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What is Maine High Adventure B.S.A.?

- A Premier High Adventure experience, operating in the largest undeveloped area east of the Mississippi. >3.5 MILLION acres.
- MHA started as Maine National High Adventure Area B.S.A in 1971 and has been part of the Katahdin Area Council since 1991.
- A unique opportunity to Challenge & Inspire your Scouts!

Why Maine High Adventure B.S.A?

- MHA is **EXPERIENCED**

- The B.S.A. has operated Maine High Adventure at Matagamon Base since 1971.
- Current offering is nearly identical to when it started in 1971.
 - » Leave No Trace --- Patrol Method --- Open fire cooking --- Youth Led Crews
 - » Trained MHA Guide with crew 100% of time on trail.

- MHA is **PERSONAL**

- When you contact MHA Base, you'll be dealing with the Director, not a clerk.
- We serve ~400 people per season. EVERY CREW RECEIVES INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICE.

- MHA is **FLEXIBLE**

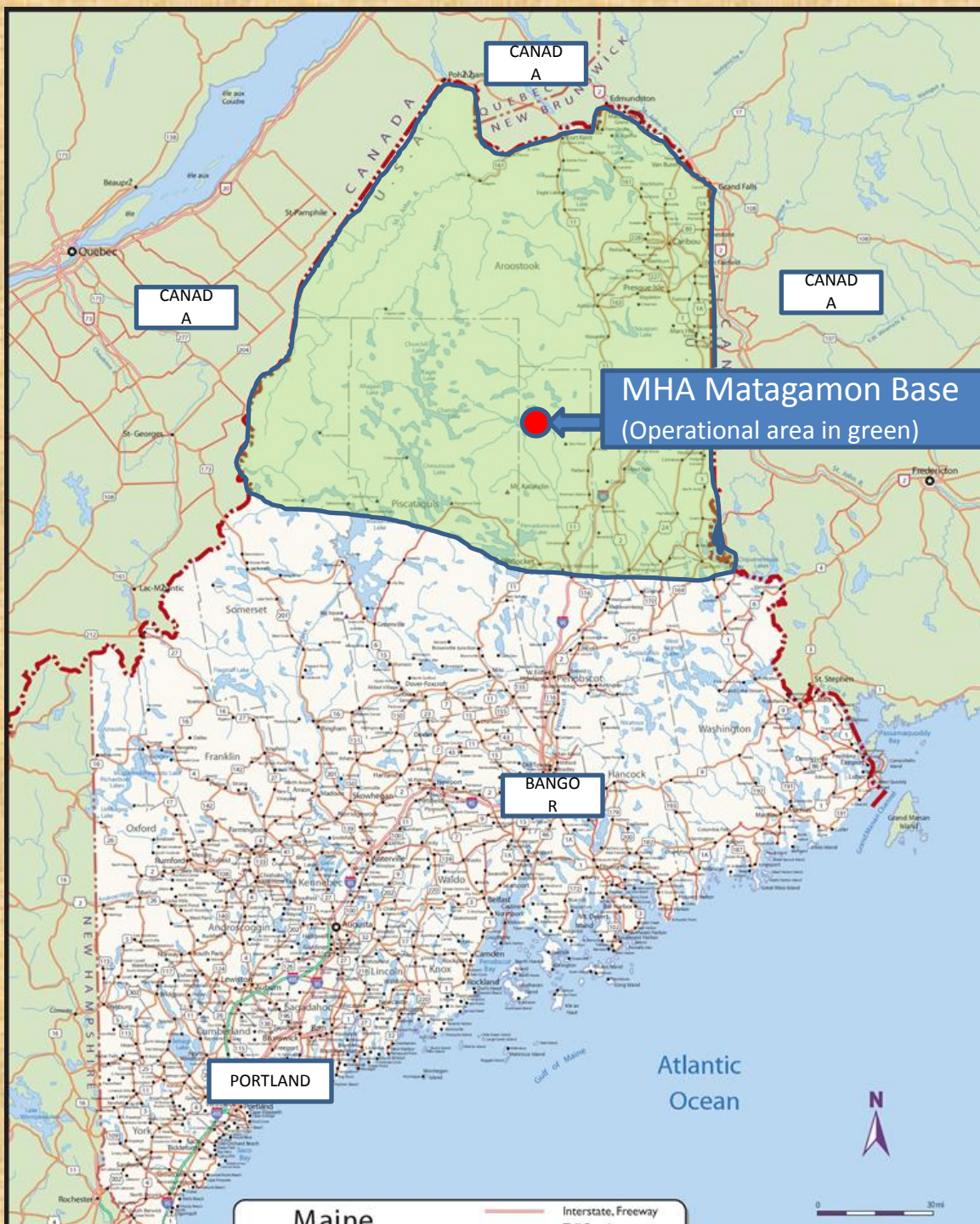
- Minimum stay is 6-days. There is no maximum.
 - » Start and end your trek a day of the week that suits your schedule.
- We don't offer pre-planned trips. EVERY TREK is TAILOR-MADE for EACH CREW.
 - » Your crew plans their own trek with the expertise of our Chief Guide.
 - Knowledge of weather and water conditions during your trip can make all the difference in route planning!

