

2019 Canada Quetico Canoe High Adventure**Trip Dates: July 13-21, 2019**

All,

We are now only 4 months away from our High Adventure canoe trip to the Boundary Waters and the Canadian Quetico. Planning continues for our trip and there still is some items to sort out. There is some information that I need to transmit to everyone along with some tasks for everyone to undertake. Please read this document completely and if you have any question please let me know as soon as possible.

PARTICIPANTS:

The following is the list of participants currently signed up for the trip. Please let me know ASAP if there are any changes in your status.

Babineck	Thomas	Scout
Black	Zane	Scout
Brown	Wesley	Scout
Diaz Faccini	Santiago	Scout
Stuckwisch	Julien	Scout
Williams	Evan	Scout
Babineck	Mark	Adult
Beebe	Dana	Adult
Mohr	David	Adult
Mohr	Martin	Adult
Stuckwisch	Kurt	Adult
Vickery	Don	Adult
Williams	Jeff	Adult

There are 13 Scouts and Adults signed up for the trip, however we do have room for three (3) more Scouts (and/or Adults) to join us and even out the numbers. So, if you have a friend who you might think would want to join us please have them contact me as soon as possible.

We will be dividing up the group into 2 Crews for the Trip. This is mainly for (1) the Van trip (max 8 people per van with 4 Adults per Van for driving), and (2) the Back Country permits as we are limited to 9 people per permit. We will also canoe in two separate Groups some 30 – 60 minutes apart as to NOT get crowded on the Portages as there is usually limited space at each end of the Portages. However, we will all be camping together. Therefore, PLEASE think about who you might want to canoe with, both in a group and as a Canoe Partner. Some Dad's and Son's will wish to canoe together – or NOT! That is up to you all. Scouts can canoe together as long as I deem the Canoeing Team capable of handling the canoe in open water as well as on the Portages. No promises here but I will try to honor your requests as much as possible. Please EMAIL me (dana.c.beebe@gmail.com) with your preferences.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the trip has now been set with the outfitter and the acquisition of the Backcountry Entry Permits. The following is our approximate schedule (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- Saturday, July 13th, 11:00 am: Meet at the Troop Scout Hut and load the 15-Passenger Vans and Trailer. Planned departure time no later than 12:00 pm (noon). NOTE: Eat lunch before you arrive or bring a sack lunch as the first stop will be in North Dallas (4+ hours). We will drive through the day and night, switching drivers every 3-4 hours and stopping for meals and rest stops on the way. This is approximately a 25-hour drive including stops.
- Sunday, July 14th, ~ 1:00pm: Arrive at LaTourell's Outfitters outside of Ely, Minnesota. We will check in and get briefed on our trip and spend the night in their lodging. Travel into Ely for Dinner.
- Monday, July 15th, Day 1: Breakfast, sort through all our gear, pack our personal gear in Water resistant bags (provided), leave travel clothes/gear, electronics etc. in the Trailer and park the Vans. Divide into our two Crews for shuttle purposes. We will be shuttled via motor boat with 2-canoe groups per boat to the Entry Point into Carp Lake and Canada. We will clear customs and get our permits at Prairie Portage, pack our gear into the canoes and be on our way by about 12:00 noon. Paddle a few hours and 2 portages arriving to our first campsites late afternoon. Set up camp, Cook Dinner, campfire and to bed.
- Tuesday, July 16th, Day 2: Up early, breakfast, break camp, pack canoes and on the water. Three more portages and paddle to our Base Camp – arriving early afternoon. Set up camp, relax, fish, dinner, campfire, to bed.
- Wednesday, July 17th, Day 3: Enjoy Base Camp, Fishing, Swimming, relaxing, exploring, Breakfast, lunch and Dinner, campfire, to bed. Repeat!!!!
- Thursday, July 18th, Day 4: Another day of Fishing, swimming and relaxing at Base Camp with a possible canoe excursion further down the lake for lunch, fishing and relaxing. Back to Base camp for Dinner, campfire, to bed.
- Friday, July 19th, Day 5: Breakfast, break camp, pack up canoes and return via three portages to our 1st nights campsites, stopping for lunch on the way. Set up camp, fishing, dinner, campfire, and to bed.
- Saturday, July 20th, Day 6: Breakfast, break camp, pack up canoes and return to Prairie Portage via two portages arriving about noon. The Shuttle boats will meet us there to return us to LaTourell's Lodge in the early afternoon. Unpack, return all our rented gear, shower, change into traveling clothes and load up the vans and trailer and head into Ely for Dinner. After Dinner start our return drive to Houston.
- Sunday, July 21st: Return to Scout Hut in the late afternoon or early evening.
- Monday, July 22nd: Morning, Return rental Vans and Trailer in Houston.
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TRANSPORTATION:

