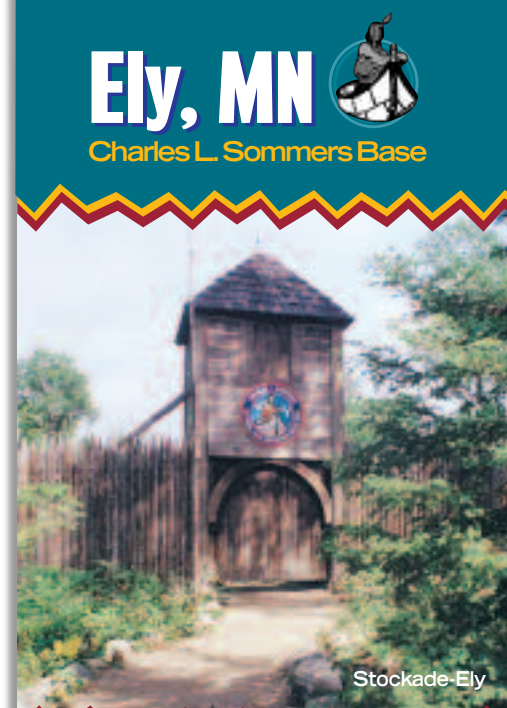


Northern Tier

High Adventure Bases



In 1923, Carlos S. Chase first led a group of Boy Scouts into the Boundary Waters/Quetico Provincial Park area and Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs were born. During the next few years, these trips grew in popularity and by 1926, BWCA/Quetico canoe programs were officially adopted as the "Region Ten Canoe Trails" project. In 1942, the Hod Ludlow Lodge was dedicated and the base became known as "Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Trails". The camp became a National High Adventure Base in 1972. In 1973, the first base in Canada was established at Bissett, Manitoba and it was followed a few years later with the base in Atikokan, Ontario. The three bases are now collectively known as the **Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases.**

The historic Hod Ludlow Lodge with its rustic hewn-log exterior and vintage rock fireplace is one of the many unique base camp facilities featured at Charles L. Sommers Base on Moose Lake near Ely, Minnesota.

Your scout crew will enter the **Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base** through the portal of the fur trading post stockade. This historic canoe base is located 22 miles east of Ely on beautiful Moose Lake, the premier entry point into the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. The base features 28 sleeping cabins, a trading post, rustic dining hall, voyageur encampment area, Bay Post outfitters and an authentic post and beam style Commissary. Enjoy a voyageur rendezvous in the Hod Ludlow Lodge and a well-deserved sauna your last evening at the base. The Charles L. Sommers programs are ideally suited for novice canoeists, but offer challenging routes for experienced travellers as well. You may choose to visit beautiful waterfalls, travel into remote country, find the best fishing locations, visit ancient pictographs, or experience a combination of all of these.

The basic program of the Northern Tier is to provide a wilderness canoe trip to crews of Scouts, Venturers, and leaders. These trips range from seven to ten days. The base provides full outfitting and a trained and experienced staff member, called an Interpreter, to act as a resource to the crew. These Interpreters are trained in nature, route finding, area history, canoeing, cooking, and many other wilderness skills. Their role is to act as a resource to the crew and to ensure that the crew has a safe and fulfilling adventure.

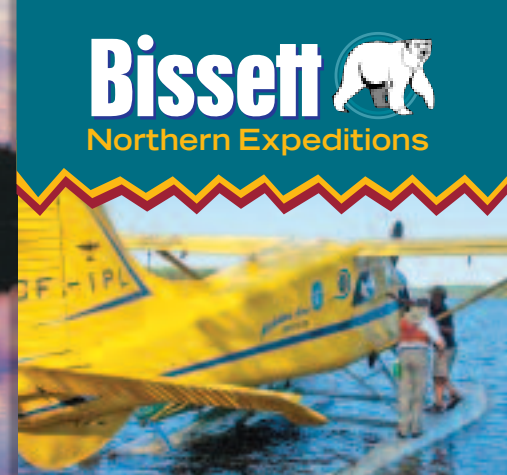
The historic Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base and Northern Tier High Adventure programs are committed to maintaining a standard of excellence. With over 150,000 youth and adult participants since 1923, you can rely on our experience.



About 12 miles west of Atikokan, (At-i-coke'-can) Ontario on Perch Lake, you'll find the **Donald Rogert Canoe Base.** The Rogert base is on the Hudson Bay Company's historic fur route between Old Fort William and Rainy Lake. With the Crown Jewel of Canada's canoeing wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park to the south and Turtle River-White Otter Provincial Park to the north, the Rogert Canoe Base is the perfect site for your crew's ultimate remote canoeing experience. Millions of acres of pine forests, glacier lakes, meandering rivers and thundering waterfalls await you. Observe wildlife, catch walleye, northern, lake trout and smallmouth bass, visit ancient Indian pictographs or just relax in this natural playground. Enjoy the unique opportunity to experience life as a 1800's fur trader with the Voyageur Canoe program, a recent addition at Atikokan. Your crew has the option to paddle the eight passenger "canoes du nord" or "north" canoes on the historic trade routes and camp in the Northern forests. Launch your trip from an entry point of your choice. For an adventure off the beaten path, consider one of our remote fly-ins.

