

S.C.E.N.E. PROGRAM

Scout Center for Excellence in Nature and Environment

The S.C.E.N.E. program is authorized under the auspices of the World Scouting Organization. This program provides experiences for Scouts/Venturers which emphasize education *through* nature and environment, learning about nature and environment, and action *for* nature and environment. It offers opportunities for Scouts/Venturers to be in nature and to feel close to a particular feature of nature (such as the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness). S.C.E.N.E. also encourages Scouts/Venturers to have interesting and useful experiences in the environment through activities and projects at a national high adventure facility as well as projects of service to their local community. An important aspect of the program is to provide practical opportunities for Scouts/Venturers to "leave the world a little better than they found it."

In completing both types of conservation projects, at high adventure and at home, Scouts/Venturers and leaders are eligible for a S.C.E.N.E. emblem. These may be purchased for \$3.75 each (see the S.C.E.N.E. application)

To earn the S.C.E.N.E. award, the following are projects that can be done while on a canoe trip:

- ▲ Campsite cleanup - This means not only leaving your campsite clean, but more importantly cleaning up after less considerate campers. Picking up twist ties, bread ties, paper, plastic, cigarette butts, food wrappers, cans, bottles, and other garbage. May include moving fish remains if left on or nearby campsite. Try to leave the campsite as if no sign of man remains other than footprints. After windstorms, trees or branches may have fallen on the campsite. If feasible remove or cut down trees from the campsite and tent sites. If too big, make note of such sites so they can be reported to the U. S. Forest Service or the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources.
- ▲ Firegrate / Fire Ring cleanup - Remove any aluminum foil, unburnt plastic, metal, and other non natural items from fire area. If a site has numerous fire rings or illegal fire rings (BWCAW) use good judgment in removing unnecessary rings.
- ▲ Portage Trails - 1) As you cross the portage trails, pick up any garbage / trash that may be found. Be sure as you eat or snack on the trail, to pocket all granola bar wrappers etc. for disposal later. 2) Clean the portage trail of fallen trees or brush if it can be done safely by either physically moving the whole tree or by sawing the tree into manageable pieces. 3) In extremely muddy areas, try to remain on the main path instead of going around the muddy area. This prevents an ever increasing muddy area and causes less impact on the environment.

*Adhere to all local regulations on environmental matters

Do not do the following: Develop new campsites; install water erosion bars; cut trees or brush (exception, downfall on trails); move rocks in streams, rivers, or landings. These projects require approval of federal or provincial authorities.

Conservation projects to work on at home:

Conservation projects in city, state, county, and national parks, forests, or recreation areas.
Conservation projects at your local Scout Camp. Adopt-A-Highway programs.
Clean up of waterfront, river banks, beaches, etc.
Other projects that are conservation related.

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Name: _____

Northern Tier Program Bases:

Address: _____

____ Ely, Minnesota
____ Atikokan, Ontario
____ Bissett, Manitoba

____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Northern Tier Crew Number: _____ Year Attended: _____

Local Council: _____

Troop / Venture Crew (circle one) Unit# _____

Projects Completed While On Trek From the Northern Tier Base:

Project completed at home:

Scoutmaster / Crew Leader Approval: _____ Date: _____

We would like _____ patches @ \$3.75 per patch (includes tax and shipping)

Enclosed is \$ _____ (Make checks payable to **Boy Scouts of America**)

Return this completed form to:
S.C.E.N.E. Coordinator
National Council - Boy Scouts of America

c/o Northern Tier High Adventure Programs
P.O. Box 509
Ely, Minnesota 55731-0509

Office Use Only	
Date Received	_____
Amount Received \$	_____
# Patches Sent	_____
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