

You are Registered for:

•Boundary Waters
Canoe Trip
Trip #1
Event # 4263

•Departs:
Saturday, July 10th
7:00 AM

•Arrives:
Friday, July 16th
6:00 PM

Please keep this letter for your future reference. It contains important information that will help you prepare for your time at camp. Including:

- Dates and times of your event
- Packing lists
- Contact information
- Forms required for you to attend camp

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Welcome to Camp!

I'm going to the Boundary Waters!

Now what?

- ▶ First, let us begin by saying how EXCITED we are that you are going to be sharing the Boundary Waters Canoe Trip with us! We are going to have a great time, share lots of adventures, enjoy the beauty of God's creation in this wilderness setting, meet some new friends and feed our spirits! We can't wait to get to started!
- ▶ As a matter of fact, we'd like to get started right away! Included with this letter, you will find three forms. Please fill them out as soon as possible, **no later than July 1st**, and send them back to camp. If you happen to misplace your forms, you can download them from our website, www.okobojicamp.com. Just follow the link at the top of the page, entitled "camps".
- ▶ Two of the forms you'll find included with this letter are the "**Camper Health History & Authorization**" form, and the "**Release of Liability**" form. These forms are both **REQUIRED** to attend camp, and **must be signed by the participant's legal parent/guardian!** Again, if you misplace these forms, feel free to download them from our website.
- ▶ The last form you will see is the "**Covenant Agreement**". This covenant outlines our promise to each other as we begin our boundary waters adventure. Please keep this covenant to bring with you on your trip. You will turn it into the group leader when you depart for your trip.
- ▶ Now, all you have to do is keep looking forward to a wonderful trip to the boundary waters! Look through the rest of this letter to find everything else you'll need to get ready!

What's the travel schedule?

- ▶ We'll be traveling through Iowa, to the boundary waters area, on your Saturday departure date. We will make stops along the route, to pick up participants, based on locations of those participants. You will be notified, no later than a week before departure, when and where you will be picked up. We will arrive at our outfitter's base that evening.
- ▶ Sunday morning, Day 2, our outfitter will transport us to our entry point to the boundary waters.
- ▶ Sunday through Thursday, Days 2 - 6, we will be enjoying the boundary waters area! This will be the heart of our adventure as we canoe, fish, swim, grow as a group, and take in God's beautiful creation!
- ▶ Thursday afternoon, Day 6, we will be picked up by our outfitter at our exit point, and head back to base.
- ▶ Friday, Day 7, will we head for home directly after breakfast. You will be dropped off in the same place where you were picked up.
- ▶ Friday and Saturday, rest, recoup, and share with friends and family about your amazing adventure!

What do I need to bring?



► This is a suggested packing list of personal items. It is important to pack light, as we have to carry **everything** we pack (food/tents/canoes/personal gear) across the portages between lakes. Do **not** pack anything extra! If you bring too much gear, you will be asked to re-pack and leave some items in the van. **Remember** - everything you pack will be with you the entire trip - every pound counts!

Packing Checklist:

- Signed Covenant Agreement
- Medications **needed** during camp
- 2 short sleeve shirts
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 1 pair of shorts
- 1 pair of lightweight pants
- 1 pair of warm pants (sweatpants or wool)
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- A few pairs of underwear & socks (remember you can wash them out)
- 2 pairs of shoes (1 for canoeing, 1 for around camp)
- Jacket
- Rain Gear
- Hat
- Lip Balm - important!
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- Mosquito repellent
- Toiletries (as odor free as possible)
- Pocket Knife
- Book (for rain or relaxing)
- Notebook & Pencil
- Small flashlight & batteries
- Pillow case (used as a pillow when stuffed with clothes)
- 2 one-liter water bottles w/carbineer
- Camera
- Change of clothes for the trip back home (this will stay back in the van)

If you plan on fishing:

- Money for MN fishing license (\$17.00 for youth under 16, \$27.00 for 16 and older)
- Your Social Security Number (don't need the card, just know the number)
- Tackle box no larger than 11"x7"x2"
- Fishing tackle: lead jig head; twister tail, Berkely power bait, etc.; spoons; rapapla; rattlettrap; steel leaders 6-8" in length; rope stringer; needle nose pliers.

How can I contact my camper?

- **By Phone-** While experiencing our boundary waters adventure, we are out of cell phone range for most carriers. On travel days, the Group Leader, Ed Frank, may be reached at (712) 579-0217.
- **In case of Emergency** - In the event of an emergency, you may contact the camp, toll free, 24 hrs. a day at 1-866-856-9862. Our voice mail system will route your call to the appropriate extension. You may also call the director's cell phone at (712)330-5325. We will have contact information for the Outfitter's base.

Umm...what if I still have questions?

- If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the camp, toll free, at 1-866-856-9862, or by e-mail at okoboji.camp@iaumc.org. You may also contact the group leader, Ed Frank, at 712-579-0217, or by e-mail at swmreved@hotmail.com.