

**Order of the Arrow
Camping Guide
Part 2**

**National
and
Council Long
Term Camps**

“The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness”.

- John Muir

Black Range Cavalcade

Has the "call of the mountains" ever called out to you? You can escape to the beautiful Black Range of the Gila National Forest. This is an adventure filled with beautiful backcountry where scrub oak gives way to blue spruce and quaking aspen, where deer, bear and elk call the land "home", where the screech of an owl or the silent passage of the eagle overhead constantly reminds you that this is wilderness. This is rugged country and if you're adventurous enough to try it, the Yucca Council has the program for you. There are both three day and five-day sessions designed for the older Scout or co-ed Explorer. You will go into the wilderness on horseback. All supplies will be carried on packhorses and all equipment will be provided except for personal items and your sleeping bag. The Base Camp is located approximately 5 miles from Winston, NM. From Las Cruces proceed to Truth or Consequences, NM via Interstate 25. Take NM Highway 52 west to Winston, NM and proceed past the store, turn left on Hwy. 226 (gravel) and go 1 mile to the fork, take the road to the left (Hwy. 127) for 4 1/2 miles to the turn-in at the Base Camp. Contact: Greg Evans, Telephone: 505-874-3092

Camp Dale Ressler

Camp Dale Resler, Yucca Council's Camp, is located within the Lincoln National Forest about 2 miles east of Cloudcroft, NM. Take the turnoff to Sleepy Grass Campground, off State Hwy 44, at south edge of village. Watch for the sign that will be about 2 miles after entering Sleepy Grass. Interior roads are gravel. Short term camping is available year round at Camp Dale Resler. There is hiking, pioneering, nature, and campfires, and many other activities available at the camp. The elevation is 8800 feet. Contact the Council office at 915-772-2292 or the Ranger at CDR at 505-682-2318 for reservations.

Camp Wehinahpay

Camp Wehinahpay is a mountain camp and is located inside the Lincoln National Forest near Sacramento, NM. There are a lot of opportunities for Scouts to learn advancement and at the same time have fun doing it. Camp Wehinahpay offers programs for new boys called Polaris, Project Cope for Scouts 13 years and older and First Class. Thirty plus merit badges and rank advancements are offered. Troop campsites provide tents on platforms designed to house two Scouts. There is fishing at Crystal Lake, a private lake. For more information contact: Conquistador Council, BSA, 2603 N. Aspen, Roswell, NM 88201 or call 505-622-3461.

“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The wind will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”

John Muir

Dowling Aquatics Camp

The Dowling Aquatic Camp is located at Carlsbad, New Mexico. The camp provides a unique opportunity for Scouts to become proficient in the aquatic merit badges. Scouts register as individuals and are put into provisional troops. The following merit badges are offered: Lifesaving, rowing, canoeing, swimming, water skiing, and motor boating. Special awards can be earned, such as, Mile Swim, Snorkeling, Sail Boarding and Scout Lifeguard.

Elephant Butte Aquatics Camp

The Elephant Butte Aquatics camp is a Yucca Council temporary encampment set up on the shore of Elephant Butte reservoir in the New Mexico State Park. The camp has 2-one weeklong sessions scheduled and provides a wide selection of aquatic activities and merit badges. For additional information and reservations call the Yucca Council office at 915-772-2292.

Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch

The Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch is the Buffalo Trail Council camp located in the Davis Mountains 200 miles east of El Paso. This 6,000-acre ranch offering a variety of scout advancement, horseback cavalcades and wilderness treks. For additional information call the Buffalo Trails council at 915-337-2144.

Memorable Words in the Wilderness

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

Unknown

National Boy Scout High Adventure Bases

All high adventure participants must be at least 13 years of age, and some special or advanced programs have higher age requirements. The Florida Sea Base has other requirements and eligibility to participate. Most programs allow individuals to participate as members of provisional crews, as well as, providing for units in their entirety. Planning for any of the high Adventure Treks should be done at least a year in advance. It will be the greatest opportunity any Scout or adult leader will ever have in Scouting. Give your boys the ultimate in high adventure, set up for one of these treks. See the following pages on each of the high Adventure Treks offered by the BSA.

Where a number is listed at the end of the description a brochure is also available from National Headquarters, BSA, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, TX 75038-9950.

Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont Scout Ranch is located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Cimarron, NM. Philmont offers a memorable and exciting high adventure experience. The 280 miles of trails and the unique backcountry programs are challenging and inspiring to both adult and young alike, who enjoy backpacking in a remote and historic area. Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,600 feet at headquarters to 12,441 feet atop Baldy Mountain. There are 137,493 acres, where the buffalo roam and antelope play. Philmont has a herd of 100 buffalo. The Santa Fe Trail passes along Philmont's eastern boundary. Philmont is a working cattle ranch. You're in Kit Carson country so visit the Kit Carson Museum and the Seton Library. All high adventure expeditions are 10 full days in length. Treks need to be booked at least one year in advance. For information contact Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM 87714 or call 505-376-2281.

Philmont Hymn

Silver on the sage, starlit skies above,
Aspen covered hills, country that I love.
Philmont, here's to thee, Scouting paradise,
out in God's country - tonight.

Wind in whispering pines, Eagle soaring high,
Purple mountains rise, against an azure sky.
Philmont here's to thee, Scouting paradise,
out in God's country - tonight.

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

This camp is located in the great north woods of Minnesota and the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario. There are several bases from which to launch backpacking or canoeing treks. Canoeing is King, with several experience levels available.

\$ Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base is located in the heart of the Superior Quetico boundary waters only six miles from the Canadian border on Moose Lake ... where civilization ends and the wilderness begins.

\$ The Boundary Waters Trip (Minnesota) leaving from Sommers, takes you into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Northern Minnesota. Trips are planned at the beginning three intermediate levels. Crew size may be from 6- 10 members including a staff member. Great fishing and beautiful lakes, with few restrictions and great program flexibility is offered.

\$ Canadian Trips from Ely, MN base to Quetico Provincial Park leaving Sommers your group will canoe the most famous area in North America for wilderness canoeing. Limited to 9 members per crew including your guide. This adventure will appeal to those who want solitude and great fishing. Trips can be planned for any level of ability.

\$ The Canadian Bissett Base is located near the tiny town of Bissett, 150 miles North East of Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is an opportunity for the truly adventurous to explore the Canadian wilderness. One popular option for expeditions is the charter floatplane, a unique feature of the Canadian bush. Bissett has the best fishing available in North America!

\$ The Canadian Atikokan Base is a small town just north of the Quetico Provincial Park. The base is located on Perch Lake, just short ten miles west of the town. Atikokan is a Native American word for, "where the caribou cross". It's clear waters and great fishing make it an ideal choice for your canoeing group. No 83-113

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The National Cold Weather Camping Program

Short days, deep snow, and cold, clear, dry air characterize winter in the North Woods. Yet hidden behind the beauty of snow covered terrain and the hushed silence of frozen lakes is the creative challenge of winter camping. Scouts and leaders alike will gain training in crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, building winter shelters, winter camping skills, tracking, ice fishing and winter ecology. The programs are flexible, ranging from weekend stays to week long training to winter expeditions. Programs are conducted at the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base and at many of the Adirondack Bases. For more information on any of the above high adventure programs write or call Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs, P O Box 509, Ely, MN 55731, Phone: 218-365-4811.

"Wilderness is the raw materials of which man hammered the artifact civilizations"

- Aldo Leopold

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

Ocean going adventure in several programs are offered throughout the year including weeklong sailing adventures in a variety of ocean going vessels. Motor boating, canoeing, fishing, lobstering, scuba diving, wind surfing and catamaran sailing are all offered during your stay at the sea base. Be a crewmember on a 25, 40 or 70-foot sailing ship, participation in a weeklong scuba diving course or spend a week deserted on an island.

\$ Coral Reef Sailing: Spend six (6) days on a 41-44 foot sailboat and learn the fine arts of navigation, fishing, sailing and snorkeling in the coral reefs.

\$ Mariner Sailing Adventure: Sail on a 25-foot sailing vessel through reefs, under bridges, and around islands of the fabulous Florida Keys. You will have a six (6) day voyage, but before embarking on your voyage, there are two (2) days of intensive sailing instructions at the sea base.

\$ Scuba Adventure: This is your opportunity as a certified diver to explore the reefs in the Keys. This program offers seven to nine dives, including a night dive, deep diving, search for Spanish wrecks and other underwater activities. If you are not certified there's a course available at the sea base.

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is located in the heart of the Florida Keys on an island 75 miles south of Miami. For information write or call Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, P.O. Box 858, Islamorada, FL 33036, Phone: 305-664-4173, No. 83-114.

