

Northern Tier Canoe Rental Agreement

To reserve the optional canoe package, please call for availability. We will hold your tentative reservation for two weeks. To confirm your reservation, fill out the following information and return this application with your deposit within two weeks to:

Northern Tier National High Adventure Base, BSA
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
(218) 365-4811

Rental Options:

- *18.5' We-No-Nah Kevlar Minnesota II option (42 lbs.) **ELY BASE ONLY**
\$30.00 per day (ex. A 7-day trip is 6 days on the water, = 6 X \$30.00 or \$180.00 per canoe)
 - *18' We-No-Nah Kevlar Champlain option (44 lbs.) **ELY and ATIKOKAN BASES ONLY**
\$30.00 per day (ex. A 7-day trip is 6 days on the water, = 6 X \$30.00 or \$180.00 per canoe)
 - * Souris River Quetico duralite option (59 lbs. approx) **ATIKOKAN BASE ONLY**
\$25.00 per day (ex. A 7-day trip is 6 days on the water, = 6 X \$25.00 or \$150.00 per canoe)
- * We have a limited number of these canoes available. They will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis to each application with deposit.

Crew # _____ Unit # _____ Date of Trip _____

Advisor Name _____ Address _____
(city, state, zip)

Phone (H) _____, (B) _____

Please reserve ____ **Minnesota II**, and/or ____ **Champlain** (Ely or Atikokan Only)
- **OR** ____ **Quetico** canoes for our crew(s) (Atikokan Only)

Deposit: _____ canoes @ \$50.00 = \$_____ (Please make check out to Boy Scouts of America)
We understand that this deposit is non-refundable and will be applied towards the cost of our rental charges only.

The damage policy of the Northern Tier is to avoid damage and abuse of equipment. We reserve the right to inspect canoes at the conclusion of your trip and to charge for cost of repair or replacement. This does not include normal minor cosmetic scratches, but does apply for grinding the boats onto the shore and exposing the fabric, burning the bottoms while cooking, dropping boats on rocks while portaging, damage from throwing packs into canoes, damage while transporting, running white-water (prohibited), and other misuses of the canoes. Most damage can easily be avoided by using the recommended "wet-foot" method during landings and launchings (see the "Expedition Planning Guide" for details).

Our rental boats, like almost all modern canoes, do not have a keel. Keels in an aluminum canoe are primarily a structural item, used to rivet the two halves of the hull together and to stiffen the bottom of the canoe. A keel is not necessary for a boat to track (travel in a straight line). Tracking is more affected by the length of the boat, the trim (weight balance), and by the amount or lack of rocker (up curve of the ends of the canoe)

High technology canoes such as the **Quetico**, **Minnesota II**, and **Champlain** are becoming increasingly popular. They are lighter, faster, and more responsive than the older style aluminum canoes. Since they are higher performance hulls, they may have less INITIAL stability than a flat bottomed canoe (such as aluminum canoes). However, they also have more FINAL stability (resistance to capsizing). This means they may feel "tippy" at first to an inexperienced user or someone not used to this type of craft but are quite safe and functional for lake canoeing. The **Champlain** offers a lightweight canoe option that is wider and more stable than the **Minnesota II** for inexperienced crews or larger paddlers. It is not quite as fast or efficient to paddle as a **Minnesota II**, which may be more suitable for experienced paddlers. The **Quetico** is very similar in design and size to the **Champlain**, but is a little heavier since it is not a Kevlar lay up.

Your optional canoe choice should be based upon your crew's experience, age, size, budget, and paddling proficiency.

I have read the above information and agree to the terms specified:

Signed _____