- MHA is **INFORMED** by our Local Knowledge and Relationships.

- Our Guides are skilled. They know the Maine woods, how to operate safely, and how your crew can maximize their experiences.
- MHA enjoys good relationships with Maine State Warden Service, Baxter State Park, Allagash Waterway, North Maine Woods Association, and many other landowners.

Always good to have friends in the wilderness!

WHERE
is
Maine
High
Adventure?



Why many Units incorporate Maine High Adventure into their multi-year planning

- A great way to:
 - Retain your skilled Scouts with exciting new challenges.
 - Inspire younger Scouts to learn new skills so that someday they can attend Maine High Adventure too.
- Logistically Simple: Easy drive from many east-coast locations.
 - 9.5hrs from Philadelphia PA
 - 6.5hrs from Hartford CT
- Reasonable cost for TRUE HIGH ADVENTURE.

Maine High Adventure offers...

➤ A unique wilderness trekking experience, from 6 to X days long.

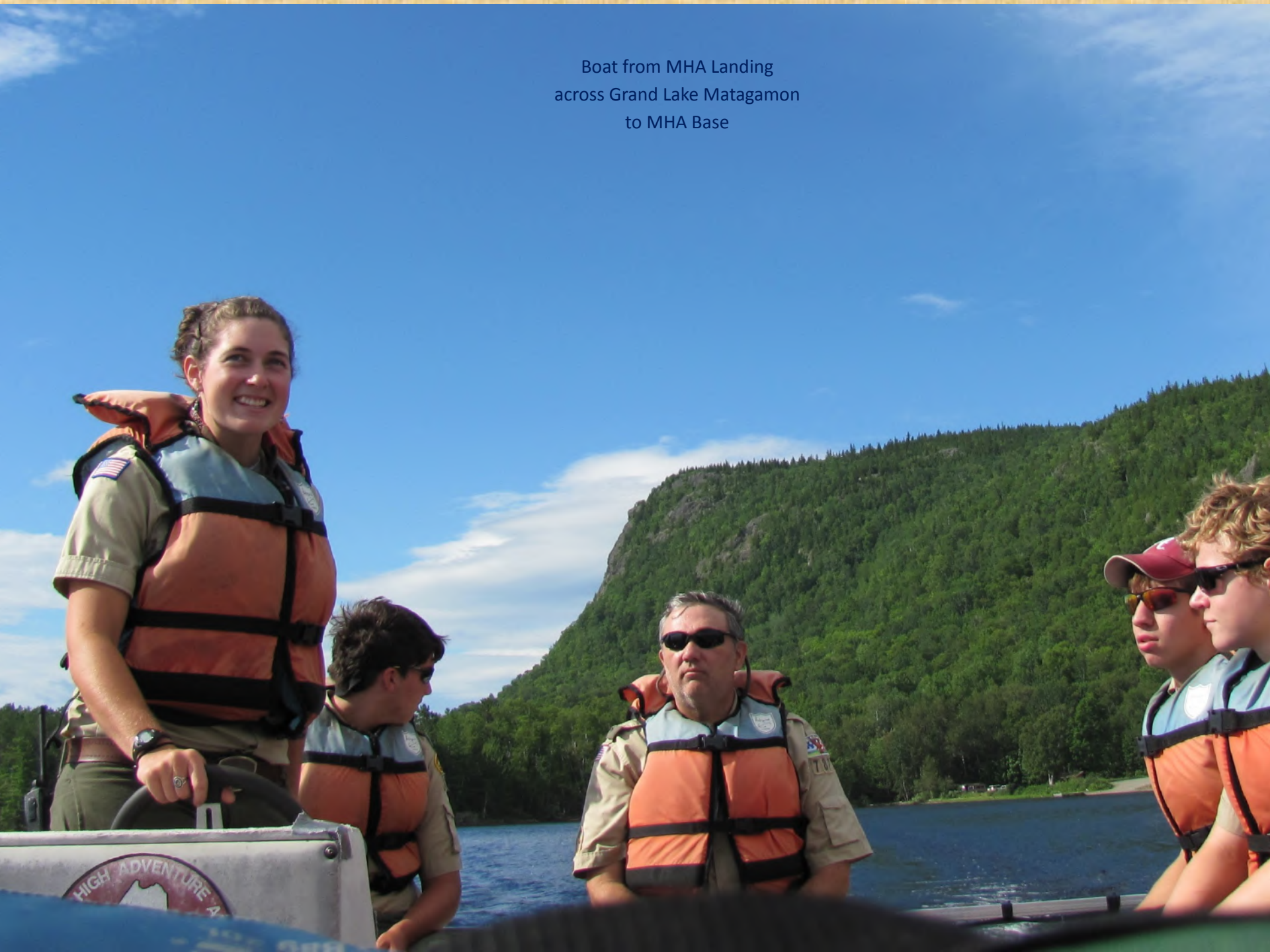
X = As long as you want. Typically 7-10days.

