

Northern Tier Overview by NCAC High Adventure Committee

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2021 NCAC Provisional Treks to Northern Tier—Bissett

[Northern Tier](#) is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the Summer, scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the OKPIK Cold-Weather Camping program, the BSA's premier winter high adventure program. Fall programming is also available.

Inaugural trek planned for July 2017

In July 2017, National Capital Area Council first offered a provisional crew to Bissett, Manitoba, the wildest and most remote of the three Northern Tier locations. This trek is expected to mix both experienced high adventure trekkers with those newer to high adventure.

The cost for the trek in 2021 is expected to be approximately \$2,450. Airfare and Canadian exchange rates may impact the final cost. For more information, contact our Council's program liaison, Craig Reichow via [email](#).

Interested youth should complete the [2021 Northern Tier Application](#) as soon as possible. A \$700 deposit, plus completed forms will hold each reservation for this provisional crew opportunity. Once we have filled 12 youth and four adult slots, we will lock in reservations.

Trek information

- To be eligible, youth must be at least 14 years of age or have completed 8th grade prior to arrival at Northern Tier.
- Our Council recommends 10-night treks of wilderness, canoeing and portaging into a Canadian Provincial Park (e.g., Quetico, Atikaki).
- An interpreter (guide) is provided for each trek.
- Each crew includes the interpreter, two adults and up to six youth (larger crew sizes available at Atikokan and Bissett).
- A \$300 crew deposit is required by Northern Tier with each crew application.