

Algonquin Canoe Expedition
Letter of Interest

It is understood that by returning this SIGNED Scout Letter of Interest Form, I am tentatively confirming my authorization and my son's interest in participating in a Troop 380 High Adventure trip to Algonquin Park, Canada, for a ten day canoe trip. This letter of Interest is to be returned to Mr. Bob Sutherland or Mr. Jim Steff by not later than **Tuesday, February 6, 2012**

Where: Algonquin Provincial Park is located in south-central Ontario, Canada and covers 2,946 square miles. It is about 180 miles north of Toronto.

When: Departing, Saturday, August 4th. Returning to Boalsburg, Tuesday, August 14th.

Requirements: Participants must be a registered Scout who has a current health form on file with the Troop. Scouts **must** also have earned canoeing and swimming merit badges.

Although not all days will be this strenuous, Scouts must have the ability to carry a 45 to 55 pound backpack a minimum of six miles per day travelling at the rate of 2 miles an hour. Following the hike there may be 4 to 5 hours of padding a canoe across a lake with little or no current.

Proper equipment including but not limited to: tent (can be shared, bivys are allowed); sleeping pad, sleeping bag, mess kit, head lamp, three water bottles, access to water filter and stove. Cooking will be done by the patrol method.

Scouts must have in their possession by the August 4th departure date a passport that allows entry into Canada.

Scouts must be committed to following instructions and directions given by the crew leader and to working as a team with the other scouts.

Scouts must be committed to undertake the training necessary to paddle a canoe for 4 to 5 hours each day and to carrying a 45 lb backpack for up to 6 miles per day.

By June 1st Scouts must pass a training exercise designed to determine whether he can hike and paddle the aforementioned distances.

Cost: The cost is unknown at this point. Our initial estimate is that the cost will range from \$800 to \$1000.

Leaders: Al Verbanec, Bob Sutherland, Jay Lazorcik, Jim Steff

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(Return this portion to Mr. Sutherland or Mr. Steff)

Scout Name: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Due February 6, 2012