2016 Freshmen Outdoor Trip: Northwoods Sampler

On the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, just off the Gunflint Trail, sits Camp Menogyn, our home-base for the week. We'll stay in cabins at night and spend our days sampling great activities that include: canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, camp crafts, fishing, nature exploration, and relaxing.

HERE’S WHAT TO EXPECT:
We will begin our journey by traveling north to Grand Marais then up the Gunflint Trail to the edge of the wilderness. We will paddle a voyageur canoe with our gear to reach Camp Menogyn (there are no roads to camp). The week will be spent exploring the area and making new friends.

For pictures of past trips, go to: www.umdrso.org and click on Outdoor Trips then Freshmen Trips

WHEN:
9am Saturday, August 20 – Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Pre-trip meeting Friday, August 19, 5pm (meet in Lake Superior Hall Lobby)

WHERE:
We will be departing from the main entrance to Lake Superior Hall at 9am on August 20.

PREPARATION:
• Equipment – attached is an equipment list that includes what we provide and what you need to obtain. **Follow this closely**, it is based upon extensive experience. Plan on weather that could range from the low 70’s to the 40’s and windy.
• Schedule – attached is an itinerary of what we will be doing.
• Housing – if you have an on-campus housing assignment you will be eligible to move in on Friday, August 19 between 11am and 4pm and stay on campus the night before the trip. **Call the Housing Office at (218)726-8178 if you have any questions.** Bring your Housing Assignment letter.
• Health & Liability Form – complete these forms and return them within one week.
• Training – Depending upon the activities you choose to participate in, be prepared for long paddles, some portaging, and full days of climbing and hiking.

THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM PROVIDES:
We provide all group gear, quality paddling and rock climbing equipment, transportation, meals and expert instruction.

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Northwoods Sampler Itinerary

This itinerary is designed to be flexible based on many factors that include: weather, skill levels, and interests. Listed are highlights of what will be seen and done.

Note: You will be on your own to get dinner on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning. Please plan accordingly. The resident dining hall is NOT open. The food court will have limited hours.

Friday, August 19
11am- 4pm – Early Move-In for ON-CAMPUS residents at 189 Lake Superior Hall. Bring your Housing Assignment letter.

5pm – Meet in the Lobby of Lake Superior Hall to learn more about your trip as well as meet leaders and other trip participants. This is a required meeting. Afterward, if you have gear reserved from the Rental Center, staff will take you there.

Saturday, August 20
9am – Meet in front of Lake Superior Hall’s main entrance – divide into groups and load people and equipment onto the bus. Drive up the North Shore in a charter bus to Grand Marais then up the Gunflint Trail to West Bearskin Lake (3+ total hours). Load the voyageur canoes and paddle to Camp Menogyn. After an orientation to camp, our afternoon will be spent with canoe demos, hiking, exploring, swimming, and time to move into the cabins. A night around the campfire will cap off our day.

Sunday, August 21
Our morning begins with First Words on the Point followed by breakfast in the dining hall. Then select a full-day or two half-day activities: Hike to Honeymoon Bluff, Canoe to Rose Lake/Stairway Portage, Canoe to Johnson Falls, Climb at Carlton Peak, Crafts/Swimming, or Fishing. We’ll return to camp for dinner in the dining hall, activities and stories from our day.

Monday, August 22
Once again, select a full-day or two half-day activities: Hike to Honeymoon Bluff, Canoe to Rose Lake/Stairway Portage, Canoe to Johnson Falls, Climb at Carlton Peak, Crafts/Swimming, or Fishing. We’ll return to camp for dinner in the dining hall, activities and stories from our day. Evening activities, reports of our day and a sauna.

Tuesday, August 23
Pack up gear and paddle back to the bus. Drive back to the North Shore to Tettegouche State Park. Lunch, hike, and explore Shovel Point and the Baptism River. From there, we’ll head to Duluth, unload equipment and clean-up.

5pm – Barbeque and campfire in Bagley Nature Area. Share your stories with other trip participants. WELCOME TO UMD!

FUN INFORMATION
ABOUT THIS TRIP:
• Camp Menogyn is not reachable by roads. All visitors must take a boat to get to camp!
• The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness shares a border with the camp.
• The Stairway Portage at Rose Lake is used by hundreds of canoeists each season and leads to spectacular views of the BWCAW.
• About 30 stars are visible through the ‘light pollution’ of a city. Many thousands of stars are visible in the dark skies above Menogyn.
• The beauty for this trip comes from the natural settings and great activities. The fun comes from you!

GENERAL INFO:
Phone: (218)726-7128
Email: rsop@d.umn.edu
Northwoods Sampler Equipment List

On this trip the weather may vary from hot and sunny with a high of 70 degrees to cold, rainy, and windy and in the 40 degree range. Plan your clothing items so they can be worn over each other in layers when doing activities. During the coldest possible weather, you may be wearing nearly all of your layers. We will be staying in cabins at night, but outside most of the days.

WE PROVIDE:
- All paddling and climbing equipment
- Cabins for sleeping
- Meals
- All transportation from UMD

YOU NEED TO BRING:
- Backpack or duffel bag to carry all of your gear
- Sleeping bag in a stuff sack – warmer bag (20 degree) for sleeping on the dock
- Sleeping Pad (optional) – for sleeping on the dock
- Small pillow (optional)
- 2 Piece rain-suit of durable material
- 1 Pair light shoes for in camp (slip-ons are nice for outhouse visits). If you bring sandals, make sure they are closed toe.
- 1 Pair hiking shoes or boots
- 1 Pair Closed Toed Shoes you can swim in.
- 2 Pair pants (wool, nylon, or light cotton)
- 1 Pair long underwear (top and bottom – synthetic material)
- 3 Pair socks (at least 1 pair wool)
- 1 Towel
- 2 Long sleeved shirts
- 2 T-shirts
- 1 Pair shorts
- 1 swimsuit
- 1 Heavy sweater or fleece pullover
- 1 Lightweight jacket
- Toiletries: Toothbrush/paste, Soap in plastic bag
- Sunglasses
- Gloves or mittens and a fleece or wool knit hat
- Pocket knife
- Sunscreen lotion
- Baseball style or wide-brim hat for sun protection
- Insect repellant (optional)
- Flashlight or headlamp with fresh batteries
- 1 quart water bottle
- Day pack for hiking
- Optional: a favorite quote or short reading about wilderness

RENTAL:
Our Rental Center has many items including sleeping bags & pads, rain gear. Call the Rental Center at 218-726-6134 to reserve equipment. Rental details are found at umdrsoop.org/rental

EQUIPMENT TIPS:
- It could be cold. Even though we have cabins, we will be outside and active most of the time. Plan accordingly.
- Fleece and wool are great insulators – they even work when wet.
- Quality rain gear really helps you enjoy inclement weather.
- Long underwear should be a synthetic material, not cotton. If you don’t have any, most outdoor stores have appropriate supplies.

EXTRAS YOU CAN BRING:
Camera, journal, book to read, field guides, personal map, spare glasses, fishing gear (and license)

DO NOT BRING:
- Cell phones or other electronics
- Tobacco
- Cosmetics
- Valuables
- Recreational drugs or alcohol.

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