

**7-13 July 2018**  
**Maine High Adventure Wilderness Canoe Trek**  
**TRAINING CONTRACT**

In August 2018, Scouting Collective 56 will embark on a wilderness canoe trek with BSA's Maine High Adventure (MHA), formerly a National High Adventure Base (like Philmont) now run by the Katahdin Council. You should consider this trip to be a "Philmont on water" and not just a great wilderness adventure but a transformative experience of youth leadership development. Some details:

- You must be 13 years of age before Sept 1, 2018
- We leave Cambridge July 7<sup>th</sup> and return to Cambridge July 13<sup>th</sup>
- 6 nights in camp, 2 travel days on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>
- This will allow us unparalleled opportunities for viewing of wildlife, scenery, and historical artifacts
- Boats, camping gear, food, and a guide are provided by MHA. Price varies by crew size and number of days, but will be approximately \$750 total per participant
- We are allowed to bring minimum 7 and maximum 11 (youth + adults) in a crew. Because this is a youth leadership experience, the ratio of youth to adults must be at least 2:1. We may reserve more than one crew but they will not be able to travel the same itineraries.
- Advisors are Andrés Ballesteros and Jeni Pereira

Undertaking this adventure requires a commitment to training, team building, and safety. You may consider it similar to playing a high school varsity sport. In order to be considered for the SC56 2018 Wilderness Canoe Trek, you and your parent must agree to the following:

1. Follow all the behavioral rules of Scouting Collective 56, Maine High Adventure, and the Boy Scouts of America during both the preparation and the trip.
2. Pay the ~\$750 non-refundable fee according to the following schedule:
  - \$150 by December 12<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - \$300 by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018
  - \$300 by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

We will apply for scholarships from the trust in December, with the balance to be determined after scholarships are awarded.

3. The Scout will complete the following requirements
  - Complete the Boy Scout **Canoeing** Merit Badge OR the Venturing Watercraft elective prior to the trek. NOTE: Because of the need for warm swimmable water for the capsizing and rescue skills these activities will be sponsored Aug-June 2017-18.
  - Pass the Boy Scout **Swimming test**.
  - Hold current certification in **Wilderness First Aid and CPR**; this also fulfills all requirements for the Boy Scout First Aid Merit Badge.

- Participate in a 7 hour **conservation project** in order to get the 50 Miler Award. The April or November 2017 service trips will count.
- **Mandatory Shakedown** canoe trip: 5/25-5/28/18 Memorial Day
- **At least one other weekend canoe trip.** We had trips in Sept 2016 and May 2017 which can count. We are currently planning a trip in June 2018 which will also count. If a trip is canceled due to any reason, it will have to be made up.
- Show **teamwork** and Scout spirit.
- Acquire all required **equipment** (list to be given at another date)
- Have a current BSA **medical form** including High Adventure Part D
- Wear the SC56 activity **uniform** (embroidered blue Tshirt, long sleeve shirt, and black fleece jacket) for travel and all other activities during the trek.
- A parent must be willing to come to Maine to **retrieve** you should you need to leave the trek due to injury, illness, or behavior.
- We strongly encourage this as an opportunity for **personal goal setting** by the Scout. Appropriate goals to prepare for such a trek would be Scout advancement such as half of the Ranger requirements (formerly Outdoor Bronze Award (for Venturers)) or First Class (for Boy Scouts). We also encourage personal goals regarding teamwork, nutrition, or leadership experiences. Please list personal goals:

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_

- Agree to a youth/parent/advisor **conference** initially to sign this contract, and one or more times periodically, to discuss how you have accomplished these requirements and goals

YES, I would like to be a member of Scouting Collective 56's 2018 Wilderness Canoe Trek and agree to the above conditions.

Venturer/Scout signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature (if youth < 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_