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Weekend Programs

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(It's worth the drive!)

Units looking for more adventure will enjoy weekend camping at Cole Canoe Base. The base is located approximately 3 hours north of the city of Detroit, near Alger Michigan. Nestled next to the beautiful Rifle River, Cole Canoe Base offers camper an opportunity to canoe from the second weekend in April through the last weekend in October.

"The Base" is open to all units including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Crews. We hope to see you up north real soon.

Cole Canoe Base has a total of 130 canoes for rent. Canoes may be reserved for any trip until all canoes are rented. Canoes will carry two people. One of the canoes may hold three people to act as a relief person in case of injury or accident. All others will carry two people.

The base camp will provide tent sites, latrines, water and a trading post. Program opportunities may be available from the staff in May, June and September. Each unit will provide it's own food and camping equipment. (some equipment is available on a rental basis).

The Camper Shower Building is open year around. Now you can get as dirty as you want and enjoy a nice warm shower to clean up.

The camp trading post is available to serve your needs for camp equipment, uniform parts, snacks or souvenirs.

Enjoy winter in the north country with sledding, snow shoes (rental available), cross country skiing and hiking trails (bring you own skis).

Camping Opportunities

White Pine Cabin

This beautiful cabin includes cooking facilities, sleeping for 24 in two bunk rooms of 12, two separate toilet and shower facilities inside and an atmosphere that is north country lodge. Come north and try this great facility any time of year for a super weekend of fun and natural beauty.

Tent Sites

Campsites are available even if you are interested in just a peaceful weekend of activities other than canoeing. Campsite fees apply if you are not renting canoes. Choose one of our 16 beautifully maintained tent sites at "The Base". Whether your looking for a spot right on the river, or wanting a space for a large we have it all.

Cole Canoe Base Programs

River Trips

High Banks trip: Scouts wishing to take a one day trip down the Rifle River will enjoy the High Banks trip. This is the basic weekend canoe trip. Starting upstream, canoeists will take approximately five hours to paddle down to the base. This trip is only available on Saturdays.

The Big Run: Older Scouts may wish to take the challenge of the Big Run. The Big Run starts with the North Landing trip on Saturday. The Scouts camp at base and continue down the river on Sunday to the M-70 bridge. This exciting longer trip requires a more experienced canoeist to meet the challenges.

Special Trips: Special trips may be arranged by contacting the Camping Director at least 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the proposed trip by calling the Water Scout Center at 248-338-0035.

Canoe Fees: The fees are per canoe and include: paddles, personal floatation devices (P.F.D.), and the transportation of canoes. Transportation of individuals is the responsibility of the unit. Campsite fee is included in rental.

Activities to do while in camp

Hiking: Cole has 10 miles of wilderness hiking trails that are marked with overnight and low impact campsites available for your backpacking pleasure. The trails lead through many different types of forest and along the river. Cole is a certified American tree farm and has one of the greatest variety of trees and plants for study.

Snowshoes and Cross Country: The same hiking trails are just as beautiful and exciting in the snow. Bring your cross country equipment or snowshoes can be rented from camp. (contact ranger at check-in). See the great white north woods as our forefathers saw them and get some great exercise.

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