

WIDJI TRIPS

PATHFINDERS CANOE TRIP

Entering grade 6

This 5 day experience will introduce campers to the basic canoe and camping skills for an overnight camping trip. This program will focus on the tradition and history of Widji, the BWCAW, and northern Minnesota fur trade and logging history. Campers will spend their first 2 days getting ready for their overnight camping trip. On the 3rd morning of camp, the campers will paddle to a nearby campsite on Burntside Lake to get a sense of what 'trail life' is like and camp overnight with their fellow Pathfinders and two Widji Counselors. The group will return the next day and be involved with the banquet and closing activities. This trip is a great way to introduce an eager camper to Camp Widjiwagan.

Pathfinders	# of Days	Fees
6/19 – 6/23	5	\$530
6/25 – 6/29	5	\$530
7/8 – 7/12	5	\$530
7/14 – 7/18	5	\$530
8/2 – 8/6	5	\$530
8/11 – 8/15	5	\$530

INTRODUCTION TO CANOEING SESSIONS

Entering grades 7–8

These sessions are ideal for first-time campers looking for an introduction to the Widji experience and the Boundary Waters. Campers will learn the basic skills of canoeing, camping, and navigation in a fun and supportive environment. A typical Intro trail group consists of two Widji trail counselors and four to six campers. After three days of training and orientation at Widji, groups venture out 'on trail' for six to ten days in the BWCAW. Although canoeing and portaging can be demanding, working as a team allows campers to accomplish a lot more together than they could as individuals. All campers are expected to pitch in and do their share of the work, carrying packs and tents across portages which may be up to a mile long!

Intro Canoe	#Days	Fees
6/15 – 6/23*	9	\$855
6/25 – 7/5	11	\$1,295
7/1 – 7/12	12	\$1,410
7/8 – 7/18	11	\$1,295
7/14 – 7/24	11	\$1,295
7/20 – 7/30	11	\$1,295
7/26 – 8/6	12	\$1,410
8/11 – 8/23	13	\$1,525
8/19 – 8/28*	10	\$950

*Discounted session

BWCAW SESSIONS

Entering grades 8–10

These canoe adventures, the mainstay of Widji's canoe program, are our most popular trips—perfect for excited, first-time campers as well as seasoned canoeists. Each group of five campers is under the leadership of one Widji trail counselor. Over the course of the trip a group may travel 60–140 miles through the heart of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, learning and refining their paddling and camping skills along the way.

BWCAW Canoe	#Days	Fees
6/15 – 6/23*	9	\$865
6/19 – 6/29	11	\$1,295
6/25 – 7/5	11	\$1,295
7/1 – 7/12	12	\$1,415
7/8 – 7/18	11	\$1,295
7/14 – 7/30	17	\$1,995
7/26 – 8/6	12	\$1,415
8/2 – 8/15	14	\$1,650
8/11 – 8/23	13	\$1,530
8/19 – 8/28*	10	\$960

*Discounted session

QUETICO SESSIONS

Entering grades 9–12

The pristine lakes and remote wilderness trails of Canada's Quetico Provincial Park provide challenge and adventure for experienced campers. Trail groups travel deep into the heart of the Quetico and learn the basics of expedition style canoe tripping.

One Widji counselor provides leadership for up to six campers. In the Quetico the portages are more rugged than those in the BWCAW, there are no designated campsites, and it is generally less populated. **Quetico campers are required to have a valid passport.**

Quetico Canoe	#Days	Fees (includes permit fee)
6/15 – 6/29	15	\$1,845
6/19 – 7/5	17	\$2,085
6/25 – 7/12	18	\$2,200
7/1 – 7/12	12	\$1,495
7/8 – 7/24	17	\$2,085
7/14 – 7/30	17	\$2,085
7/20 – 8/9	21	\$2,555
7/26 – 8/9	15	\$1,845
8/2 – 8/17	16	\$1,965
8/11 – 8/26	16	\$1,965

INTRODUCTION TO BACKPACKING ISLE ROYALE

Entering grades 7-8

Isle Royale, a National Park in the midst of Lake Superior's cold clear waters, offers a fantastic introduction to backpacking. After a few days at Widji, groups embark on a three-hour ferry ride to reach Isle Royale, where they spend six to seven days hiking. Isle Royale is known for its wildlife, including moose and foxes.

Isle Royale	#Days	Fees
6/15 – 6/29	15	\$2,040
7/26 – 8/9	15	\$2,040

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS

Entering grades 7-8

Groups spend five to six days hiking along the south shore of Lake Superior. Campers enjoy panoramic views of the big lake. Groups hike along well maintained trails, and each night the group camps at a designated back country campsite.

Porcupine	#Days	Fees
7/1 – 7/12	12	\$1,310
8/11 – 8/23	13	\$1,545

CANOE/BACKPACKING COMBINATION

Entering grades 8-10

If you are not quite sure whether backpacking or canoeing is your calling, this is the trip for you! It is perfect for experienced or first-time campers. The canoeing segment covers the eastern portion of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, a rare destination for Widji groups. The backpacking segment traverses part of the beautiful and rugged Superior Hiking trail. Campers spend approximately six nights canoeing and six nights backpacking. Emphasis is placed on the fundamentals of both canoeing and backpacking, allowing experienced campers or novices the opportunity to enhance their skills in both disciplines.

Canoe/ Backpack Combo	#Days	Fees
7/20 – 8/6	18	\$2,250

BIGHORN MOUNTAIN SESSIONS

Entering grades 8-10

The Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming offer an excellent introduction to mountain backpacking for confident first-time or experienced backpackers. After several days of training at Widji, groups drive for two days by van to the Bighorn National Forest, near Buffalo, in north central Wyoming. Campers spend approximately eight days hiking at elevations of 8,000-10,000 feet.

Two Widji trail counselors share the leadership for each Bighorn group of four to six campers. Groups must be prepared for a variety of weather, including the occasional snow shower!

Bighorns	#Days	Fees
7/1 – 7/18 (girls only)	18	\$2,520
7/8 – 7/24 (boys only)	17	\$2,380
7/20 – 8/6 (girls only)	18	\$2,520
8/11 – 8/28 (boys only)	18	\$2,520

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SESSIONS

Entering grades 9-12

The Rocky Mountain sessions are ideal for experienced backpackers looking for a fun challenge. After training and orientation at Widji, groups travel for two days by van to either the Absaroka Mountains or the Spanish Peak Range of southwestern Montana. Both mountain ranges offer excellent alpine backpacking terrain, providing many opportunities for campers to hike above treeline. One Widji trail counselor leads each group of four to six campers.

Rocky Mountain	#Days	Fees
7/1 – 7/18 (boys only)	18	\$2,520
7/8 – 7/24 (girls only)	17	\$2,380
7/20 – 8/6 (boys only)	18	\$2,520
8/11 – 8/28 (girls only)	18	\$2,520

VISIT WIDJI.ORG TO REGISTER.

Families wishing to be included in our lottery process must register by midnight on December 12th. Open enrollment begins on Monday, December 19th. Registrants will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis according to availability after this date.