We will be renting 15-passenger Vans to make the drive to/from Ely Minnesota. It is about a 24-hour trip including stops. We will also have a Trailer towed behind one of the Vans for carrying all of our gear in so we can limit the amount of gear in the Vans to give us all more space.

ADULT DRIVERS: All Adults going on the Trip are expected to help with the driving. If you have an issue with this please let me know. I will need a copy of your DRIVERS LICENSE before we leave Houston. We will have the front bench seat removed and a sleeping area/pad on the floor for the Drivers to sleep during their non-driving or navigating time. We typically change drivers about every 4-hours. Adults, if you are uncomfortable with driving a 15-passenger Van with a Trailer please let me know.

We will also have a small cooler in each Van to hold water and limited other items for the trip up and back.

The Vans and Trailer will be parked at LaTourell's Resort while we are on the water and we can safely lock all of our items we are NOT taking on the water in the Trailer while we are gone for the 6 days.

We will need some help in coordinating picking up the rental Vans and Trailer before we leave Houston and then returning these as well upon our return to Houston. Please let me know if you are willing to help with this (usually a parent or two of Scouts without parents on the trip help with this as the parent on the trip will be tired when we get home).

PERMITS, DOCUMENTS, etc:

There are several Permits and Documents required for this adventure.

PASSPORT: First, everyone MUST have a US PASSPORT (or other country Passport and Green Card/Visa). This is required in order to RETURN to the US at the back country border crossing. If anyone does not have one, PLEASE start the filing process right NOW to get one. Also, please check your EXPIRATION DATE of your Passport to make sure it will be valid for at least 6-months beyond our travel dates.

HOLD HARMLESS: ALL Participants will need to fill out and sign a Troop 599 HOLD HARMLESS form (Scouts need a Parent or Guardian to sign) and turn these in before we leave Houston. There is a form for ADULTS and a similar form for SCOUTS. These will be posted on the Troop Website.

LATOURELL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: ALL Participants (Scouts and Adults – each separately) must fill out and sign the Waiver and Release of Liability form provided by LaTourell's just prior to our leaving Houston and turn in to Mr. Beebe as our group leader. This form will be posted on the Troop Website.

CANADA TRIP PERMISSION SLIP: Any youth minor not accompanied by his parent on the trip (Black, Brown, and Diaz Faccini) MUST fill out a Canada Trip Permission Slip and have it signed by his **MOTHER** and then turn this into Mr. Beebe prior to leaving Houston. If there is any question about your return into the USA this will provide permission for any of the Adult Leaders named to bring you back into the country.

REMOTE AREA BORDER CROSSING (RABC) PERMIT: Each person or Family must apply for and receive and carry with them a RABC Permit. This permit must be

applied for at least 4-6 weeks prior to our trip. The following is the link to the permit information and application form.

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/canpass/rabc-pfre/menu-eng.html>

Please read the application Instructions and Information fully before filling out your form and submitting it. There is a CDN\$30 fee for each principal applicant (and their family member included) but the fee is waived for Principal Applicants under 18 years of age (but you still must get a permit).

If you have any questions whatsoever about the RABC Permit please contact me as soon as possible. DO NOT delay filing for your permit – they are valid for 1-year.

