slots each (a total of 40 slots) for this trek. Slots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. If more than 40 participants sign up before the deadline, a numbered waiting list will be established as a means of determining order of selection if one or more of the first 40 participants cancel after registration.**

*NOTE: If a sufficient number of participants have not committed to this trip by March 31, 2018, it will be cancelled and deposits will be refunded. We will fill as many crews of 8 as possible (up to five) and draw from the waiting list to fill vacancies in the event of any late cancellations after the March 31, 2018 deadline.

Return form and deposit check to Ms. Jennifer Williams at the GSMC Office at 1333 Old Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909

Included: All transportation, food and lodging to and from Canoe Base plus food and consumables while on the trek. More information about the plans for the complete trek will be shared in pre-trek meetings.

You Provide: Your own personal gear, uniform and other appropriate clothing, plus spending money for souvenirs, etc.

Note: Wilderness Canoe trek participants must be 14 years old OR completed 8th grade and be 13 years old by the time of arrival. Participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and may participate as a member of a chartered unit OR a district or council contingent, with required leadership. (No requests for exceptions, please.)

[For additional information about this trek contact Contingent Leader, Tom Pendleton, email: thomast911@yahoo.com or Phone: (865) 789-4997, OR, Bruce Van Cleve at the Council Office – (865) 588-6514]

Canoe Base Summer Adventure Trek Commitment Form

_____ YES, sign me up for the adventure of a lifetime!

Attached is my non-refundable \$250.00 deposit for the GSMC 2019 Summer **Canoe Base** Trek.

(Deposit will be returned only in the event of GSMC's inability to fill the roster for this trek before **March 31, 2018.**)

I understand that, upon payment of this initial deposit, I will be required to pay additional monthly installments at the GSMC Service Center until the entire cost of the trek is covered.

Name: _____ Troop/Crew Number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

(Scoutmaster approval required)

I, _____ affirm that the above registered scout is both physically and emotionally able to complete a trek to Northern Tier BSA high adventure base in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

(Print Name)

_____, Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor Unit and Number: _____

(Signature)

This form and a non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 must be returned to Ms. Jennifer Williams at the GSMC Service Center **BEFORE March 31, 2018** to assure your space in the upcoming Summer 2019 Northern Tier Trek.

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