

Youth & Family Camps That Use The BWCA

YMCA Camps: Menogyn, Widjiwagan, du Nord, Warren For more than 90 years, YMCA Camps using the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness have provided the highest-quality wilderness adventures for teens, with a focus on small group, wilderness canoeing, backpacking, and rock climbing trips that are safe, fun, enriching and transformational. Campers build skills for life as they develop an unparalleled relationship with the environment. Campers participate in the total life of Y Camp - they work, play and live together, nurturing character development by teaching and emulating the Y values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. As campers return year after year for more challenging trips, they build upon their wilderness skills and take on greater leadership roles. Camp du Nord provides outdoor experiences for families, offering opportunities for enriched family relationships, increased wilderness appreciation, and spiritual growth.

Voyageurs Outward Bound School Homeplace:

Voyageurs Outward Bound School's Homeplace wilderness base runs summer and winter expeditions for diverse populations including women's only courses, veterans, adults, teens, adventure seekers, and at-risk youth who seek the wilderness in order to cultivate their own excellence.

Girl Scouts' Northern Lakes Canoe Base:

Trained Girl Scout guides offer the tools and coaching to make the expedition crew succeed at their adventure, and bringing out the best in every Girl Scout. These scouts experience and overcome intense challenges, grow, and expand their potential in ways not possible but through a high adventure wilderness experience.

Boy Scouts' Northern Tier National High Adventure - Charles L. Sommers Base:

Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest national High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941. North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries later, Scouts still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