➤ A variety of trip possibilities from which YOUR CREW can choose!

What an MHA Trek will and can* look like...

*MHA will tailor-make a trek designed to what you crew's interests are.

Boat from MHA Landing
across Grand Lake Matagamon
to MHA Base



Your MHA Guide will walk out to meet your boat ;-)



Actually... Your MHA Guide will be waiting for you at the MHA Dock



Unload Gear



Step into the MAP ROOM



Tell our Chief Guide what you want to do



The Trip Planner will help incorporate your desired activities into possible treks, then...

Your Crew decides which trek best fits your needs.



Receive Gear & Food



Pack Gear & Food for entire trip



Swim Check & Canoe T-Rescue

*Both are Mandatory for all Crew members



Spend night on Base “TRAIL BOUND”
campsite on Grand Lake Matagamon

LOAD-UP for ADVENTURE!



PROGRAM

Whitewater Canoeing



Even adults can learn to do it!



Flatwater Canoeing



View Stars to the horizon.

No ambient light pollution here!



Visit Historic Sites

TELOS DAM

Telos Dam was built in 1841 to work in conjunction with a dam at the outlet of Chamberlain Lake (Lock Dam) to redirect the flow of water in Chamberlain and Telos Lakes south, through a manmade canal, to the Penobscot River drainage. The canal, known as Telos Cut, was dug between Telos Lake and a ravine which dropped 47 feet into Webster Lake.



Telos Dam enabled its owners to control the flow of water into the canal, and thus collect a toll for lumber from the landowners who wanted to drive logs to Bangor sawmills.

Disagreement over the amount of the toll (50¢ per 1000 feet of lumber) led to the hiring of armed guards. The Maine State Legislature settled the conflict and the toll was reduced to 20¢ per 1000 feet.

Telos Dam is an outstanding example of timber crib dam construction. Once very common in the Maine Northwoods during the log driving era, most have been replaced by concrete dams or have been allowed to fall into disrepair. Telos Dam was last rebuilt in 1981.

THE
Allagash
WILDERNESS WATERWAY



Relax...spend a Layover Day in the same campsite



Fishing



Sightsee via Floatplane



Check out the Locomotives



Visit an Ice Cave



Climb a Fire Tower & See the View



Backpack and/or Dayhike



Hike Mt. Katahdin





KATAHDIN

CASH
JEAN-LUC

BAKTER PEAK ELEVATION - 5257 FT

NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

RYAN A
CANADA
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A MOUNTAIN FOOTPATH EXTENDING OVER
2000 MILES TO SPRINGER MTN. GEORGIA

- ← THOREAU SPRING 1.0M
- ← KATAHDIN STREAM CAMPGROUND 3.2
- ← PENOBSCOT WEST BRANCH AT ABOL BRIDGE 14.5
- ← MAINE-NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LINE 281.4
- ← MT. WASHINGTON, N. H. 332.4
- ← SPRINGER MTN., GEORGIA 2100

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MAINE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

Ed

Hike Katahdin's "Knife Edge"



Your fellow
hikers



PAMOLA

ELEVATION - 4902 FT.

KNIFE EDGE

- ← CHIMNEY PEAK
- ← SOUTH PEAK - 5240 FT.
- ← BAXTER PEAK - 5267 FT. 1-1

DO NOT HIKE THIS TRAIL
IN BAD WEATHER
B.S.P.

