Close(r) to Home!

High Adventure in the Northeast Region
What to expect during this session

• Seven high adventure opportunities
  - Programs in six states from Virginia to Maine and one more in Canada
  - Quick overview of each place and the opportunities
  - This presentation covers trek programs, with multiple days/night away from the base camp, rather than specialty (on property) camps

• Info subject to change for summer 2020 and 2021
  - Make sure to contact the host council/base early to understand their plans and learn about program changes
Many options for activities across the Northeast

- Backpacking
- Mountain climbing
- Rock climbing
- Fishing
- Canoe Camping
- Whitewater
- Sailing
- Sea Kayaking

And lots more!
High Adventure in the Northeast

• Less travel time = more time on the trail or water
• More affordable = accessible to Scouts and families
• Some options for younger Scouts (age 12+)
• Some options for shorter trips (3-6 days)
• Usually easier to get a reservation on shorter notice
• Still tons of fun and adventure!

You still need to plan and prepare!
Lenhok’sin

• Goshen Scout Reservation
  – National Capital Area Council
  – Three Scouts BSA camps
  – Two Webelos camps
  – Lenhok’sin High Adventure

• Blue Ridge Mountains
  – west central Virginia

• ~570 miles, 9 hour drive from central Massachusetts

• Arrive Sunday afternoon, depart Saturday morning
Lenhok’sin

• One week trek program
• Daily outpost activities
  - Mountain Man black powder
  - Foxfire blacksmithing
  - Archery  - Caving  - COPE
  - Mountain Biking  - Search & Rescue  and more!
• Backpack through the 4,000+ acres of GSR & 35,000 acres of adjacent state wildlife game lands – plan your own trek!
• 13 years old by September 1 following the trek
  - Prior backpacking experience is important
• Minimum crew size is 4, maximum is 12 including two adults
• https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/
Lenhok’sin James River canoeing

Paddle canoes or kayaks on 61 mile stretch of scenic & historic upper James River

Nationally famous smallmouth bass fishing

100+ class 1 rapids, 20 challenging class II rapids, and Balcony Falls

Camp nightly in Jefferson National Forest & private designated sites, adjacent to Appalachian Trail

Prior canoeing experience a must – ideally on moving water
Trip is supported by Lenhok’sin but no guide accompanies the group

Minimum 8 people (including two adults 21+)

https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/
Chesapeake Bay Sailing

- DelMarVa Council
- Camp Rodney, Northeast, MD
  - 300 miles / 5 hour drive from central Massachusetts
- Five day cruise
- Modern 40 foot sailing yacht

https://www.delmarvacouncil.org/high-adventure-opportunities/high-adventure-sailing-on-the-chesapeake/9297
Chesapeake Bay Sailing

- Crew consists of 5-10 Scouts and one adult leader (ship captain = second adult)
- 14 years old by date of trip; pass BSA Swimmer test
- Swim, fish, cook, and enjoy historic sites and islands of Chesapeake Bay
- Work on merit badges
Ten Mile River Treks

- Greater New York Councils
- Ten Mile River Scout Camps
- Southwestern Catskill Mountains
- Delaware River
- Two adult leaders and 5-12 youth
- Age 13+ by start of trek
- provisional option
- ~1.5-5 hours drive from central/western Massachusetts
- https://tenmileriver.org/trek/
Ten Mile River Treks

• Five day Backpacking trek with outpost camping
• Outpost options include: Target Paintball, Mountain Boarding, Fishing, Tomahawk Throwing, natural rock rappelling and climbing, horse riding
  - Optional shorter backpacking then 1-2 days of canoeing or kayaking on Delaware River
• Options for summer camp program participation – shooting sports, boating, COPE, ATV’s
• 50 Miler Award & Historic Trails Award opportunities
Adirondack Treks

- Adirondack Park, upstate New York
- 6 million acres of wilderness
  - mountains, lakes, trails
- 2.5 - 5 hours from central/western Mass
- Trek programs offered by several councils
  - Download reference page for a list
  - See TAP.scouting.org listings
- Crew size 7-11 youth +
  adults plus guide (8-12 total)
  - Limits depend on specific trip, many options
- Minimum age is typically 13 by Sept 1\textsuperscript{st} of trek year
Adirondack Treks

• Many trek options:
  – Canoe camping – lakes, rivers, whitewater
  – Backpacking & mountains (“4000 footers”)
  – Combination treks – backpacking & canoeing

• Usually 5 day treks, shorter or longer possible

• Some camps offer COPE, climbing (rock or tower), water skiing, tubing and other options

• Optional side trips: whitewater rafting, museums

• Earn the 50 Miler Award and merit badges
Granite High Adventure

- Daniel Webster Council
- Northern New Hampshire & western Maine
- 6 day / 5 night treks
- Backpacking in the White Mountains (highest in the Northeastern US)
- Canoe trip in western Maine (Rangeley Lakes region)
- 135 miles, 2.5 hour drive from Sturbridge, MA to base camp
  - Additional travel to hiking trailhead or canoe trip put-in
- Crew size 5-9 including at least one adult
- At least 14 by start date of trek, First Class
- Merit badge opportunities
- https://nhscouting.org/outdoor-programs/high-adventure/
Birchbark Expeditions

- Wilderness canoe trips in Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada
- Greater Niagara Frontier Council
- ~11 hours drive from Massachusetts to Algonquin Prov. Park via Buffalo
Birchbark Expeditions

- At least 13 years old at start of trip, First Class, successfully pass BSA Swimmer test
- Up to six youth, two adults 21+ required
- Experienced guide accompanies group (9 total)
- Depart from Buffalo, NY on Saturday morning
- Five days of canoeing
  - Visit nature & historic sites while traveling
- Return to Buffalo the following Saturday night

http://www.wnyscouting.org/birchbark
Maine High Adventure

- Wilderness canoeing and camping in northern Maine
  - Large lakes and small ponds
  - Whitewater and flat water
- Hiking and climbing mountains in Baxter State Park or on the Appalachian Trail

Troop 252
Springfield, VT
Courtesy of
Springfield, Vermont News
http://springfieldvt.blogspot.com
Maine High Adventure

- Katahdin Area Council
- Base camp on Grand Lake Matagamon, Northeast corner of Baxter State Park
- Access to millions of acres of North Maine Woods
  - Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Penobscot River and many others
- ~400 miles from central Mass.; 6 hours drive
- Crew size 7 – 11, including at least one adult
  - two adults needed for travel to/from the Base
  - experienced guide accompanies crew
- Minimum age is 13 by Sept. 1st of year of the trip
- Trip length from 7 days/6 nights to 13 days/12 nights
- Flexibility to fit your crew’s experience and plans
- https://www.mainehighadventure.org/
Maine High Adventure

- Wildlife
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Cooking & baking on a campfire
Trip and Trek Planning

The Adventure Plan

https://tap.scouting.org/

List of council run high adventure bases and specialty camps:

https://tap.scouting.org/council-operated-high-adventure-bases/
Thanks for joining us!
Remember to share your experience on our Facebook event #campquarantine2020

For more fun visit:
campquarantine.hnebsa.org