

Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey

History

- High Adventure Service program
- Partnership of the Order of Arrow, Northern Tier HA Base and US FS
- Established 1998
- Participants are from all over the US, Far East and Transatlantic councils
- MSP – most participants fly into the MSP airport
- Two programs now being offered – Wilderness Voyage in the BWCAW and Canadian Odyssey is out of Atikokan camp in Quetico Provincial Park
- Many participants have not flown before by themselves
- Greeting program provides comfort for the parents

Greeter program

- Hank Siefert and Rich Koechlein have been our coordinators for past 10 years
- Volunteers greeters from Dan Patch and Mustang have served as greeters at the airport
 - Scouts are told to grab their gear and meet at a designated spot (Door 4)
 - Greeters – 2-3 adults; youth have helped out but there must be two adults
- Once all participants are gathered they walk to the bus pick up area for transportation to the b base (Ely Cab)
- Times: approximately 8 AM-1 PM
- Communicate with Base and Ely Cab (cell phones are critical)
- OA leadership at Northern Tier are in regular contact with the coordinator
- Segersin provides information we have on participants
- We ask the OA leadership to contact before travel date to get cell phones, flights, etc.
- Procedures established for missed flights. Late arrivals, etc.

2011 Programs

- 9 Sessions scheduled
 - Week 1: **June 8-22nd**
 - Week 9: **August 3-17th**
 - Greeting day is Wednesday each week
- August 16 (Tuesday) is last banquet. Greeters and coordinators have participated at the base
- Year End recognition – thank you for greeting team

Service Request

- Lodge provide service to the NT base and national OA program by taking formal role
- Adult coordinator who can coordinate communication and getting greeters to cover the 9 Wednesdays
- Coordinator does not to be at the airport each week but will need to get information to the lead greeter
- Recruit team of adults who can serve
- Historically about 8-10 people have covered the dates during the summer. More people means the same folks don't have to do it each week
- Rich Koechlein will help train the coordinator and is available to be a greeter next summer (not every week). Others will help too.
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