

# **1<sup>st</sup> Kanata Scouts – Algonquin Canoe Trip 2006**

## **Risk Management Plan**

### **Location**

Algonquin Park, Ontario. Circular route starting and ending at Canoe Lake (see details of route below).

### **Dates and Timetable;**

Dates: Saturday 5th Aug to Saturday 12th August, 2006

All participants to arrive at the permit office on Canoe Lake by 11 am on the start date. Pick-up will be at 4:00 pm on the finish date. Parents will be providing transport to- and from Canoe Lake.

### **Route:**

Route shown on extract of Algonquin Park Canoe Map below.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Aug: Start Access Point 5 (Canoe Lake) – Joe Lake – Teepee Lake – Fawn Lake – Littledoe Lake (camp for the night).

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Aug: Little Doe – Tom Thomson Lake – Ink Lake – McIntosh Lake (camp for the night)

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Aug: McIntosh Lake – McIntosh Creek – White Trout Lake (camp for the night)

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Aug: White Trout Lake – Big Trout Lake – Merchant Lake (camp for the night)

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Aug: Merchant Lake (rest day – second night here)

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Aug: Merchant Lake – Happy Isle Lake – Shiner Lake – Otterslide Lake (camp for the night)

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Aug: Otterslide Lake – Little Otterslide Lake – Burnt Island Lake (camp for the night)

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Aug: Burnt Island Lake – Baby Doe Lake – Little Joe Lake – Joe Lake – Canoe Lake – finish.

### **Algonquin Park Reservations**

Booking Number # 1098018 (in name of <snip>), 1098019 (in name of <snip>), 1097024 (in name of <snip>) (3 Sites reserved per night)

### **Emergency Communications:**

Emergency Telephone (Satellite Phone): number TBD to be used for outgoing calls only

Group Home Contact:<snip>

### **Police/Medical Emergency Numbers:**

Police: 24 hour OPP emergency hotline 1-888-310-1122

An ambulance can be reached anywhere in the Park on 1-800-267-5887

Poison Information Phone: (800)267-1373

**Other Useful Numbers:**

Algonquin Park Information: (705) 633 5572

Barry's Bay Hospital (613) 756-3044

Huntsville Hospital (705) 789-2311

Huntsville Ambulance (705) 789-9694

Huntsville O.P.P. (705) 789-5551

**Participants:**

(The Troop will be travelling as 3 completely self-sufficient parties)

Overall Leader-in-Charge: <snip>

**Party #1:**

**Leaders:**

Leader of party: <snip>

Assistant Leader: <snip>

**Youth:**

<snip> (Patrol Leader) <snip>

<snip>

<snip>

**Party #2:**

**Leaders:**

Leader of party: <snip>

Assistant Leader: <snip>

**Youth:**

<snip> (Patrol Leader) <snip>

<snip>

<snip>

<snip>

**Party #3:**

**Leaders:**

Leader of party: <snip>

Assistant Leader: <snip>

Assistant Leader: <snip>

**Youth:**

<snip> (Patrol Leader) <snip>

<snip>

<snip>

## Risk Management

Activity	Risk	Like liho od	Response
Travel to/from Site	Accident	L	Parents responsible for transporting youth to/from start/finish
	Getting Lost	L	Parents given directions to Canoe Lake
General at Camp	General		In addition to other measures detailed here, safety will be enhanced by the following rules: Shoes to be worn at all times in campsite (and in water). No open sandals allowed. Kitchen to be located in safe position, without cross-traffic near cooking area. No youth to wander off without permission from leader, and no youth to wander alone.
	Scouts getting lost or split up	M	Troop is travelling as 3 independent groups, except in case of difficult weather conditions, when they will group together. Within each group there will be three canoes: one with leaders, two with youth. Land – On portages, as far as possible, each party will cross the portage together, and not get widely separated. Water –Leaders' canoe will act as sweep, but keep leading youth canoe within earshot at all times.
	Axes/Saws/Knives	L	Not to be used by uncertified Scouts. No axes to be used on trip. Saws to be used under leader supervision only.

