



April 19, 2010

Greetings,

I hope and trust that you are well. We at the Boundary Waters Experience (BWX) are excited about our time together and our opportunity to serve your group and God this summer!

This packet contains the following pieces of information that you will find helpful as your trip date nears.

- **Clothing & Equipment List**
- **Medical Consent & Release Form**
- **Registration Form II**
- **Directions to the BWX**

These documents are also available on the website www.BWExperience.com. Please read through this information carefully and contact us if we can be of any additional help.

*** The following is important information for group leaders to know and communicate to participants and parents. Please review carefully.**

REGISTRATION FORM PART II

- We are asking you to fill out the Registration Form again and return it to us by June 1st, with the Medical Consent & Release Form.
- This allows us to learn of any changes that have occurred in the composition of the group (gender, age, leadership, and Christian content).

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- Be sure you and your participants have all the items listed on the Clothing & Equipment List. Each item is very important for your safety and well being during your week at the Boundary Waters Experience. Rain gear and hiking boots are of the highest importance. Prepare the trip participants for the reality that items not listed, will not go on the trail. To help with this packing process, show your participants the Gear Packing Video (DVD & www.BWExperience.com).
- Bring a clean set of clothing for the trip home. These items will be left in a safe dry place at the base camp while you are on trail.
- Please do not bring any food to the base camp. We will provide all of the food for the experience.
- Fishing: You are welcome to take advantage of fishing in the Boundary Waters. Each fisherperson will need to provide their own fishing poles and tackle, as well as have a valid Minnesota fishing licence. Please pack tackle in small containers (Tupperware) rather than large tackle boxes. State fishing licences can be purchased gas stations and bait shops in Ely.
- Please let campers know that they can bring money for the camp store, which sells T-shirts, stickers, postcards and snacks (\$10 - \$30)



MEDICAL, CONSENT, AND RELEASE FORM

- Everyone must have the medical form completed by a physician or a guardian. A physician's signature is not required; however, a parent or guardian's signature is required if the participant is under the age of eighteen. Please make certain that your students also have the Accident Insurance portion completed. No students or leaders will be permitted to go on the trail without this information completed. Please send these forms to the BWX (summer address – listed on the back page or this letter) by June 1st, as they aid us in preparing for eating and allergic conditions.
- Keep a copy of these forms so that you and the BWX can go over the information. Any allergies, medical conditions, and food conditions will be relayed to our staff during your "five day call-in" (discussed later in this letter).

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- It is the BWX policy to not allow tobacco, drugs, alcohol, firearms, or knives (of any kind). Electronic devices (ipod's, etc) will be held in a safe place at the base camp.

FIVE-DAY CALL-IN

- In order to best serve you and prepare for your trip, we schedule a telephone conversation between the BWX Trail Guide and a trip leader from your group to discuss last minute details of the trip. Times for these calls will be arranged by our staff and you, and should occur five days prior to your trip (Tuesday). During these calls, please have the following information gathered and ready to share with our staff:
 - Final group size and gender breakout
 - Any medical issues that exist within your campers (allergies, vegetarians, medications, etc.) Any prescription drugs must be discussed with the Trail Guide prior to the trip.
 - Any changes to the Registration Packet (you filled it out when you sent in the contract):
 - Take time to think and pray about the needs, goals, content, and your involvement in your trip, such as scripture topics, and themes to be discussed.

ARRIVAL TIMES AT CAMP

- For Week-Long-Trips: Please plan to arrive at the BWX Base Camp between 3:00PM and 4:00PM on Saturday.
- For Short-Trips: Please plan to arrive at the BWX Base Camp at 9:00AM or earlier on Saturday.
- Because there are multiple trips each week, we stagger the arrival times of groups. To receive your group's specific arrival time is, please call the BWX (612) 743-7700 when you arrive in Ely. The BWX is a five-minute drive from Ely.
- There are many fast food restaurants, stores, and a park to spend time in while in Ely.



FINAL PAYMENTS

Final payments of trip fees are to be paid by April 1st. If you have a balance, it must be paid prior to arriving at the base camp.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE BWX DURING THE SUMMER

On June 1st we will move to our summer office in Ely. The best ways to communicate with us is via e-mail or voice-mails. Our staff will check these messages regularly. If you need to speak with us immediately, please call us at (612) 743-7700. The following information will also serve as the emergency contact information for parents that may need to reach the camp.

Summer Office
June 1st – August 15th
175 Kawishiwi Trail
Ely, MN 55731
Mobile (612) 743-7700
e-mail BWX@mac.com

Winter Office
August 15th – May 31st
6304 Brookview Avenue
Edina, MN 55424
Mobile (612) 743-7700
e-mail BWX@mac.com

We are excited and looking forward to serving your friends and being with you this summer. Please contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus Andrusko".

Marcus Andrusko
BWV Director