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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Boundary Waters 2023 - Getting There and Back

Friday, June 30 - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm - at church

- Bring "canoe bag" *this is all of your camping and wilderness stuff, not your travel bag.
- Pick up "youth group owned" gear you need
- Gear inspection
- Pack into backpacks (provided by youth group - two people per backpack)
- Load van with backpacks

Saturday, July 1 - 6:15 am - at church. We will depart at 6:30 am

- Load "travel bag" in vans *This is your bag for our 3 nights NOT camping, plus whatever you're bringing with you for the road- earbuds, electronics, snacks, etc.
- Prayer Circle
- Hit the road!
- We will stop every 2 hours or so for a bathroom break
- We will stop for a fast food lunch at a spot that has a few restaurant choices (cost included)
- Arrive at overnight church at approx. 6:30pm CDT
- Eat dinner at a local restaurant (cost included)
- Shop at Grocery for breakfast items (milk, cereal, juice, fruit, toast, etc.)
- Review plans for tomorrow
- Short devotional
- Spend night sleeping on the floor of Sunday School Rooms (use your sleeping pad and bag) - all in 1 room together.

Sunday, July 2

- Up early, pack up
- Breakfast at the church
- Clean up kitchen and sleeping areas
- On the road by 7 am
- Drive to Lake Superior - Brighton Beach Park, Duluth, MN - picture time!
- Drive to Ely, MN - arrive by 11:30 am CDT - have lunch as a group (included in cost) - visit the shops
There's a live web camera looking at the street near where we'll be eating lunch. We'll call when we get there. You can find the camera here - scroll down the page to the "Sheridan Street" camera: <http://elyminnesota.com/live-webcams>
- 2:30 pm CDT - drive to outfitter (45 minute drive)
- Stow gear in sleeping quarters- unpack/repack shuffle
- Safety / Canoe Handling / Food & Gear Instructions by the outfitter
- Route Planning with the outfitter
- Dinner in the dining hall (usually Lasagna)
- Evening is open - relax, swim, paddle, fish, shower. Lights out by dark. The mosquitos will remind you.



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Monday, July 3

- Up early, prep backpacks (unpack/repack shuffle), relocate to dock
- Stow travel bag in the van, along with all electronics, phones, wallets, etc.
- Breakfast on the front porch (cereal, fruit, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, etc.)
- Get PFDs and Paddles
- Load gear into jon boats for a motor boat ride to our entry point
- Start paddling!

We will move camp almost every day, breaking camp (unpack/repack shuffle) and paddling to a new camp. We will make a loop and end up back where we started.

Sunday, July 9

- Be at pick up point at specified time (usually 9-10 am)
- Load gear onto jon boats for a motor boat ride back to the outfitter
- Move gear to van, retrieve travel bags
- Outfitter provides a towel and a can of soda
- Take a shower at the outfitter- adults first. Be thorough, but do NOT dawdle.
- Drive to Ely for lunch at about 11:30 am CDT (cost NOT included). Any other shopping?
- 1 pm CDT - leave Ely and drive to our other overnight church- arrive about 8:30 pm CDT. We will stop for a fast-food type dinner on the way (cost included).
- Grocery shopping for light breakfast in the morning.
- Evening devotional
- Sleep on floor of Sunday School Rooms

Monday, July 10

- Up early! Stow gear in the van (unpack/repack shuffle 1 more time!)
- Breakfast & clean up.
- Hit the road by 8 am.
- Lunch en route (cost included)
- Arrive back in Milford around 5-6:00pm EDT - we'll call when we cross the state line
- Clean the van!
- Return "youth group gear"
- Go home - get a hot and thorough shower, have a delicious meal, and throw your stinky clothes in the washer!
- Sleep for 15 hours straight!

Share your pictures - we'll discuss how everyone wants to do this - online, after trip party, etc.