The White Otter Castle, a three story house with a four story tower, is a famous landmark on White Otter Lake. Using Red Pine logs weighing up to one ton, pioneer Jimmy McQuat built it by himself without a crane around 1914.

Travel & live like the hardy voyageurs, a colorful band of fur traders that were crucial to the historic fur industry in early North America.



Atikokan

Donald Rogert Canoe Base



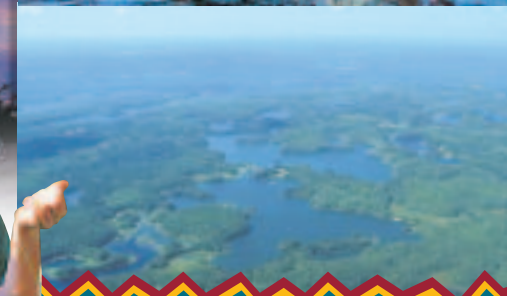
Crews choosing the adventure and challenge of a **Northern Expeditions** trip will begin with a program and outfitting at our modern base on the outskirts of Bissett, Manitoba. Bissett is known for its rich gold mining heritage and as a jumping off spot to some of the best wilderness adventure anywhere. It's also on the edge of the Atikaki Provincial Park, a great destination for trophy fishing and remote trips. Your trip starts with an exciting floatplane ride north into the Canadian bush. Your crew will enjoy the opportunity to overlook some of the beautiful and rugged terrain in which you will be traveling and to enjoy the romance of the Canadian bush pilot experience.



Canada's wildlife, solitude, history and natural splendor will inspire first time participant and veteran traveler alike. A High Adventure trip through Northern Expeditions is sure to be an experience of a lifetime.

Bissett

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Full Outfitting

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Northern Tier provides Advisor materials with planning essentials like: suggested apparel and personal gear, information on fishing licenses and park fees, ecological considerations, and required skills. You'll receive an Expedition Planning Guide upon reservation, a route planning guide in the fall, and an Advisor's kit with participant materials in the spring.

Personal sickness and accident care insurance including air ambulance service is available as well as an emergency trail radio or satellite phone and 24-hour monitoring for all crews. 🏠

Regardless of which Northern Tier High Adventure trip you choose, we can outfit your expedition. Whether you are canoeing in the BWCA/Quetico, exploring a beautiful Canadian lake or escaping to a remote wilderness fly-in adventure, we offer state-of-the-art equipment for tripping into the canoe country.

Our standard canoes are rugged aluminum, but we also provide the extra-cost option (at the Atikokan and Ely bases) of lightweight kevlar and fiberglass canoes. We have spacious Granite Gear personal gear packs and Kondos equipment packs. Our tents are freestanding Outfitter models with mosquito netting and rain flies. We provide nylon trail tarps for rain protection, Coast Guard approved life jackets, paddles, cooking utensils, nesting pots, trail ovens for baking and ropes to hang food packs. Each crew will also be outfitted with an emergency communications system. Northern Tier is the ONLY outfitter in the BWCA to issue emergency radios or satellite phones as part of our standard gear.

All Northern Tier bases offer outstanding trail food. We combine retort (foil can) meats and fresh goods to create trail meals that taste as good as home-cooking. You get to choose the amounts of many of the items and every crew has the benefit of up-to-date information on menus, equipment and techniques developed from over 85 years of outfitting experience.

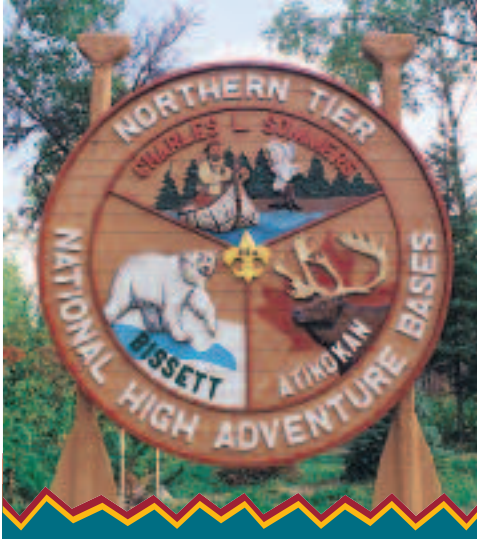
At Northern Tier we believe that quality gear and good food are the cornerstones to a great trip. We also believe in education and provide qualified instruction in canoeing, cooking, low impact camping, fishing, and wilderness safety skills.



