

MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE

**Paddle these waters...
...hike these mountains,
have a Scouting adventure
of a lifetime!**



Space Available for 2012

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Opportunities abound throughout northern Maine for extended backcountry travel! Canoeing is by far the most popular mode of travel for Maine High Adventure crews. Paddling is available on lakes, ponds, easy to intermediate streams and rivers, and challenging whitewater. A crew can plan a laid-back relaxing trip, a strenuous demanding trip, or anything in between. Portaging may have to be included... no extra charge! Many groups also include day climbs or side trips in their itinerary. Climbing some of Maine's majestic mountains, as well as visiting historical landmarks or unique natural areas, adds welcome variety to the trip plan. Backpacking is also available for MHA crews, however the options are limited. The scenery is beautiful, but the terrain and footing make backpacking at MHA some of the most demanding found anywhere. *Crews wishing to include backpacking in their trip plan should indicate those desires when scheduling their MHA experience.*

The wilds of northern Maine offer a variety of fascinating environments – enormous lakes carved by glaciers, whitewater churning down rocky rivers, craggy peaks soaring skyward, endless conifer and hardwood forests, abundant wildlife, and a profusion of colorful wildflowers. Maine has an intriguing history featuring the Abenaki Indians, known as the “Dawn People”, Leif Erickson, Henry David Thoreau, and the mighty lumberjacks and sportsmen whose tales and lore have woven a colorful tapestry. Our highly trained MHA trail staff (“Guides”) are well prepared to interpret both the historical and natural wonders of north Maine woods for our crews.

TRIP PLANNING:

Maine High Adventure offers you and your group an opportunity to learn and grow while having fun on a unique and custom designed trek. The key to this successful program is flexibility...flexibility in what you do, as well as, when and where you do it. Crews will receive extensive pre-arrival trek planning information. Itineraries are finalized working with the MHA trip planners on arrival day.

WHERE CAN YOU GO ON YOUR TREK?

Program areas utilized by Maine High Adventure include: the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, the Appalachian Trail, Aroostook River, Baxter State Park, Chesuncook Lake, Grand Lake Matagamon, Grand Lake Sebobeis, Penobscot River (East and West branches), Sebobeis River, and Webster Brook.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ON YOUR TREK?

- **History:** Every MHA trek Guide is prepared to share knowledge about the unique and diverse history of the area.
- **Backcountry Travel:** Learn and practice skills to live and travel comfortably in the woods for extended trips.
- **Low Impact Techniques:** Your guide will show you how to reduce your impact on the environment.
- **Observing Wildlife:** Spot moose, eagle, osprey, otter, black bear, and a host of other species in *their* natural environment.
- **Swimming:** Enjoy a dip in cool blue lakes and pools.
- **Ecology:** Every Maine High Adventure guide is prepared to share knowledge of the flora, fauna, and geology with the crew.
- **Backcountry Navigation:** Use map and compass to travel through the north Maine woods.
- **Rump-bumping:** Float feet first down rushing whitewater while wearing protective gear.
- **Whitewater Instruction:** learn the techniques necessary to safely and successfully paddle challenging waters.
- **Fishing:** For the patient and determined angler, species such as trout, salmon, perch, bass and chub lurk in the waters of northern Maine.
- **Conservation Projects:** Satisfy part of the Fifty Miler award requirements.
- **Photography:** Opportunities abound for activity shots, as well as capturing Maine's scenic wonder.
- **Cooking and Baking on Fire:** while becoming a lost art for many young people, we offer our groups the chance to build and use fire correctly (MHA uses primarily wood fires, under LNT guidelines, for cooking purposes, however stove use is also taught and used in certain areas).
- **Star Gazing:** Nature has provided Maine High Adventure with a wonderful classroom for studying the night sky.
- **Floatplane Travel:** For an additional charge, crews may be able to use a plane to transport themselves and their equipment to or from their put-in or take-out points. *Subject to availability.* Another less expensive option is a sightseeing circle flight.

A MAXIMUM SCOUTING EXPERIENCE
(MHA is available to non-Scout, youth-oriented groups)

MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE

2012 Summer Reservation Form

PLANNING DETAILS:

Where is Maine High Adventure?: Although your trek will lead your crew into the vast back country of Northern Maine, your initial destination is our base camp operation – Matagamon High Adventure Base located at the northeast corner of Baxter State Park, on Grand Lake Matagamon, 27 miles northwest of Patten, Maine, and 37 miles off of Interstate 95.

Crew size: 7 to 11 including adults (larger groups are welcome, requires multiple MHA crews).

