



Scout Naturalist Program

Summer 2001

Massawepie Scout Reservation
Otetiana Council, B.S.A.

Learn to be a Scout Naturalist in our fun two-week summer camp program!

Do you enjoy exploring forest, field, and stream in search of animals and plants? Do you like teaching? Adult leaders, explorers, and scouts age 13 and older, can participate in a two-week Scout Naturalist program at Massawepie Scout Reservation during the summer of 2001.

Our program will give you the skills needed to lead scouts to learn about nature during troop meetings and on camping trips that explore natural areas.

During the first week, you will sharpen your "self-taught naturalist" skills. On week two, learn how to be a wilderness guide as we canoe and backpack through the Cranberry Lakes Natural Area.

WEEK ONE: Camp Pioneer

Learn naturalist skills as you:

- snorkel in a lake, wade in a stream, and walk through a "quaking bog" to study aquatic organisms.
- explore forests from ground floor to canopy.
- use field guides to identify plants, animals, and rocks of the Massawepie Lake area.
- mountain bike to unusual and remote natural areas.
- visit the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake to learn about Northwoods history.
- learn about wildlife management and forestry from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation rangers.

Develop teaching & leadership skills as you:

- problem solve with scout naturalists on a simulated jungle trek.
- put together a "troop nature study prop box." (free materials!)
- lead a successful nature walk.
- build a self-guided nature trail.
- make nature fun by leading games that teach ecology concepts to scouts.
- gain ideas for conducting conservation projects in your community.
- hear Adirondack storytellers during evening campfires and learn to tell your own stories.
- plan the itinerary for our wilderness trip by examining maps,



guidebooks, and interviewing Adirondack residents.

WEEK TWO: Cranberry Lakes Wilderness

Learn wilderness guide skills as you:

- refine your canoeing and backpacking skills.
- observe eagles, loons, beavers, deer, and snakes.
- visit a "Logging Days Ghost Town."
- keep a wildlife journal and sketchbook.
- develop stalking skills needed to get close to wildlife.
- prepare meals supplemented by edible wild plants.
- explore the wilderness at night to observe nocturnal animals.
- visit old-growth forests and walk under towering trees.
- learn camping techniques that will shorten the time spent in the camp site and give your group more time in the woods!

Scouts will be able to earn the following merit badges during both weeks of the program:



Canoeing



Forestry



Bird Study



**Fish and
Wildlife
Management**



**Wilderness
Survival**

What's next after the Scout Naturalist Training?

You will meet with Marty to evaluate your skills and write a plan to use your training by serving as a naturalist for your scout troop.

You will be awarded the "loon patch".

As you serve as a Scout Naturalist, you can complete the requirements to earn the three patch strips: Interpreter, Conservationist, and Trip Leader.

Scout Naturalist Director:

[Marty Brazeau](#), Adirondack Voyageur, Maine Guide, B.S.A., Masters Degree in Environmental Education, Northeast Region National Camp School Ecology Conservation Section Staff, 15 years of teaching experience, professional storyteller. E-mail Marty at scoutnature2001@aol.com

Registration Information:

1. Program filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Scouts must be age 13 as of January 1, 2001. Total fee of \$450 includes everything except travel to camp and personal gear.

2. Send registration form with a non-refundable \$100 deposit to:

**Scout Naturalist Program, Camping Department,
Otetiana Council, Inc., 474 East Avenue,
Rochester, New York 14607**

Make check payable to: **Otetiana Council, Inc.**

3. To hold your spot, deposit must be received by April 1.

4. An equipment to bring list, and other needed information will be sent after your deposit is received.

5. Remaining payment of \$350 is due by May 15.

6. After May 15, e-mail Marty at scoutnature2001@aol.com to see if openings are still available.

No e-mail? Call Marty in the evenings at 410-665-7462.

7. A few camperships are available to registered Otetiana Council scouts; for information call 716-241-8545.

Scout Naturalist Program Registration Form

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Evening Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

I am: (circle) boy scout explorer adult leader
other: _____

Unit number: _____

Scout Rank: _____

Leadership position: _____

age: (if under age 21) _____

Register me for the following session: (check one)

☐ Session 1: July 1- July 14, 2001

☐ Session 2: July 15 - July 28, 2001

☐ Session 3: July 29 - August 11, 2001