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	Fire/Stoves	M	<p>Fires only in fire pits, and only in the evening. A campfire will only be permitted if it poses no threat to tents. No campfires will be lit in windy conditions. All fires to be flooded to put them out.</p> <p>Stoves only to be used on the ground (never on makeshift tables).</p> <p>Store fuel away from fires and stoves.</p> <p>A bucket of water will be kept on hand to extinguish fires.</p> <p>No cooking in tents.</p>
First aid	General	-	<p>Troop First Aid Kit and designated Scouter who holds it on each site will be identified</p> <p>First Aid qualified Scouters on each site</p> <p>Scout physical fitness forms carried in kit</p> <p>Satellite Phone Available</p> <p>1 Scouter (Nigel Ward) has Wilderness First Aid Training.</p>
	Burns	M	<p>Stove/Lantern training has been provided</p> <p>Fires only in firepit and supervised</p>
	Drowning	M	<p>PFDs to be worn at all times on/near water</p> <p>PFD fitting/approval check</p> <p>CPR/AR certified Scouters</p> <p>Buoyant heaving lines in canoes</p> <p>1 Scouter (Nigel Ward) has Boat Rescue Award certification</p>
	Sickness – Water	M	See Drinking Water
	Sickness – Toilet Hygiene	M	<p>Hand washing facilities to be provided by path to toilet box.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer also available when en-route.</p>
	Hypothermia	M	<p>Check all Scouts have rainwear, hat, sweater before leaving Kanata</p>

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	Hyperthermia	M	Everyone to have effective sun hat and carry full litre of water at start of day. Water will be refilled at regular intervals while en route. Everyone to use Sunscreen
Drinking water	Sickness	L	Lake water will be treated with Pristine – kills protozoans, bacteria and viruses. Pump filters to be used while en route: removes protozoans and bacteria: viral risk is very low in backcountry.
Equipment Failure / Damage	Camping Equip	M	Spares kit– pegs, pole repair, duct tape etc to be carried.
	Canoes	M	Duct Tape! Spare paddles Bailer in every canoe
Wildlife	Bears	L	No food in tents Bear safety overview on Saturday evening. Food stored away from camp in Blue Barrels. Greatest care to be taken to avoid food odors in the campsite area.
	Racoons/Skunks etc	M	idem
Food	Allergies	M	No nuts on menu, <snip> (who has allergies) will not eat eggs or ground beef.
	Spoilage - Safe Storage	M	Fresh food eaten first, followed by food suitable for storage without cooling
Water Activities	Safety	M	PFDs to be worn by everyone when on the water. Youth to wear PFDs at all times when near or in or on the water (except when swimming within their depth whilst closely supervised by leaders). Canoe training held prior to trip, and all youth have practiced canoe-over-canoe rescue. All canoes to carry buoyant

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			heaving line, paddle, bailer, front painter. All canoeists to carry a whistle attached to their PFD. Location: Mostly sheltered, smaller lakes chosen to match skill level. No swift/white-water. Some creeks with slow current. When weather conditions become adverse (windy with significant waves), the Troop will travel as one party under the leadership of <snip>. The 30/30 rule will be applied to thunderstorms (get off water as fast as possible when thunder follows lightning by less than 30 seconds; stay off water until 30 minutes have elapsed since last thunder occurred).

### **DIRECTIONS TO NEAREST HOSPITAL**

Evacuation of a casualty during the trip can be most effectively made by the Park authorities (summoned by satellite phone).

