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# Cole Canoe Base

## High Adventure for All Generations



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## Tri-River Challenge

Cole Canoe Base (CCB) boasts having one of the largest selections of High Adventure programs available to your unit outside of the National High Adventure Bases. Developed over several years, the CCB Tri-River Challenge will not only provide a high level of activity for your unit over several years, but also give your unit honors when it comes to canoeing. To earn this award and patches, you must complete all three High Adventure

Canoe Treks:

- The Rifle River 50-Miler
- Au Sable 75-Miler
- Fox-Manistique 100-Miler



Following completion of these three treks, your unit will be eligible to earn all parts of the Tri-River Challenge patch collection, in addition to receiving a name board on the Wall of Honor.

## Rifle River 50-Miler

During this trek, your unit will be able to experience 4 days of canoeing on the Rifle River. Starting at Grousehaven Lake, the unit will spend the day paddling before reaching North Landing for their first night on the river. Here your unit will continue with their trek back to base camp. While at CCB, your unit can refresh their supplies and shower. The next day your unit will continue its paddle before resting for the night at Riverview Campground, showers are also available. While there, your unit can relax and set up camp for the night after checking in with the main office. The following morning, your unit will complete its last leg of the trip. It is recommended to start this last leg no later than 8:30am. This will allow your unit to be on the river and arrive at Omer Fishing Site in time to head back to base camp for the evening activities. At the Friday night campfire, your unit will be recognized as having completed the 50-mile trek.



## Climbing Program

### The Bouldering Wall

An exciting event on a 12' off the ground wall, but MOST challenging. That's right, we have it all from wall to wall. Even if your Scouts are not taking Climbing Merit Badge, sign your troop up and let them try their hands "and feet" on our bouldering wall. It is equally as challenging for your older Scouts as it is for your new Scouts.

### The Climbing Tower

32 feet of extreme FUN!!!

- Climbing and Rappelling
- Climb on Safely Training
- Rappelling



## Adventure Foods®

CCB has developed a partnership with Adventure Foods® which will provide dehydrated meals for all of CCB's river treks. Any time there is a unit on the river for a meal, the menu will be dehydrated. CCB has been using Adventure Foods® for the past 5 years on all High Adventure treks. These tasty products have been taste tested to ensure that quality and standards are still met. The option to have refrigerated food is still available for those units who wish it.

## River Ranger Program

This program was designed after the Philmont Ranger Program, and gives the older youth leaders, junior adult leaders and adult leaders of your unit the opportunity to become river guides on the CCB High Adventure staff. After completing the requirements, the River Ranger becomes eligible to earn River Ranger Patch, Rocker, and Shirt. In addition, they will need to have the following:

- Canoeing Merit Badge
- First Aid Merit Badge
- Wilderness Survival Merit Badge
- Knot tying basic skills
- 20+ nights of tent camping



## Pictured Rocks Trek

In addition to High Adventure canoe treks, CCB offers a 50-mile hike along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This again is a trek that must be planned prior to your unit's arrival in camp and is dependant upon a tour permit issued by the National Park Service. The more advanced notice CCB receives, the greater the chance your unit will be able to obtain a tour permit. On this trek, your unit will hike 9-11 miles per day and camp along the shore of Lake Superior. This trek will provide a great platform for your unit to begin it's venture into High Adventure hiking and camping. Contact the Council Camping Department with any questions you may have concerning this hike.



## Au Sable 75-Miler

This trek offers even more of a challenge to those experienced canoeists in your unit. This trek offers more mileage, higher difficulty and more adventure packed into 4 days on the Au Sable River. Your unit will grow and develop as a unit as it is tested on a different river with different currents, challenges, scenery and wildlife. This trip begins just outside the city of Roscommon before ending just outside the city of Mio.



## Fox-Manistique Rivers 100-Miler

Developed to be the most challenging of all our High Adventure River Treks. The 100-miler will test your units ability to work together and survive 5 days on the wild Fox-Manistique Rivers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Unlike previous river trips, the 100-miler offers the chance to experience the outdoors almost completely independent from outside influences. This provides even the most experienced canoeist a challenge. In addition, the 100-miler takes more out of camp planning, and is only available with pre-camp arrangements. All units looking to take part in the 100-miler canoe trek should contact the Camping Department at the Waterford Scout Center by May 1.



