

Northern Tier 2012

Troop 35 High Adventure Opportunity

Crews & When

We are planning for one or two Trek Crews of eight, each crew having two Adults and six Scouts. Our trek dates are planned for late June through early July 2012, with nine days of a canoeing, camping wilderness experience in northern Minnesota and Ontario, Canada. We'll see wildlife, fish, paddle, portage, cook hearty camp food, and experience the beauty and remoteness of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Quetico Provincial Park has to offer.

Participant Requirements

- Must be a Registered Boy Scout or Scouter
- Must have a completed Northern Tier medical form
- Must be fit for this rugged outdoor experience and challenge
- Each crew must have adults currently trained in CPR, Basic First Aid, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Youth Protection
- All participants, including the adults, must meet "swimmer" requirements
- All Scouts must be at least 13 years of age by the starting date of their trip
- **Must be able to carry heavy packs or canoes and to paddle six hours a day**
- PASSPORT: For travel into Canada

Be prepared!!

The canoe base provides much of what we need in the package, including canoes, paddles, PFDs, tents, crew gear packs, personal gear packs, stoves, cooking gear, and the food. All aspects will be guided and assisted by our "Interpreter", so we'll be in good hands. Personal gear includes the normal canoe camping items.

What will this cost me?

Short Answer: about **\$1,500 per person**, with the biggest variable being the Transportation. This covers all Northern Tier fees, USFS User Fees, Group Pictures, Transport with meals to and from the canoe base. This does not include fishing licenses, passports, any additional lodging associated with transportation, and any personal gear purchases and upgrades needed. At this point we have not arranged any side trips, which would incur additional costs. All payments are due by **March 1, 2012**.

What kind of commitment is this?

Pretty serious, but it will be worth it!! This is one of those "trips of a lifetime", and the better prepared we are the better the experience will be. Some things we'll do in preparation include:

- We'll need a couple of Training Canoe Treks, above the normal Troop campouts
- And we'll have some Crew & Parents' Meetings
- And we'll also have some Skills Sessions including a group swim test
- Details and dates will be forthcoming

We need a verbal and financial commitment to hold your spot, so sign up soon. A \$100 deposit by **June 30, 2011** is required. A complete payment schedule will be forthcoming.

Information?

The Troop website will be our main communicator: <http://www.troop35jax.org/northerntier2012>. The Northern Tier website is <http://www.ntier.org/>. If you need personal contact, call David Kenney at 718-8305 or jaxbikerider@gmail.com.