

# NORTHERN TIER TRIP PLANNED FOR JUNE/JULY 2007

Jeff Stone, Committee Chairman

The Troop Committee is planning another trip to the BSA's Northern Tier High Adventure Base for late June/early July 2007. The opportunity to obtain a reservation with Northern Tier is coming up in early April. In order to determine how large a contingent is expected for reservation purposes, we are asking interested Scouts and Scouters to sign-up as soon as possible. Scouts must be 13 years old by January 1, 2007 or 13 years old and have completed the seventh grade by the time we arrive at Northern Tier in late June 2007 (the exact date will be determined when our reservation is confirmed) and a Star Scout or higher in rank. Once we receive confirmation of our reservation, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 per participant will need to be paid within 30 days to allow the troop to fund a non-refundable payment to Northern Tier necessary to hold our reservation.

The size of our contingent is a major factor in the determination of the cost for the trip because of the transportation component. A standard crew size for Northern Tier consists of eight members, including a minimum of two adults. For our 2000 and 2003 trips, we reserved four crews. In 2003, we ended up assigning one entire crew to another troop in order to have enough participants to hold down our overall cost per participant to our original budgeted level. We have had a large problem with cancellations from our last couple of High Adventure trips, so it is important for interested participants to remember that all funds paid towards one of our High Adventure trips are considered non-refundable in the event of cancellation. If we have achieved maximum participation for a trip in which some individuals have cancelled, and if sufficient funds are available to make refunds to non-participants, then refunds will be considered after the trip.