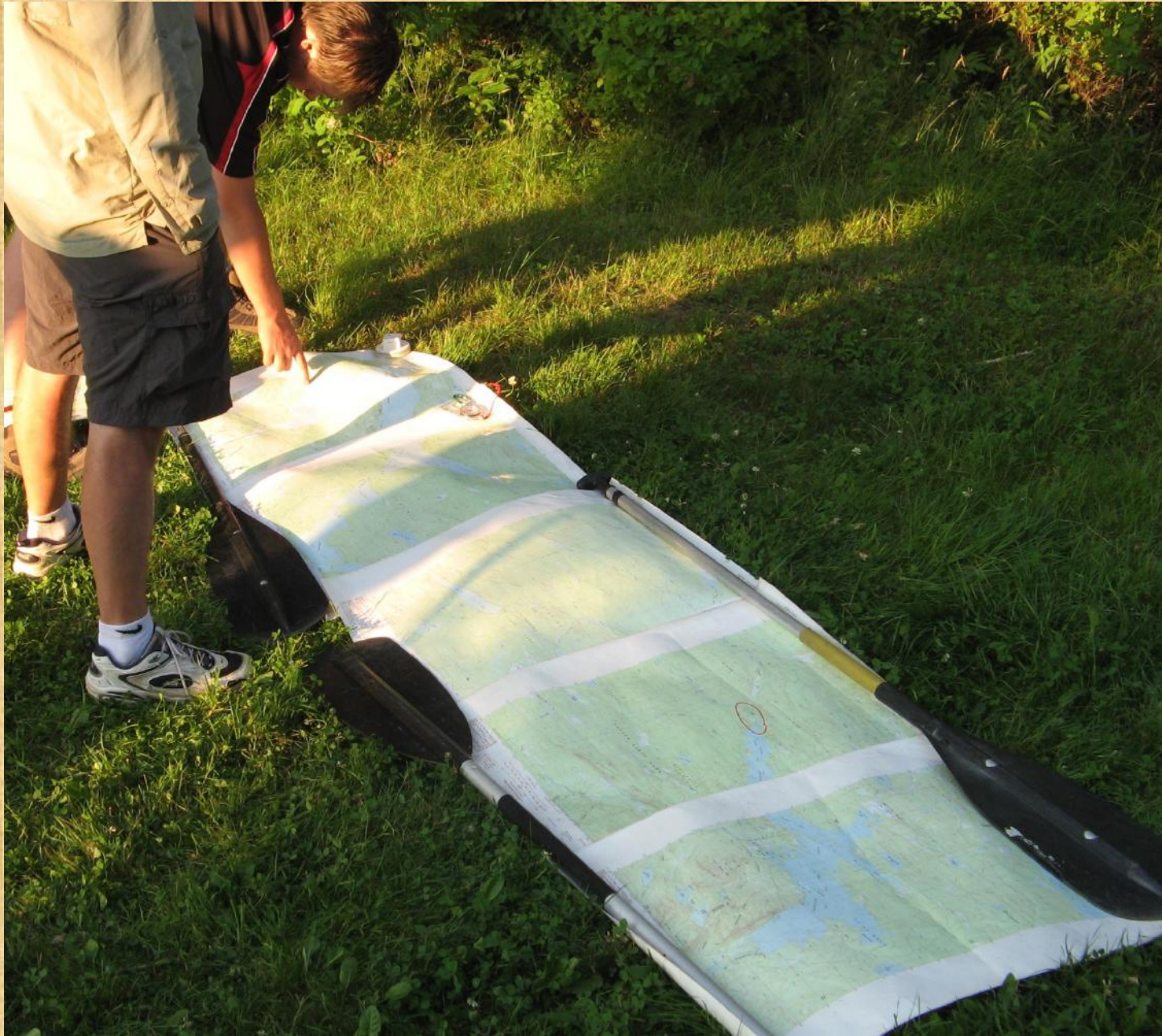
“Rump Bump” Webster Brook



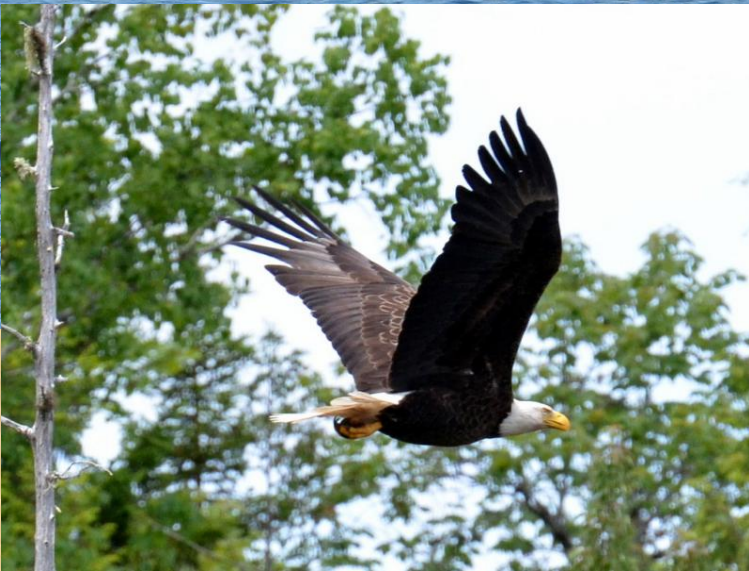
Sail...MHA Style



Backcountry Navigation