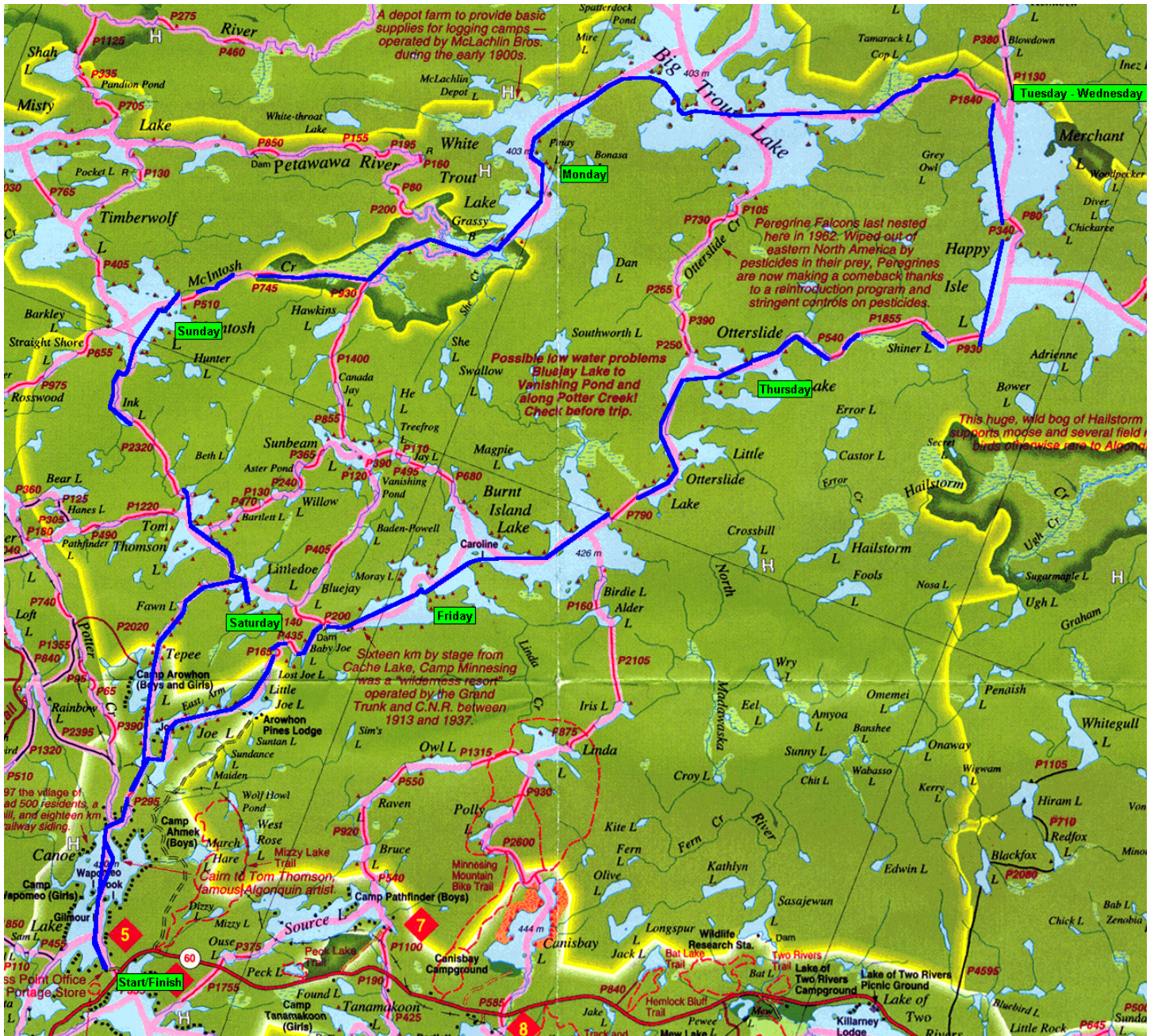
The nearest hospital to Canoe Lake access point is:

Huntsville District Memorial Hospital  
 354 Muskoka Road 3 North,  
 Huntsville , ON , P1H 1H7  
 Phone: (705) 789-2311 (Main Switchboard)  
 (705) 789-0022 (Automated Attendant)

The hospital provides a 24-hour emergency room.

To reach the hospital, take hwy 60 west out of the park to the town of Huntsville (approximately 56 km). At a traffic light intersection with Muskoka Road 3 (by a Tim Horton's and a Shoppers' Drug Mart), turn right (north) onto Muskoka Road 3, and the hospital is approximately 250 m up a slight hill. See map below.





Map of route showing daily stages (blue lines) and overnight camping locations (green labels).