# BWCA 2023 - Planning a Trip

### <u>Timeline</u>

July	Propose high adventure trip to committee, gauge parent & Scout interest
August	Select Dates for trip
September	Set budget
October	Have committee approve forms and budget
November	Contracts to parents - collect initial \$250 deposit with paperwork
December	Ready to get your BWCA permit? Have dates? Entry Point? Permits open in Jan!
January	Team Meeting #1 - Issued Bags & packing lists, start bwca videos, <b>\$200 due</b>
February	Team Meeting #2 - Plan Merit Badges & Judge fishing interest
March	Team Meeting #3 - Borrow a canoe for practice portages, tent assignments
April	Team Meeting #4 - Water Filtration, Menu planning, final \$200 payment due
Мау	Practice campout at Pine Ridge Scout Camp & Team Meeting #5 - Bag Drag
June	Send emails to help participants get ready. Enjoy your trip!

### **Budget**

Troop 40 was able to charge \$650 per person (with 18 sign ups) and we ended up giving over \$100 back per person as a refund after the trip!

Budget Includes:

\$120 - Permits for 9 people

\$450 - Vehicle #1 Gas (90 Gallons, 1,600 miles roundtrip) assumed 18 mpg & \$5.00/gallon

\$450 - Vehicle #2 Gas (90 Gallons, 1,600 miles roundtrip) assumed 18 mpg & \$5.00/gallon

\$180 - DAILY 9 person BWCA Food Budget (Freeze dried meals cost more)

\$10-15 - PER PERSON per meal - Traveling Food stops (You can't get fed for \$5 anymore)\$100 - Satellite messaging device - daily check in with home base plus emergencies

\$1,000 - Canoe rental (assuming 4 boats, 5 days, kevlar ultralight boats)

\$20 - per person bunk house fee arrival night

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\$45 - per person Amazon purchased bags (participants keep after returning home.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00Y9Z8QBW/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_search\_asin\_title?ie=UT F8&psc=1 )

\$20 - per person Sawyer Filter

https://www.amazon.com/Sawyer-Products-SP124-Filtration-Multi-Color/dp/B00FBGCGOQ?th= 1

\$15 - per person water bottle (must work with sawyer filter installed INSIDE the bottle) https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B001Q80TCE/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_search\_asin\_title?ie=UTF

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\$6 - per person Snap Fold Bowl (optional)

https://www.amazon.com/Fozzils-Snapfold-Bowlz-2pc-Bowl/dp/B07SBDRC6Q

\$75 - 2 screen tents per team (recommended) https://www.walmart.com/ip/seort/895570759

\$30 - 4 stove fuel per team

- \$100 Random team gear (Bear spray, whistles, etc)
- \$100 Team Contingency Fund (emergencies)

# Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

É É		BSA TROOP 40 HIGH ADVENTURE Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) (Eat Lunch at home before departu					
Activity:	2023 BWCA Tri	ip	Departure:				
Location:	50 Rockwood R	d, Grand Marais, MN 55604	Return:	Saturday, Jul 15, @ 3:30 pm			
lf v	we get stuck on t	he lake due to bad weather	we will return	Sunday, Jul 16, @ 3:30 pm			
Scout Fee:	\$650.00	(24hrs notice will b	e given to par	ents if Sunday arrival expected)			
Required Equip:	required to be p includes things	will be sent out closer to can urchased at the Scout's expen like vented (draining) over-the have current gear inspected	nse beyond the ankle hiking s	shoes. Scouts will have			
Optional Equip:	Hammocks, Fis	hing gear					
Cost Breakdown	\$250 \$200 \$200	Initial Deposit (due today w Second Payment due Janu Final Payment due April 15	iary 15th, 2023 ith, 2023				
	\$650	Total Cost (Your seat is S	ECURED whe	on you have paid the FULL \$650)			