You'll need to provide personal items such as clothing, rain gear, sleeping bag, eating utensils, toiletries, fishing licenses, a first-aid kit, maps, and any specialized equipment. We'll provide the rest.



All participants will receive a special Northern Tier National High Adventure Award emblem for the program base attended.



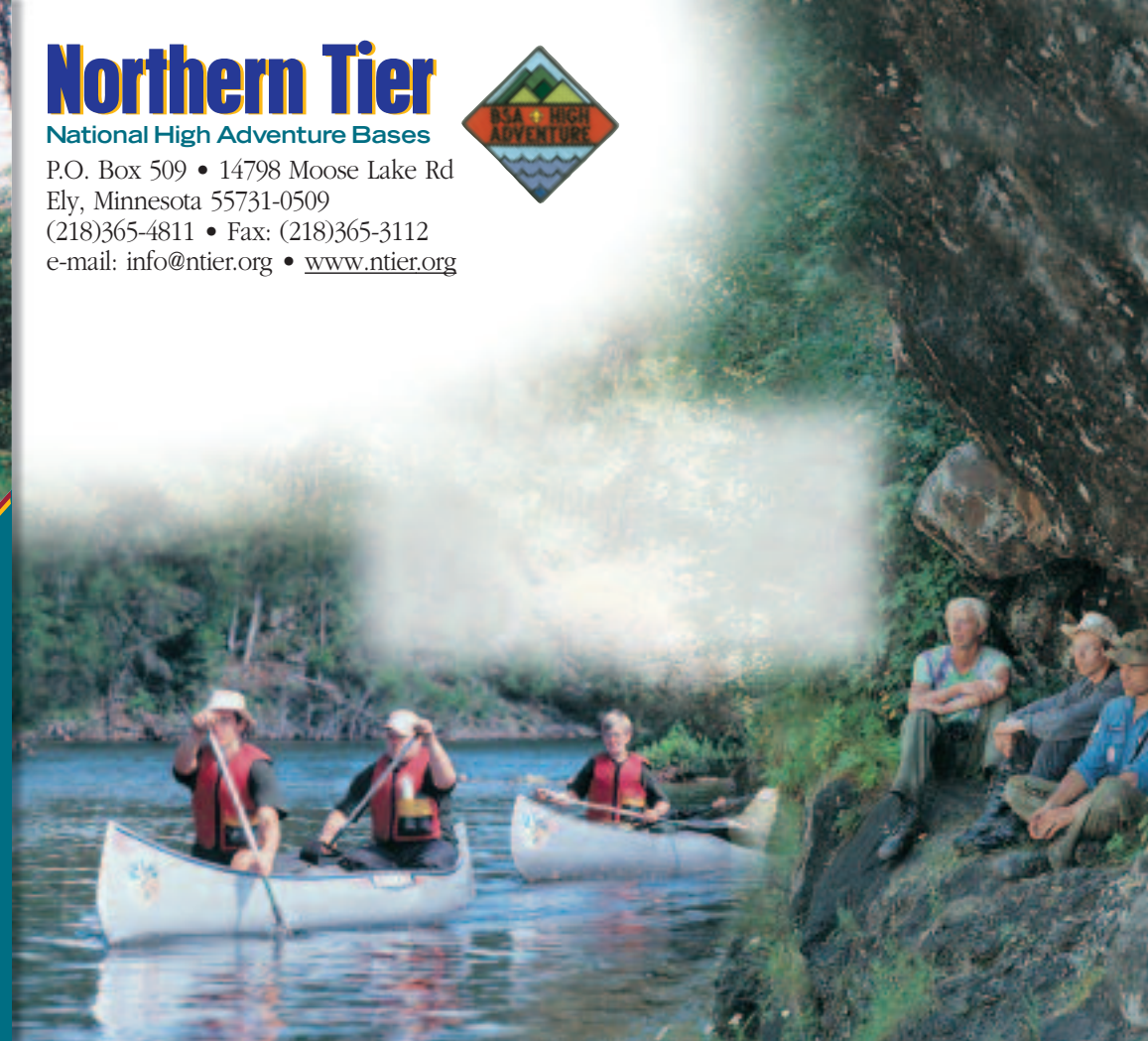
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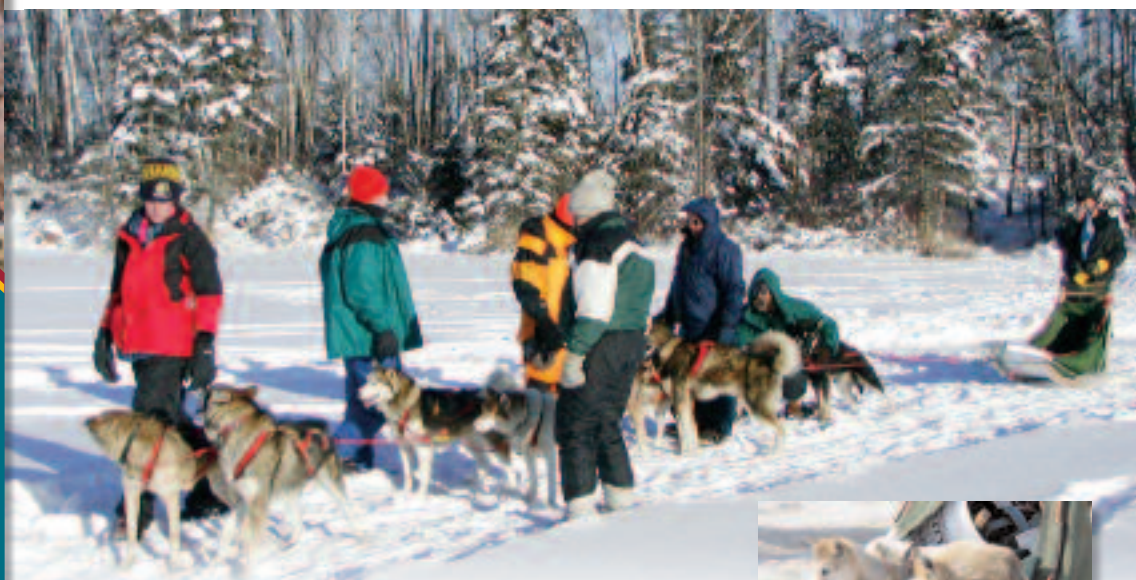
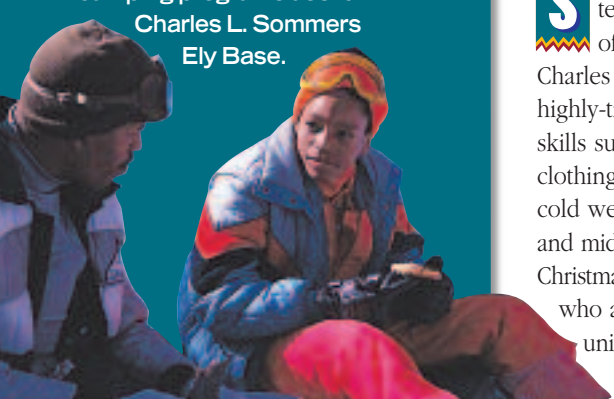
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OKPIK Adventures