Wildlife Viewing & Photography



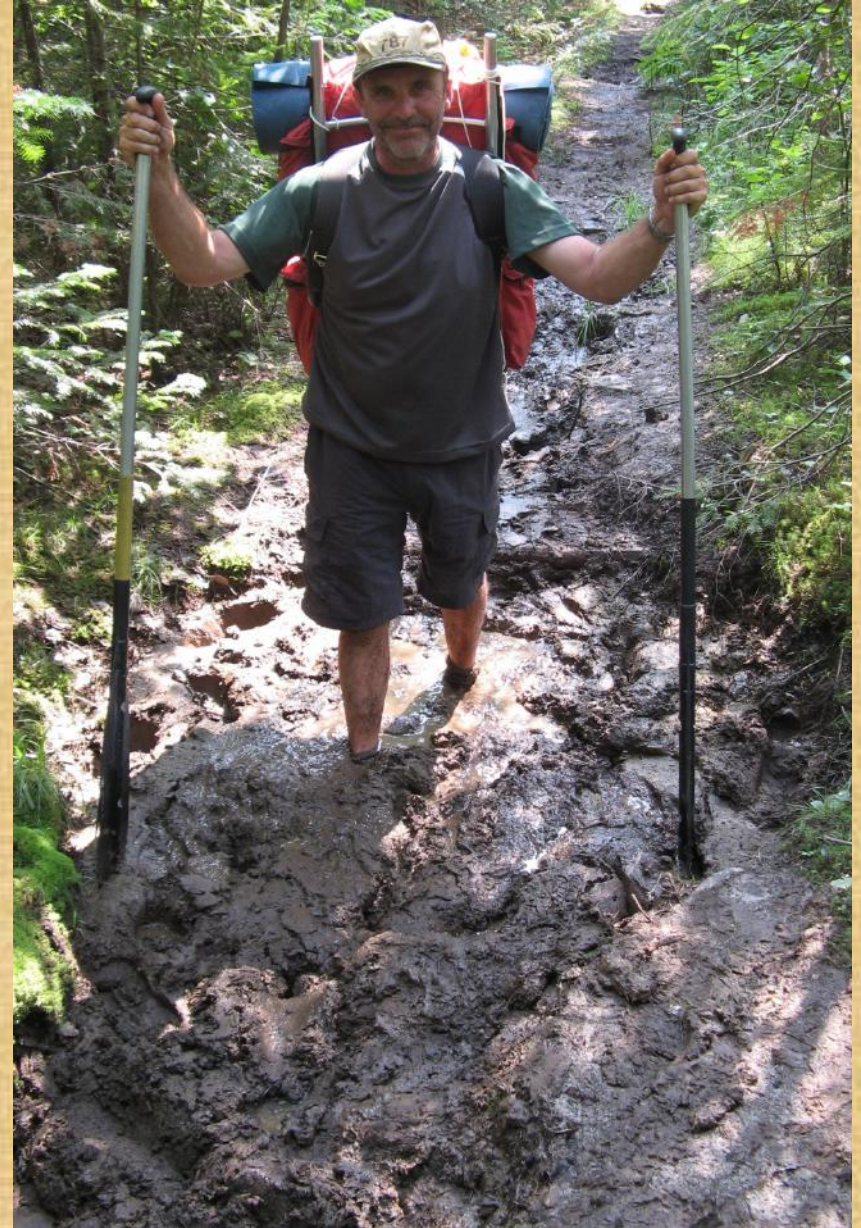
Canoe Poling



Note: This pic is NOT from MHA. Can you see why?

