NORTHERN TIER
HIGH ADVENTURE
What to expect during this session

• Quick overview of Northern Tier programs
  - Lots of opportunities – can’t cover everything in detail

• Info subject to change for summer 2020 and 2021

• Check https://www.ntier.org for the latest information and updates
Northern Tier Programs

Lots of opportunities throughout the year

- **Summer:** Crew canoe trips from all three bases and several programs for individuals

- **Autumn:** Canoe trips, fishing trips and “Get your feet wet” trips

- **Winter:** Okpik snow camping & activities
Summer - Canoe Treks

1. Charles L. Sommers
   Moose Lake
   East of Ely, MN
   - drive or fly to
     Minneapolis or
     Duluth, MN

2. Donald Rogert
   Perch Lake
   West of Atikokan
   Ontario, Canada
   - drive or fly to
     Minneapolis,
     International Falls, or
     Thunder Bay, ON
“Boundary Waters”

- Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Superior National Forest, USFS, Minnesota
  - Maximum group size = 9 (including interpreter)
- Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada
  - Maximum group size = 9 (including interpreter)
- Turtle River/White Otter Lake Crown Lands
  - Maximum group size = 12 (including interpreter)

- Minimum group size is 6 (not including interpreter) for all bases
- Must be 14 years of age or be 13 years of age and have completed 8th grade for Northern Tier canoe trips
What is a Northern Tier trip like?

• Travel to Ely or Atikokan (see “on the way” slide)
• Arrival day – arrive on base after lunch
  – Greeting, check-in, orientation, trip planning, gear & food
• Second day – depart after breakfast
• 6 to 12 days of paddling, portaging, camping, cooking, fishing, watching wildlife, and fun!
• Return to base – before lunch.
  – Clean up and Closing campfire program
• Depart after breakfast
Crossing the US – Canada border

• Remote Area Border Crossing (RABC) permit
  – Northern Tier helps with permits and other questions!
• Passports
• Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area and Quetico Provincial Park – What’s the difference?
  - Designated vs. undesignated campsites
  - Entry point permits
  - Fishing license
  - Fire rings
  - “toilet” (or not)
On the way to Northern Tier

• Ely, MN:
  - International Wolf Center
  - North American Bear Center
  - Dorothy Molter Museum
  - Soudan Underground Mine
  - US Hockey Hall of Fame
  - Outfitters for canoe & camping gear

• Atikokan, Ontario
  - Fort William Historic Park & Kakabeka Falls (Thunder Bay)
  - Fort Francis Museum & Lookout Tower (Fort Francis)
  - Outfitters for canoe & camping gear (Atikokan)

See www.ntier.org for more ideas and links
Bissett – Northern Expeditions

- Atikaki Provincial Park
- Fly (or drive) to Winnipeg, Manitoba, drive 3+ hrs to Bissett
- Float Plane to canoe cache & put-in point
- Minimum trip length: 8 nights
- Most remote trip

Strenuous trip – previous canoe trek experience is important
Don’t you paddle a canoe?

Portaging

“It’s not that bad, really!”

And why is that paddle “bent”?
Individual Programs

- Lone Voyageur (provisional crew) or Join an Existing Crew
- OA Wilderness Voyage
  - One week portage trail projects, one week trek
- Forest Corps – two weeks
  - Conservation work, Ecology, Leave No Trace Trainer
Northern Tier Special Awards

• 50 Miler, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 miles!
• Duty to God
• Trail of Courage  
  - healthy lifestyles & personal improvement
• Lake Monitoring & Adopt-a-Lake
• Historic Trails
• Triple Crown / Grand Slam
Autumn Adventures – Ely Base

Beautiful colors and no bugs!
and it probably won’t snow (much)

- Canoe trips – 6 nights; minimum age 14
- Fishing trip – canoe trip focused on fishing!

“Get Your Feet Wet”
- Open to Scouts BSA ages 11+
- Four days / three nights (two nights camping out)
- 6-8 participants including at least two adults
Equipment

- Most Group gear is provided
  - Canoes, paddles and PFDs / life jackets
  - Tents, stoves, cooking gear
  - Shared portage packs for personal and group gear
- Crew provides first aid kit, maps, map case, compass
- Personal gear you need to bring
  - Clothes - proper boots, rain gear, hat
  - sleeping bag, mess kit, water bottle, head lamp
- See equipment lists on www.ntier.org
Okpik

- Winter programs offered at Ely base
  - Snowshoeing  Dogsledding
  - Skiing  Ice Fishing
- Build and sleep in a quinzee (snow shelter)
  - Or stay in a cabin
- 3-5 day programs in Dec / Jan / Feb.
- Minimum age 11 (cabin stay) or 14 (Quinzee)
- Crew size minimum 6, maximum 11, majority youth
- Group gear & most personal gear provided
- Trainer and experienced interpreter accompanies crew
- Awards: Winter Trek, Zero Hero, Bizhiw and more!
Contact Northern Tier for more information!

Updates and more details are available on the Northern Tier web site:

http://www.ntier.org

Contact information:

https://www.ntier.org/about/contact-us-temporary/
Thanks for joining us!
Remember to share your experience on our Facebook event #campquarantine2020

For more fun visit: campquarantine.hnebsa.org