OKPIK (ook' pick) is the Inuit word for the Snowy Owl and also the name and symbol for the Northern Tier High Adventure cold weather camping programs at the Charles L. Sommers Ely Base.



Some of the best weather, snow conditions, facilities, and terrain for cold weather camping in North America are offered through the **OKPIK Adventure** program at Charles L. Sommers base in Ely, Minnesota. OKPIK provides a highly-trained staff to help you learn cold weather camping skills such as dogsledding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, clothing and sleeping systems, snow shelter building, animal tracking, cold weather cooking, and ice fishing. We offer weekend, long weekend and mid-week programs as well as a longer "Holiday Stay" between Christmas and New Year. We also offer training for leaders and older Scouts who are interested in developing their own cold weather programs for units, districts, or councils. Please contact us for more information.



We offer the opportunity to learn about the sport of dog sledding. Take a unique dogsled trip into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and enjoy firsthand the wonders of the wilderness.

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Since 1923, Scouts have been voyaging into the great north wilderness to seek adventure. Eagles soaring overhead, walleye swimming in the depths of pristine lakes, meeting a moose on the portage trail. These are the experiences that Scouts get in Canada and the north woods of the United States.

Northern Tier High Adventure Program is the ONLY outfitter in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Canada charged by the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Scouting program to Scouts and Leaders adventuring into North America's Canoe Country.

When choosing Northern Tier for your outfitting needs you can be sure that your Scouts will get a "Wilderness Adventure that Lasts a Lifetime."



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DRIVING TIMES

Minneapolis to:

Ely Base-Moose Lake
6 hours

Atikokan Base-Perch Lake
7+ hours* *(via Cloquet/Int'l Falls)*

Bissett Base-Bissett
14-15 hours*

DRIVING TIMES

Duluth to:

Ely Base-Moose Lake
3 hours *(3 routes available)*

Atikokan Base-Perch Lake
6+ hours*
(via Thunder Bay or Int'l Falls)

Bissett Base-Bissett
12-13 hours*

** Time to cross the US/Canadian border may vary due to Canadian Customs and Immigration.*



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