The Mud Pond Carry!

>>> Discover what Henry David Thoreau described in 1857. It hasn't changed a bit since then! <<<



Try MOXIE!



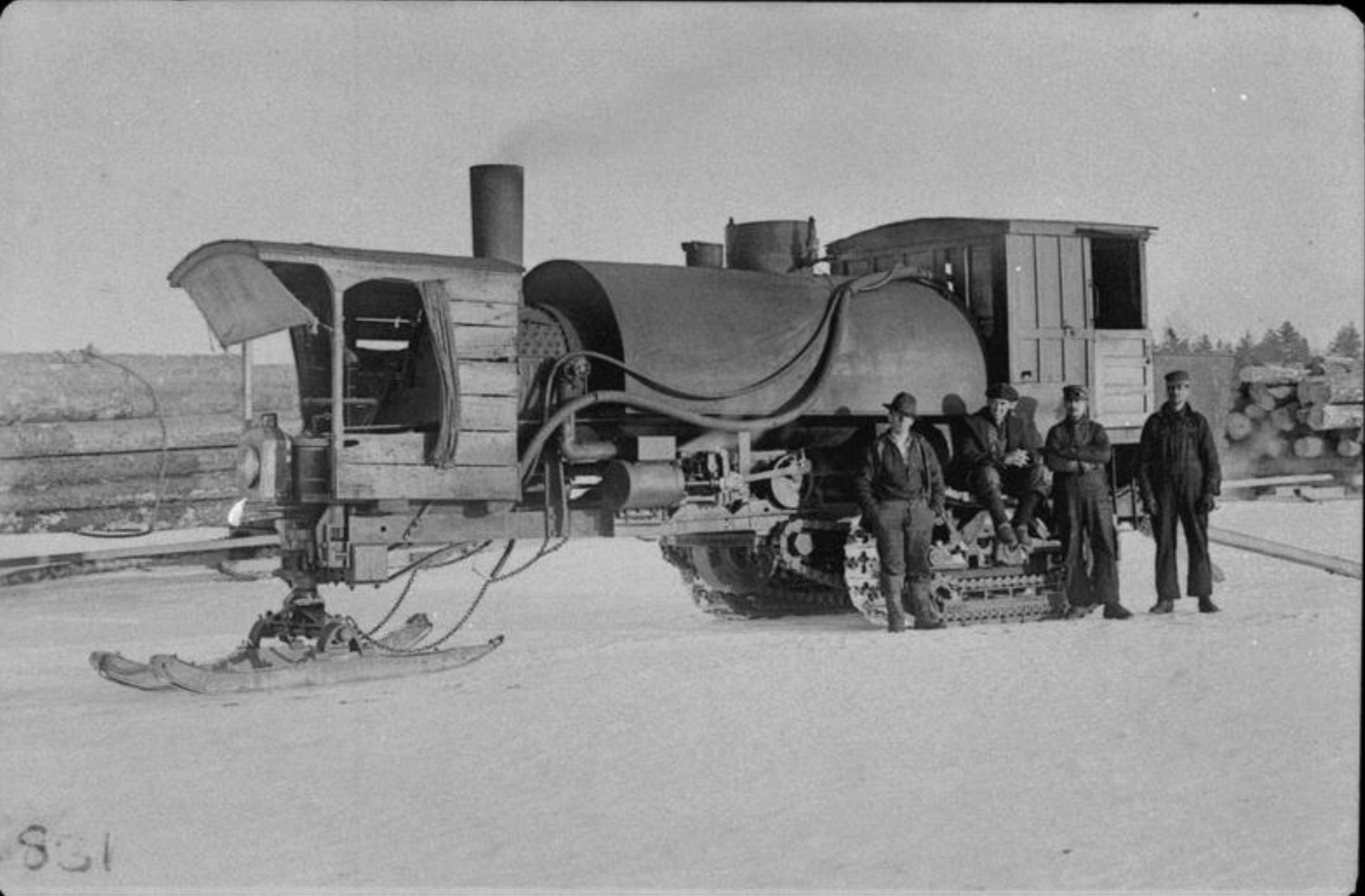
A LUMBERJACK DINNER prepared for you including Maine classic “bean-hole beans”!



And really enjoy your last night at MHA with a hot shower and a good sleep in our home-bound cabins.

Before or After your
MHA TREK side-trip ideas...

Lumberman's Museum, Patten ME



Whitewater Raft



A Professional Rafting Company is required.

