

Piedmont Council Northern Tier Canoe Trip 2018
Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness
Charles L Sommers High Adventure Base, Ely, Minnesota

Trip Description

The Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce its 2018 summer high adventure trip to **Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota where scouts will explore the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness**. Each year the council organizes scout trips to various high adventure BSA bases around the country. These include Sea Base sailing in the US Virgin Islands, National Jamboree in Virginia, Northern Tier in Minnesota, and Philmont in New Mexico.

The Northern Tier - Charles L Sommers Base is located near Ely, MN at the edge of the one million acre [Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness](#) (BWCAW). Scouts will travel together from the Bay Area to the Northern Tier Base then separate into "crews" of nine. Crews will spend 6 days and 5 nights paddling, portaging, and camping throughout the BWCAW. Each crew chooses its own route and navigates using maps and compass. A professional guide joins each crew for the trip but, in true boy scout tradition, each crew will be scout led. Crews include two adults, six scouts, and one guide. More information can be found at www.ntier.org under Summer Adventures - Charles L Sommers Base.



Minimum Requirements for Youth

Scouts must be at least 14 years of age (by trip date) or have completed 8th grade; be strong swimmers meeting BSA Swimmer level certification; and weigh at least 100lbs. It is also strongly recommended that scouts have prior backpacking experience and can carry a 100lb pack for ¼ mile.

Trip Dates and Travel Summary - Depart Monday 7/23/18, Return Tuesday 7/31/18

Piedmont Council has reserved space for **two crews totaling 12 scouts and 4 adults**. Adult leaders will be: Crew A - Glyn Burge and Troy Alering; Crew B - Jim Roseborough and Jeroen Grasman. Depending on interest and availability, a third crew may be added.

Fly to Minneapolis/St Paul **7/23/18**, stay locally 1st night
Drive to Ely Base **7/24/18**, arrive afternoon, about 6 hr bus ride with stops
First and last nights stay at Ely Base; on water from **7/25-7/30**, 6 days/5 nights
Depart Ely Base **7/31/18** in AM, drive to airport directly, fly home same day

The **estimated trip cost is \$1,800 including airfare. Personal gear is not included in this budget and is extra**. Allow an additional \$200 for miscellaneous travel costs and personal gear. Camperships available.

Registration

Registration opens **August 1, 2017**. Space is limited to 8 scouts. Interested scouts should register at the Council Office. Priority registration for troops ends September 15. Registration closes November 1. Interested scouts must be approved by the trip leader prior to being accepted.

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