

# TROOP 850 2012 HIGH ADVENTURE FACT SHEET

## Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

**When:** Friday, June 15 through Saturday, June 23, 2012.

**Where:** The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota. This area consists of thousands of lakes spread out over about a million acres in which the only legal means of transportation is canoeing or walking—motorized vehicles are forbidden.

**What:** In rented 15 passenger vans we will start out early on Friday, June 15. We will get as far as Lake Wissota State Park near Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where we will camp for the night. On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> we will complete the drive to Ely, Minnesota, about 950 miles from Cincinnati. After checking in with the outfitter, Canadian Waters, we'll have a free afternoon in Ely and spend the night in a local motel. Early Sunday morning we will hit the trail—the outfitter will drop us off with our canoes at one of the entry points to the BWCAW. From there we will proceed by canoe along a route of about 40 miles over the course of the next five days, including one or two “layover” days for fishing and relaxation in the wilderness. At a prearranged time on Friday afternoon we will rendezvous with the outfitter who will bring us back to Ely. Then we'll check into the Grand Ely Motel, clean up, have a traditional steak dinner at the Ely Steakhouse, and turn in early. We'll get up very early on Saturday, June 23 and drive straight through to Cincinnati, getting home sometime between 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for this trip (as for all high adventure trips), a Scout:

- must in the Scoutmaster's judgment have actively participated in the Troop's program throughout the preceding year, at all times demonstrating Scout spirit
- must achieve the rank of at least First Class by April 30, 2012
- must earn Swimming Merit Badge and certain of the requirements for Canoeing Merit Badge (righting and re-entering a swamped canoe) by May 30, 2012 (opportunities to do so will be made available)
- must be at least 13 years of age by June 15, 2012 and have the necessary physical stamina for the trip (in the trip leaders' judgment)

**Cost:** At this time we are estimating a total cost of approximately \$725 per person, but this amount is subject to numerous variables such as the cost of gas and van rental. Because it is necessary to apply for a Forest Service Permit in late January, and the permits are issued on a first come, first serve basis, we need to have a nonrefundable \$75 deposit not later than January 17 to reserve a spot on the crew.