Adult leadership: one leader 21 or over required while at MHA, two usually required while traveling in route to/from MHA. Co-ed crews require one male and one female leader at least 21 years old.

***Minimum age:** 13 before Sept. 1, 2012

BSA Registration: all crew members must be currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America*

Non-BSA Groups: Please contact the MHA office for more information.

Trip length: 8 day trips are most popular, the minimum is 6 paid days. Longer trips offer great options!

Arrival and departure: can occur on any day of the week.

First paid day: arrival day (DAY ONE), plan to arrive between 8 and 9 am.

Last paid day: day your crew comes off-the-trail. We provide dinner, showers, and tent lodging that night.

Departure: usually takes place the morning after your crew comes off the trail.

FINANCIAL DETAILS:

Cost: based on length of trip and size of crew. See fee schedule matrix below.

Fee includes: FULL TIME accompaniment by well-trained MHA trail staff, all food from arrival to departure, all crew trail equipment, and 350 miles of round trip ground transport to/from put-in/pull-out points.

Additional or potential additional costs:

- cost of travel to/from MHA.
- lodging or camping arrangements for night prior to MHA arrival.
- user fees, campsites and any extra transportation (over the 350 miles included) incurred during trip planning on arrival day. ***MHA strongly recommends crews budget \$75 to \$85 per person to cover these costs.**
- fishing licenses
- float plane option during trek.
- 8x10 color crew photos
- lost or damaged trail equipment



RESERVATION PROCESS:

- Call or email with: 1. first and second choice arrival days, 2. length of trip, and 3. anticipated number of people in total group. Please check age eligibility of all participants.
- After confirmation by MHA, telephone/email reservations will be held for 10 days pending receipt of reservation form and deposit.
- Complete planning and information packet sent after receipt of deposit.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- \$500.00 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit per crew is required..
- First half-balance payment due February 1. Crews registering after February 1 are expected to make the first half balance payment within 30 days of their deposit. The Advisors Preparation Kit, containing participant manuals, medical forms, etc., will be sent upon receipt of the first half balance payment.
- Payment of the remaining balance is due May 1. Crews that register after February 1 may be granted a later due date for their remaining balance payment.
- For payment and refund purposes, crews need to confirm group size prior to the May 1st, for remaining balance, payment. Note: Additional crew members can be added after final payment (up to the maximum 11 per crew). Payments for additional crew members can be made on arrival day. **LARGER CREWS ARE ENCOURAGED.**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Crews canceling or shortening their trip between February 1 and May 1 will lose \$200.00 per day based on the length of their scheduled trip.
- After the May 1 (or remaining balance) payment, there are NO REFUNDS for crews that cancel or bring fewer crew members. Crews that shorten their trip after May 1, will be charged \$200.00 per each cancelled day.

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Call 1-207-866-2241 (M-F, 8:00-4:30 EST.) or e-mail info@MaineHighAdventure.org, to reserve space or check date availability. If you get our machine, please leave your name, number and requested dates in your message. Thank you!

2012	11 people	10 people	9 people	8 people	7 people
12 nights	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$62	\$64
11 nights	\$60	\$60	\$62	\$64	\$66
10 nights	\$60	\$62	\$64	\$66	\$68
9 nights	\$62	\$64	\$66	\$68	\$70
8 nights	\$64	\$66	\$68	\$70	\$72
7 nights	\$66	\$68	\$70	\$72	\$74
6 nights	\$68	\$70	\$72	\$74	\$76

Cost Per person Per Day

*Revised



MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE 2012 SUMMER RESERVATION

Summer Season - June 19 through August 15

(earlier or later trips may be possible, please contact the MHA office)

Venture Crew #: _____ Troop #: _____ Team #: _____ Other: _____
 of _____ City _____ State _____ From _____ BSA Council (if applicable) _____

We desire the following type of trek:

Canoeing Backpacking Day Hiking Combination Trip of: _____

Dates 1st choice _____ arrival _____ to _____ departure _____ 2nd choice _____ arrival _____ to _____ departure _____ Number of Paid Days _____

Please reserve space for _____ crews, consisting of _____ young people and _____ adults. Is this a co-ed group: Yes No

Enclosed is \$500.00 / crew. WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT REFUNDABLE BUT THAT IT DOES APPLY TO THE TOTAL COST OF THE TRIP.

Advisor's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Numbers (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____

E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to: MHA, Katahdin Area Council, BSA, P.O. Box 1869, Bangor, ME 04402-1869