>Contact MHA Base Director for suggestions best-suited to your crew<





Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

- One of the U.S.'s newest monuments.
- Includes the East Branch of the Penobscot River, a popular MHA 'Program Possibility'.



Acadia National Park



LLBEAN



A Lobster Pound



The BANGOR AREA



Paul Bunyan Bangor



Steven King's House Bangor



Pat's Pizza Orono

Fort Knox

(~20 miles south of Bangor)



Penobscot Narrows Bridge Observatory

~20 miles S of Bangor, adjacent to Fort Knox



MHA

TRIP PLANNING

Unit Level Trip Planning Considerations

Who should go?

Know your candidates

- ✓ Basic skills.
 - Assess at outings and shake down events.
- ✓ Physical and Medical conditions of Scout & Adults
- ✓ MHA minimum 13yrs old by September 1st of trek year.
- ✓ 2 Adults Minimum. Co-ed at least 1 Female.
- ✓ Maximum of 11 per Crew, and the Minimum is 7.
 - ✓ If you split into 2 crews, they will NOT trek together.



A Scout is physically fit! MHA canoes weigh about 90lbs.

Unit Level

Trip Planning Considerations

TRAVEL

- ✓ BSA Policy \leq 10hrs travel per day for the Scouts.
- ✓ Drive
 - Insurance.
 - Standard BSA Requirements. Consider umbrella policy.
 - Permits and Waivers for ALL activities.
 - Drivers
 - Good to have a spare.
 - Layover(s).
 - Plan for MHA Base arrival between 8am and 9am.
- ✓ Fly
 - Ground Transportation

Lodging Options near MHA Base.

Contact MHA Base Director for suggestions best-suited to your Crew.



Lodging Options further away.

Contact MHA Base Director for suggestions best-suited to your Crew.

- **Camp Roosevelt KAC ~2hrs from Base**
~25mins east of Bangor)
- **Other Scout camps.**
- **Organizations affiliated with your Unit.**
 - Churches.
 - Other sponsors.

Unit Level

Trip Planning Considerations

Budgeting

- ✓ Length of time at MHA
 - ✓ Budget additional money for optional MHA routes and activities. (Katahdin, FloatPlane,...)
- ✓ Pre/Post MHA activities.
 - ✓ Sightseeing, Rafting, Lodging etc.
- ✓ Fund Raising opportunities.
- ✓ Advertising pre and post trip. (donations)

MHA 2020 Rates*

2020	11 people	10 people	9 people	8 people	7 people
12 nights	\$80	\$82	\$84	\$86	\$88
11 nights	\$82	\$84	\$86	\$88	\$90
10 nights	\$84	\$86	\$88	\$90	\$92
9 nights	\$86	\$88	\$90	\$92	\$94
8 nights	\$88	\$90	\$92	\$94	\$96
7 nights	\$90	\$92	\$94	\$96	\$98
6 nights	\$92	\$94	\$96	\$98	\$100

*additional fees will apply Baxter State Park transportation, group photos, airplane,...

MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE

Sat. JULY 19 → Sat. AUGUST 2

BUDGET Planning Sheet

BUDGET EXAMPLE
From 2014.

COST ESTIMATE: \$ 1,200 per Scout.
\$ 1,000 per Adult Leader.

Cost Breakout, per person:	
M.H.A. Camp fee. (9-days)	\$ 660
M.H.A.-related misc. fees	120
Transportation (fuel, tolls, ...)	150
Lodging en-route	60
Rafting	80
Food (\$30 NOBO/\$50* SOBO)	80
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>50</u>
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$ 1,200

Contingency for : Katahdin, North Maine Woods, crew photos, etc.

Payment Plan: (Give Checks to: Linda or Justin Lawlor)

\$ 200 by Dec 17. (Make check payable to “Troop 787 MHA 2014”)

\$ 200 by Jan 21.

\$ 500 by April 15.

\$ 300 by July 1

Post-trip excess cash, if any, will be refunded by August 30th.

Notes:

1. Each Scout will be issued cash for food-money for each direction of the trip.
2. Some deposits are non-refundable. See MHA cancellation policy.
3. Adult leaders pay less cash to offset: driving, supervision, vacation time.
4. Any excess cash will be returned to the parents at the end of the trip.
5. All tents, stoves, cook-kits, camping gear provided by Maine High Adventure.
6. Official Maine High Adventure info will be coming March/April.
7. Personal electronics are permitted when highway traveling, ONLY.
8. When traveling, Class A Uniforms will be worn at all times.

