



Dear Scouts:

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR HIGH ADVENTURE 2012!! Our trip will be a Sea Kayaking adventure paddling among the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Lake Superior, near Bayfield, Wisconsin. You spend five days on the water and four nights on the islands. Enjoy perfecting your skills and learning about aquatic life, kayaking the sea caves and enjoying meals from the sea.

WHEN: Saturday, August 4, 2012 to Saturday, August 11, 2012

COST: \$595.00. This includes all costs except meals to and from camp.

ELIGIBILITY: All Scouts presently in high school are eligible to attend. You must also attend 2/3rds of our troop meetings and at least 3 of our outdoor campouts in the 2011-2012 Scouting year.

OUTFITTING: We will be outfitted by the Samoset Council, BSA, located in Weston, Wisconsin. The Camp will provide kayaks, paddles, spray skirts, wetsuits, safety equipment, dry bags, cooking gear, tents, and sleeping bags. You only need to bring your personal gear.

SPENDING MONEY: You will need additional money for meals to and from the camp, snacks, and souvenirs.

CREW SIZE: Crew size is 12 people including adults. We can have more than one crew if necessary. Two adults are needed per crew.

ACTIVITIES: In addition to kayaking, there is exploring the sea caves, swimming, relaxing, wildlife observation, hiking, and more.

TRAINING: You must be a strong swimmer and pass the BSA Blue swimmer test. In addition, we will be having a **MANDATORY** kayak training day on June 16, 2012. The fee for this training is built into your camp fee. **IF YOU DO NOT GO TO THE TRAINING DAY, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON THE TRIP. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

PAYMENT OF FEES: A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is due as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2012. Fees are due as follows:

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE	\$100.00
March 15, 2012	\$200.00
May 30, 2012	\$295.00

Credits from our upcoming Pancake breakfast and Popcorn Sales will be subtracted from the LAST payment.

Weekly Itinerary

Sunday

- 1:00 pm - Check in at Camp Tesomas for medical re-checks
- 2:00 pm - Equipment checkout, personal gear check, and van packing
- 4:00 pm - Prepare and eat dinner
- 5:00 pm - Depart for Bayfield, Wisconsin
- 8:00 pm - Setup camp, social campfire

Monday - Friday

- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 9:00 am - Kayaking/exploring (Monday begins with basic kayaking & safety training)
- 12:30 pm - Lunch on an island
- 1:00 pm - Continue kayaking/exploring
- 3:30 pm - Locate an island to camp on for the night, setup camp
- 6:30 pm - Dinner
- 7:30 pm - Evening program (GPS, Leave No Trace, Campfires)

WEBSITES:

Check out the following websites for some more information:

http://clsr.samoset.org/hanna/kayaking.php	http://tinyurl.com/3dcvh5c
http://www.nps.gov/apis	http://www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/kayaking.htm

SIGN UP: In order to reserve your spot, please fill out the form below and return it with your \$100 deposit as soon as possible. Remember space can be limited.

PLEASE JOIN US!! IT IS A TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY AND A GREAT TRIP!!

YES!! Please reserve a place for me for the 2012 High Adventure trip to the Apostle Islands. I am enclosing a \$100 non refundable deposit and will make all future payments on time. I will also attend the Training Day in Spring.

(Scout)

(Parent's approval)