FISHING LICENSE: Fishing licenses are required of everyone who want to fish, but youth 16 and under may fish under a parents/guardian's license. While we are leaving from LaTourell's which is located in Minnesota, we will be in Canada for our entire time on the water once we go through the Entry Point at Prairie Portage. Thus, you will only need an **ONTARIO NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSE**. The following is the information concerning this:

Ontario Non-Resident Fishing Licenses

8 day Conservation-\$33.92 Seasonal Conservation-\$56.17 3 year outdoors card-\$9.68 (required in addition to fishing license tag)

Licenses in Canadian funds.

All prices subject to change.

*All hooks used must have pinched barbs & all live and dead bait is prohibited.

It is best to obtain your Ontario outdoors card and fishing tag in advance. Licenses are available via the web at www.mnr.gov.on.ca. or you can call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-800-387-7011.

Again, if you require a fishing license you will need to acquire it BEFORE we leave Houston. As described above you will need an Ontario Outdoors Card and your 8-Day Non-Resident CONSERVATION fishing license. Please see the web site listed above. Again, should you have any questions please contact Mr. Beebe.

TROOP 599 MEDICAL FORM: **EVERYONE**, Scouts and Adults, must have a current (valid for 1-year) High Adventure Medical Form on file with the Troop and provide a copy to Mr. Beebe prior to leaving Houston. This form can be found on the Troop Website and includes: Parts A, B, and C, and includes reading the Supplemental High Adventure Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents (use the Northern Tier version).

MEDICAL INSURANCE: All participants will need to provide Mr. Beebe with a photo copy of your Medical Insurance information prior to leaving Houston.

BSA SAFE SWIM DEFENSE & SAFETY AFLOAT: **ALL Adults** going on the trip are expected to be current in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. Both of these online courses are valid for 2-years and can be taken/renewed online at my.scouting.org. Please make sure that you are current or if you take the courses you report that to Mr. Harris, our Troop record keeper.

FIRST AID/CPR/WFA: We would like as many Adults (and Scouts) as possible to be trained in CPR and general First Aid. While NOT a requirement for this trip, if you are interested in taking a Wilderness First Aid course (a 16 hr course usually on a weekend) that

would also be good. We will be bringing an extensive First Aid kit for us for use in the back country in an emergency. Talk to Mr. Bozeman or Mr. Mohr (who is signed up for one) or Mr. Beebe about this course.

BSA SWIM TEST:

EVERYONE (Scouts and Adults) need to have passed a BSA Swim Test within the last year (from August 1, 2018). One opportunity to do this is the upcoming SWIM TEST on Friday, March 29th at the MAC (Memorial Athletic Club) at 7:45 pm. The cost of this test is \$3 per person. See Mr. Babineck for further information or any questions.

APRIL CANOEING OUTING:

The April Troop Outing (April 13-14th) is a 1-night Canoeing Outing on Village Creek in East Texas. I would like EVERYONE going on the High Adventure Trip to ATTEND the April Outing. I am returning to Houston on April 9th to finalize the organization of and to run this outing. We will use this outing as a training and warm up canoe trip for our High Adventure Trip. I also intend to review various canoeing strokes, practices and safety procedures. **Thus, it is important that you attend.** Please sign up NOW online for this outing.

GEAR:

We will be renting most of our Camping Gear (Tents, Cooking Gear, Kitchen/Dining Flys, Axe/Saw, etc.) and Canoeing equipment (Canoes, Paddles, PFD's) from the Outfitters – LaTourell's – they will also be providing us with all our meals while we are on the water. The following list (this list will also be posted on the Troop website) is a suggestion of what you will want to bring with you:

- Sleeping Bag and Pad
- Flash Light (Head Light preferred) and Knife
- Eating Utensil (Spoon, Fork, Plate/Bowl, Cup)
- Nalgene (or two)
- Whistle – Compass
- Camera (optional)
- Hat with brim and Sun Glasses
- Gloves – leather for cooking and other for canoeing (Paddling Gloves)
- Shoes – 1 pair for camp and 1 pair of water shoes for portages (NO FLIP-FLOPS)
- Rain gear (coat and pants)
- Fishing Gear (you can buy appropriate lures at LaTourell's)
- Clothes to wear up and back in the van
- Sun screen
- Bug repellent
- Fleece jacket
- 3 pair cotton socks 1 pair heavy socks
- 2 pair shorts
- Swim suit
- Long pants – jeans or equivalent
- Shirts – 2 short sleeve, 1 long sleeve
- Personal first aid kit (bandages, antiseptic, alcohol pads, mole skin and your approved medicine for headaches and minor pain)
- Dopp Kit (tooth brush and paste, floss, finger nail clippers)
- Trail Mix – 5 small bags in larger zip lock bag with name on it

