EXPEDITION CANOEING SCHOOL

Distinguished Eagle Scout, award-winning author, outdoorsman and veteran guide will host a fundraiser workshop for the Northern Star Council Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund April 1-3, 2011.

Taking the troop to the BWCA this summer or on a river paddling adventure? Dreaming of an extended wilderness trip? Perhaps you really need a refresher covering the fundamentals. Sharpen your backcountry skills and learn advanced expedition planning from legendary paddler Cliff Jacobson! How legendary? A quick Google & Amazon search will give you the answer!

Cliff, has donated a weekend of his time to conduct this special workshop. Registration is open to the public. All proceeds will go to the Northern Star Council's Eagle Scout Scholarship fund that provides post secondary scholarships for 25 Northern Star Council Eagle Scouts. This hands-on workshop covers advanced topics a Scouter needs to know to lead an advanced high adventure trip as well as core camping skills to make any trip safer and more enjoyable. Topics include: trip planning & logistics, vehicle and trailer concerns; maps, river profiling, navigation with compass and GPS; canoe selection and outfitting; essential tripping gear, packing and portaging; signals and communications; storm proofing your camp; essential knots and hitches; rigging rain tarps; menus and food preparation; critter-proofing your camp; dealing with bears, making fire in the rain; and more!

In addition to meals and lodging, participants will receive: two of Cliff's books -- Expedition Canoeing, 20th Anniversary Edition, Basic Illustrated, Map & Compass, Cliff's "Forgotten Skills" video, an event shirt and a razor sharp Swedish Mora bushcraft knife. Additionally, there will be a silent auction with loads of gear from Cliff's favorite suppliers!

The training will take place at the Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp in Houlton, WI, (just outside of Stillwater, MN) April 1-3, 2011. Participants are invited to arrive on the evening of Friday, April 1 and stay through the morning of Sunday, April 3. The core program will be Saturday the 2nd, with slideshows, Q&A and other supplementary program starting 7:30 Friday night and continuing Sunday morning for those who wish to spend the both nights in camp. **Cost is $175, all meals included. Space is limited to 35.**

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For questions about the event or to register, contact Tiffany Swenson at 651-254-9144 or email tswenson@nsbsa.org to reserve a spot or to receive a schedule.