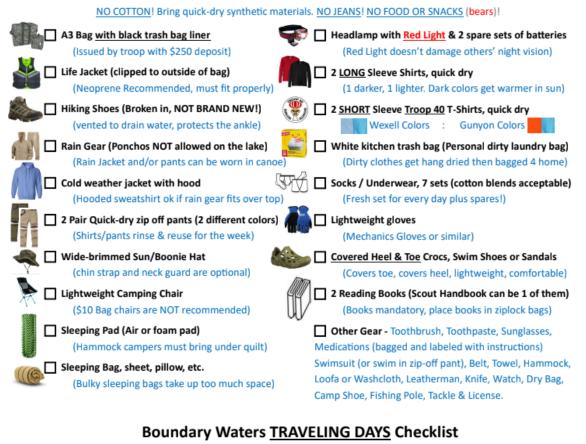
#### Parent Initials

Every participant must be at least age 13 by January 1, 2023
I understand this form is a financial commitment to pay \$650, please make all payments by check. Cash will not be accepted.
A maximum of 10 spots are available for youth on this trip. In the event that more than 10 youth pay a deposit, the troop committee will determine which seats will go to which Scouts. <b>Priority will be given to those who pay the full \$650 first.</b> Remaining Scouts will remain on a standby list in case seats open up. (Scouts on the standby list will have all their funds returned to them if no seats open up for them before the trip.)
Refunds ARE NOT GUARANTEED! Please do not register until you can commit to attending. In the event you need to cancel your Scout's spot, your first goal is to "sell" or "transfer" you seat to another Scout to minimize financial impact to the remaining team members. If your spot cannot be transferred to another individual, the troop committee will do their best to maximize how much money is refunded but as soon as you paid your deposit the troop committee is responsible for settling any financial disagreements, not the leaders who attend the trip.
I understand that my Scout will be <b>medically screened before departure</b> . This screening may include (but not limited to) taking your Scout's temperature and asking medical questions about potential symptoms of illness. While in boundary waters, professional medical help is hours or even days away! Please do not send your sick child on this trip. Any Scout that fails medical screening will not be allowed on the trip. Refunds due to illness are subject to the same refund policy listed above. BSA Health forms (A, B, & C) must be dated by your doctor 1 JULY 2022 OR LATER to cover our 2023 trip.
I give Troop 40 authorization to <b>buy or rent equipment as required</b> and charge it against the Scout's account if gear is discovered to be <b>defective</b> , <b>missing or broken during the trip</b> .
If trip funds remain when all expenses are paid, the remaining funds will be divided equally among the attendees in the form of a Scout account credit.

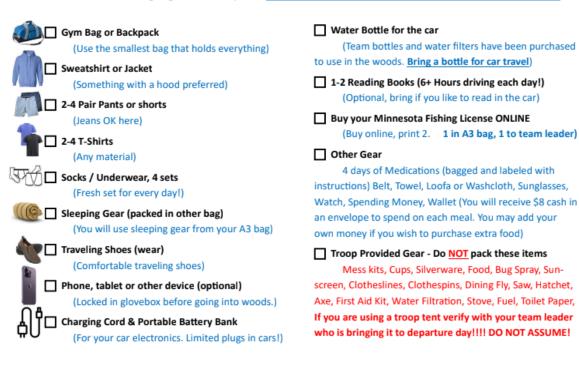
Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_

### **Boundary Waters Packing Checklist**



This bag contains the clothes and items you will need BEFORE AND AFTER the camping portion of our trip. You have an overnight stay in Wisconsin both on the way North and the way back South. This bag is going to be in the car the day you get out of the woods. You are going to smell really bad! You will want clean, comfortable clothing & shoes to change into!



# Tips and Tricks

- Starting about 2-3 weeks before departure, send daily emails with bite-sized amounts of work that can be accomplished quickly.
- Designate a parent that is NOT going to be the point of contact for the entire troop. Use the satellite messenger to send an "all good" message by dinner each day. Discuss what that parent should do in case contact is NOT made. (Don't cause false 911 rescues!)
- Have families buy their own Minnesota fishing license online (leaders would require social security numbers, driver's license numbers and other details to do it on their own)
- Rotate drivers every 2 hours (good pace for bathroom breaks too)
- Remember that a bwca team can be no more than 4 boats and 9 people. Plan on 4 adults and 5 youth. With 4 adults you can send out a team of 2 adults and 2 kids fishing while still maintaining youth protection in camp. If you lose an adult to illness or injury the trip does not have to be canceled 3 can still safely get the job done!
- Stay at a church or Scout camp to save money on your drive north.
- While \$10 \$15 a meal for traveling stops sounds like a lot, allowing Scouts to receive an envelope at each stop teaches them money management and ensures they have a couple dollars for a candy bar or trinket at a gift shop!
- Use BSA form 680-673 for your legal release. DO NOT try to write your own legal disclaimers.
- I-Pass toll systems do not accept cash anymore. Check your toll options in advance so you aren't on the side of the road with nervous parents trying to pay online right then from their mobile device.

٠	Ramen noodles are cheap and the perfect solution for a tight budget or emergency food.

		Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		July	July	July	July	July	July	July	July	July	July
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
600	659			Breakfast,	Breakfast				Breakfast	Sleeping In	
700	759			Elkhorn WI	Load Boats			Move Camp	Paddle to	Sleeping in	
800	859		Driving North,			closer to exit	Outfitter	Breakfast,			
900	959	Parents at work, do not schedule		Lunch in Eau			Camping in	point?	Load Cars	Elkhorn WI	
1000	1059			Claire, WI		Camping in			Drive 2 Park	Driving South,	
1100	1159		Lunch @ Home	(3.5 hrs)					Lunch & Fun,	Fun, Lunch in nce Bloomington, IL	
1200	1259	anything here		Lunch					Temperance River State		
1300	1359		Meet at Klucker at 11:40 - Load Harbors, MN	Camping in	Boundary	Boundary		Park	Lunch	IF SEVERE	
1400	1459			Harbors MN	Boundary	Waters Canoe	Waters Canoe	Camping in	Driving South,		WEATHER TRAPS US IN
1500	1559	Gear, Depart at Noon - Drive to		Waters Canoe		Area (BWCA)	Boundary	Dinner in	Driving South to Shiloh, IL	BWCA AN	
1600	1659		Elkhorn, WI	Dinner	Area (BWCA)			Waters Canoe Area (BWCA)	Eau Claire, WI (Oakland Mall Food Court)	to Shiron, in	EXTRA DAY
1700	1759			Drive to							
1800	1859	Youth Gear Check-IN?	Dinner	Outfitter (2 hrs)					Dinner		
1900	1959		Permit & Wet				Driving South,				
2000	2059			Foot Training					Sleeping in		
2100	2159			Cracker Barrel					Elkhorn, WI		

# What is there to do?

Explore Waterfall on Winchell Fishing Stargazing Canoeing Cards Day-Trip (Loop) Whittling Swimming (floating with style) Read a book Longing in Hammocks Rank advancement Merit Badges Build a fire Cook a fish Explore an island Skip rocks