You may want to bring a small (school size) backpack to carry any items you want in the Van on the trip up and back. Of course, per the Troop policies, you may bring

electronics for use in the Van up and back. There is NO cell service anywhere in the back-country but we will have a Satellite Phone with us for emergencies. We will go over this list again before we leave Houston.

We will also be bringing a few Troop High Adventure Items with us as well, such as:

- Back Packing Stoves (or Jet Boils) NOTE: If you have a Jet Boil and wish to bring it please let Mr. Beebe know.
- Bear Ropes and Bags – Yes, we will be in Bear country.
- Large collapsible Water Jugs
- Micropur - Water Purification tablets
- Steripen – Ultraviolet water purifier
- Wilderness First Aid Kit

We will be Tenting with 2 or 3 persons per tent. Usually we have Adults tenting with Adults and Scouts tenting with Scouts with two Adults per Tent and the Scouts can tent either 2 to a tent or 3 to a tent. However, Dad's and Sons can tent together if they wish to – or NOT! So, once again please **email me your tenting preferences** and we will see what works best overall for the group.

FOOD:

We will be getting all of our food from the outfitter. Most all cooked meals will be backpacking style meals supplemented by additional items. We will of course also be expecting everyone to **CATCH LOTS OF FISH** so that we can fry up fresh fish whenever it is available. I will be sending out a survey for Meal Selection choices to everyone soon for you to respond to. Please be on the lookout for it and I will post it on the Troop website as well. We will see what comes back in the survey from you all and then I will determine the menu and distribute it. IF ANYONE IS ALERGIC TO A PARTICULAR FOOD, SPICE, ETC. PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

BUDGET and FEES:

The budget is currently set at **\$1,100 per person**. While I hope/feel that this amount will come down, I still do not have final numbers from the Outfitter or the Van rental company. I will publish a revised budget as soon as I have all the numbers.

Included are all other Fees, Permits, Rentals (Vans, Trailer, Canoeing and Camping gear, food while on the water, lodging at LaTourells on our night of arrival, Breakfast at LaTourell's the morning we get on the water, Gas, Shuttle to/from Prairie Portage, Satellite Phone, etc. The RABC and Fishing License Fee is also included and will be credited to your account when purchased.

This amount includes everything **EXCEPT** for the following:

- Fishing Tackle etc that you may buy at LaTourell's
- Meals on the way to Ely (Note: plan for Saturday late snack, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Lunch before we arrive at LaTourells).
- Meals on the way back to Houston (Note: plan for Saturday Dinner in Ely, Sunday Breakfast, Sunday Lunch before we arrive back in Houston).
- Any other GIFTS or Personal Items you may wish to on the Trip or at LaTourells (ie: a LaTourell T-Shirt or Hat, etc.).
- General Spending Money.

We have included in the budget a Trip CREW Shirt as we normally do for every High Adventure Trip. I will be sending out a suggestion as to a Crew (Fishing Style) Shirt to everyone to comment on.

As previously announced, the Payment schedule is as follows – PLEASE make sure you keep up with your payments as the Troop (and myself) are expending monies for this trip:

- **Feb-19** **\$300.00**
 - **Mar-19** **\$300.00**
 - **Apr-19** **\$300.00**
 - **May-19** **\$200.00**
- \$1,100.00 TOTAL**

Please see Jeff Williams (Troop Treasurer) to check or make your payments.

That is enough for now. If you have any questions or concerns, OR if something changes with your status on going PLEASE let me know as soon as possible and do not hesitate to contact me at any time. As I indicated I will be returning to Houston on April 9th and will be at the Scout Meeting that night to talk about the outing.

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