Adirondack Adventure Area

The Adirondack is located in northern New York State within a day's drive of Boston, New York and Washington DC. It's beautiful land with 30,000 miles of brooks and streams, 1500 miles of canoeable rivers, 2000 miles of foot trails, and 3000 lakes and ponds all waiting for you. Treks include expedition style canoeing (50-100 miles), backpacking, orienteering and custom itineraries are the AAA's specialties. Wherever you go, whatever the trek, base camps offer many additional activities including: rappelling, white water rafting, fishing, snorkeling, board sailing, and small boat sailing. Base camps are located in northern New York's Adirondack Park. The 10,000 square mile landmass is home to the fourteen bases of the Association of Adirondack Scout Camps. They will help you with an itinerary, providing lodging, meals and support services. OKPIK - The National Cold Weather Camping Program is also available here. For further information, write or call Adirondack Adventure Area, Eastern Region, BSA, P.O. Box 350, Dayton, NJ 08810, Phone: 201-821-6500.

"Now I see the secret of making the best persons, it is to grow in the
open air and to eat and sleep with the earth"

- Walt Whitman

Teton High Adventure Base

You can raft and canoe in the tranquil Grand Teton National Park in the shadow of the rugged and majestic Teton Mountains, and backpack and fish in the legendary Windriver Range. Explore the habitat of moose, elk, buffalo, bald eagles and osprey. Challenging, exciting and fun! Teton High Adventure Base is available during June through August. Treks available from 2 to 6 days in length. All participants must be 14 years old. For information write or call the Great Salt Lake Council, BSA, 525 Foothill Blvd., Salt Lake City, Utah, 801-582-3663.

Cole Canoe Base

The Cole Canoe Base is located on the beautiful, clean and fast Rifle River near Alger, Michigan. It winds its way through backcountry filled with wildlife. You'll enjoy Paul Bunyon lumber camp events, canoe racing, and canoe sailing. Canoe trips can be tailored to meet your skill level and time available. Two-day trips average 25 miles while the five-day trip is over 51 miles. For information write or call the Detroit Area Council, BSA, 1776 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48208, Phone: 313-897-1965.

Packard High Adventure Base

Explore the Rocky Mountains of Southern Colorado during the months of June - September. White water rafting, rock climbing, backpacking, mountain climbing and excellent fishing lures you to these mountains. One of the outstanding features of the program is an excellent firing range equipped for rifle, shotgun and black powder shooting. Come explore the waterways and trails with us. For information write or call the Rocky Mountain Council, BSA, P O Box 3292, Pueblo, CO 81005, Phone: 303-561-1220.

Charles H. Togmiller Tropical Canoe Base

Ninety miles north of Orlando, Florida and Disney World are 6,000 acres of Scouting fun. One of the most unique aquatic bases in America, you can canoe 50 miles down the Withloacoochee River for a week. A special program called Mac Trek@ includes swimming, fishing, backpacking, hiking and horsemanship as part of your itinerary of over 100 miles of river trails that meander through central Florida. Crew size is 10-12 members and leaders. For information write or call South Florida Council, BSA, 8100 Oak Lane, Miami Lakes, FL 33016, Phone: 305-364-0020.

Tinnerman Wilderness Canoe Base

Imagine tall cliffs, white water rapids, glacial grooves and sculptured mountains from the Ice Age. Tinnerman Canoe Base in the heart of the Ontario Provincial Wilderness Area is on the French River and is only accessible by water. The river flows into the beautiful Georgian Bay, with unlimited camping, fishing, and blueberry picking. There are millions of small bay islands that await your exploration! For information write or call Greater Cleveland Council, BSA, Woodland and 22nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, Phone: 216-861-6060.

Mead Wilderness Base

The Mead Wilderness Base is located within the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire. Backpacking trips in the most rugged and beautiful mountains in the eastern US. Bicycling around the Lakes region and White Mountains, swim the streams and lakes. Take the challenge of the open road. Canoe the pristine beauty of Squam Lake. River Canoeing expeditions are available on both the Saco and Pemigewasset Rivers. Both have excellent rapids! Rockclimbing trips all start with a half day of ground school before climbing in the historic and beautiful Sandurh Notch. Open May - August. For information write or call the Daniel Webster Council, BSA, 571 Holt Avenue, Manchester, NH 03103, Phone: 603-625-6431.

Lenhok'sin Trail Camp

High among the beautiful Allegheny Mountains in Virginia, with over 25,000 acres of mountains, clear lakes and ruggedness for real adventure. Program includes horsemanship, caving and repelling, swimming, canoeing and fishing in beautiful Lake Merriweather, as well as, shooting black powder rifles, and branding your boots and belts. Open June - August. For information write or call National Capital Area Council, BSA, 9190 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, Phone: 301-530-9360.

Memorable Words in the Wilderness

“We abuse the land because we regard it as a community belonging to us.
When we see the land as a community to which we belong, we may
begin to use it with love and respect”.

- Aldo Leopold