



2026 BWCA Mission Trip

Saturday, August 8 to Sunday, August 15. Cost \$575 (Scholarships Available)

For current 8th-12th Grade Students. 6th & 7th grade students require an adult guardian. Members can invite one friend. Sign up by Sunday, May 24, 2026

Caring for God's Creation. Be restored in the Boundary Waters (; doing service work of campsite maintenance and restoration.

Here's the details...

First Day Saturday, August 8 – Off to the North Country

We will take the day to get to know one another and the Northwoods including the Sudan Underground Mine and the Wolf Center and/or Bear Center. We will spend the night at a local church. Eat breakfast before you come. Bring a bag lunch you will enjoy at a rest stop.

Second Day Sunday, August 9 – Welcome to Rock Ridge

Worship with the hosting congregation. Orientation for our Service Work

Arrive to Rock Ridge for Orientation for our Boundary Water Trip.

The Packing List on back can be supplemented by Rock Ridge so everyone will be safe and comfortable while in the wilderness.

Third Day Monday, August 10 – Entry into the Boundary Waters

We will wake up early, be dropped off at our entry point and paddle into the Boundary Waters. We will get to our base camp either on this day or the next.

Days in BWCA Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 11-13 – Exploration and Service

We will wake up with the sun and go to sleep under the stars. Each day we will have a project to complete. When finished we have the rest of the day to explore. Projects are trail and camp site maintenance, including restoration and general clean up. It is similar to "Adopt a Freeway," we are adopting an area of the Boundary Waters.

Seventh Day Friday, August 14 – Return Home

We will wake up at sunrise and head to our exit point. We will return to Rock Ridge to enjoy a Sauna and Showers to clean up for the trip home. As a group we will choose what our Celebration meal will be while traveling back to St. Luke's. We will call families when close.

TBD Worship Celebration

This will be our way to thank the congregation for their support and prayers.

What to Pack

We suggest you take two complete sets of clothing on your canoe trip. Wear one and pack one. Also pack clothes for the 2nd Day and the trip home. We will keep those clean and dry at the camp.

- Sleeping Bag (water resistant, compactable. Available to rent from the outfitter)
- 2 Pair Pants (preferably not jeans, they do not dry well when wet)
- 1 Long sleeve shirts
- 3 Short sleeve shirts
- 3+ Set of underwear
- 3+ Pair of boot-length socks (wool & water resistant is best. Avoid cotton)
- 1 Pair of footwear that will be completely submerged in water (Teva/Keen/Tennies - covering toes)
- Lightweight shoes (for around camp)
- Fleece jacket or Wool sweater
- 2 Hats (1 for shade and 1 for warmth)
- Swimming suit
- Rain Gear (Hooded Jacket and Rain Pants. Ponchos are useless)
- Towel & wash cloth
- Handkerchief
- Toiletries
- Sunglasses
- Gloves

- Flashlight or Headlamp & spare batteries
- Insect repellent
- Sun block
- Water Bottles (32oz Nalgene type is best)

Optional – *Note anything you bring that is lost, stolen, or broken is your responsibility.*

- Fishing License – Ages 16 to 89 require a license (can purchase online at www.mndnr.gov/fishmn)
- Fishing gear & tackle (This needs to be compact and safe for portaging. Getting hooked is no fun.)
- Games, Cards, Journal, Book, etc.
- Camera
- Compass
- Phone – *Note you may not have service. Also, phones have been lost, gotten wet, or damaged in the past.*

We will provide

- Toilet paper
- Food
- First Aid kit (per group)
- Matches & waterproof case
- Water Filter and purification tablets

Keep in mind, other than your toiletries there are no cans or glass bottles allowed in the Boundary Waters.

If you are missing some items, the outfitter can round out your equipment needs. Please let us know prior to departure.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

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