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The Northern Tier High Adventure program is a collection of bases operated by the Boy Scouts of America in Minnesota, Ontario, and Manitoba, Canada. Founded in 1923, it offers high-adventure experiences in wilderness areas such as the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park, and Atikaki Provincial Wilderness Park. The Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base is the oldest and largest of these bases, offering canoe trips into the Boundary Waters and Quetico Provincial Park. The program also includes Donald Rogert Canoe Base in Ontario and Northern Expeditions Canoe Base in Manitoba, which offers float plane-accessible canoe trips into Atikaki Provincial Park and Woodland Caribou Provincial Park. Programs vary by season, with summer trips focusing on wilderness canoe excursions, while fall Rendezvous offers a chance to experience the Boundary Waters during the autumn months. The National Cold-Weather Camping Development Center is also located at Charles L. Sommers Base, providing materials and expertise for cold-weather camping. In the winter, the Okpik program offers activities such as cross-country skiing, dog sledding, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and shelter building. The OA Wilderness Voyage, organized by the Order of the Arrow, also works on portage trails in the Boundary Waters area. The Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base was founded by Scout Commissioner Carlos S. Chase in Winton, MN. Initially, it operated from Winton Resort Hotel as its headquarters, with the actual base of operations being an old building thought to be a defunct saw mill's power house. By 1932, the organization contracted with Sigurd Olson for canoe outfitting and trip services. The base relocated several times before settling on its current site in 1941. Construction began in December that year, featuring a log lodge built by Finnish axemen. The base was initially named Region 10 Wilderness Canoe Trails but later became Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base, honoring the first Chairman of Region 10. In 1972, with BSA regional consolidation, the name changed to Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base and eventually part of Northern Tier High Adventure programs. Today, a typical summer program at the base begins with an incoming crew meeting their assigned Interpreter, who helps them prepare for their expedition. Upon arrival, they receive issued gear, including food, cooking equipment, tents, paddles, PFDs, and safety equipment. With the help of their interpreter, the crew plans their itinerary and is assigned a cabin or yurt for their first night. The Quetico Provincial Park is a remote and challenging destination, with long days during the summer months. Unlike the Boundary Waters, Quetico's trails are often unmaintained, requiring crews to navigate through untouched wilderness. The campsites in Quetico are less developed than those in the Boundary Waters, with no designated fire grates or latrines. Upon completing their journey, crews return gear and retrieve personal items before enjoying an outdoor barbecue and show at the base camp. The summer version of the Wilderness Grace is recited, which thanks God for food, raiment, life, opportunity, sun, rain, water, portage trails, friendship, and fellowship. The Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association was established in 1992 to provide ongoing support for the Northern Tier National High Adventures and Scouting programs. The organization's mission is to promote a continuing interest in and support for the programs of the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base and the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program. In this article, we explore the history and significance of canoeing in the Northern Tier region. The text begins with a quote from "Modern Voyageurs," a booklet published by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Region 10 office in St. Paul, Minnesota. The article highlights the importance of canoeing in the region's wilderness areas, citing a dedication booklet published by BSA Region 10 and the Quetico Superior Foundation. The booklet, titled "Wilderness Canoe Base Camp Dedication Booklet," is archived online and provides insight into the history of canoeing in the area. The text also references two articles from the Quetico Superior Wilderness News: "Northern Tier High Adventure Program" by Alissa Johnson, published in the Spring 2013 issue, and "Northern Tier: More Than Just a Canoeing Trip" by Greg Stringfellow, published in an unknown issue. Both articles provide more information about the Northern Tier program. Furthermore, the article mentions the "Atikokan Crown Land Route Book," which is archived online and provides information on canoe routes and wilderness areas. Additionally, it references the official website of the Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association and the Northern Tier High Adventure Program. The article concludes by noting that the history of canoeing in the Northern Tier region is steeped in tradition, with 90 years of experience in canoeing.