Unit Level

Trip Planning Considerations

PRE-TRIP PREPARATION

- ✓ Physical Fitness
 - Especially if an ambitious hike is going to be part of your trek.
- ✓ Shake-Down trip
 - Look at MHA list of gear you need to bring.
 - Work on open fire cooking skills.
 - Invest in good rain gear (no Ponchos).

- ✓ Drivers
 - Full check-out of vehicle mechanical and safety systems.
 - First Aid kits and safety gear for roadside emergency.
 - Communication plan with other vehicles.
 - Route plan(s)

- ✓ Check out YouTube vids from MHA
 - Gear Needed, Swim Checks, etc.
 - Pack all gear at LEAST a week in advance.

Easier to have a positive outlook with decent rain gear!



Unit Level

Trip Planning Considerations

WHEN TO GO?

- Crews start 3rd week of June through early August.

Considerations:

- ✓ Wildlife/Fishing
 - ✓ Fishing best in June
- ✓ Weather in general
- ✓ Water Levels
- ✓ Biting Insects
 - Peak in May and generally diminish as summer progresses.
- ✓ When do your adults have vacation time.

Committed crews will receive the “LEADER PREP KIT” sent from the MHA Base Director:

The Kit Contains much more detailed information.

“Crew Training Requirements”

“Recommendations Regarding Chronic Illness”

“Trip Planning Options”

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One last consideration...

for

**Scouts and Former Scouts
age 18+**



JOIN THE MAINE TEAM!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Maine High Adventure program was started in 1971. Since that time, thousands of youth and their leaders from all over the country and abroad have enjoyed unique backcountry experiences in the North Maine Woods. The program is centered around extended canoe camping treks but may include some backpacking, mountain hiking, and other outdoor related activities.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Opportunities to serve the Boy Scouts of America by being employed as a staff member for Maine High Adventure, one of the country's most unique and elite staffs, are fun, rewarding and offer development and personal growth opportunity for every staff member. Maine High Adventure is looking for enthusiastic, motivated and experienced individuals to be a part of our incredible program.

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- Each staff member is expected to set an example of excellence in Scouting which includes the wearing of the MHA/BSA uniform

SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Position Title

Base Director* (min. age 25)

Brief Job Description

Has total responsibility for successful base operation including providing leadership for staff of 10-20.

Base Operator* (min. age 23)

Supervises base staff and program support operations; staff feeding, commissary, trading post, transportation, and maintenance.

Chief Guide* (min. age 21)

Supervises trail staff and program related logistics. Responsible for training, evaluating, and directing the trail staff, and planning trip itineraries.

Outfitter

Manages trail equipment and trail food aspect of program. Oversees issue, return, and repair of trail equipment. Also manages the Trading Post.

Cook

Responsible for staff feeding and kitchen related aspect of program. Manages menu, budget, and health/sanitation requirements.

Guide

Trail staff. Accompanies crews on trail. Responsible for crew orientation, skill instruction, and environmental/historical interpretation. Lead safety person on treks.

KSR Guide

Trained trail staff member who represents MHA at Camp Roosevelt, the Katahdin Area Council's summer camp. Responsible for leading participants on afternoon activities of a high adventure nature and teaching merit badge skill classes.

Driver (min. age 21)

Transports crews and staff by motorboat and 15 passenger van with canoe trailer. Also responsible for vehicle, equipment, and facility maintenance.

Assistant Outfitter

Assists and serves as back up for the Outfitter.

Office Manager (Clerk)

Oversees operation of Base office. Responsibilities include monitoring radio, record keeping, billing, and filing.

Assistant Cook

Assists and serves as back up to Cook.

Operations Specialist

Rotates jobs to back up other positions around the Base.

ALL STAFF ARE SUBJECT TO DUTIES OUTSIDE THEIR PRIMARY JOB DESCRIPTION AS NEEDED. ALL STAFF ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SHARING BASE AND PROGRAM MAINTENANCE TASKS. ALL POSITIONS REQUIRE SOME FORM OF RECORD KEEPING OR DOCUMENTATION.

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- Summer employment is offered from June 1 until August 20.
- Salary is based on position responsibility and applicant qualifications.
- References are important! It is suggested but not required, that a member of your local council professional staff write a letter of recommendation on your behalf or use the MHA reference form.
- Review the brief job descriptions on the reverse side and indicate your top three preferences.
- Mail your application early!
- Keep MHA informed of address or circumstance changes during the application and employment process.
- Mail your completed application to the address above.



THANKS FOR LISTENING...

And

**We hope to see you and your crew at
MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE!**

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