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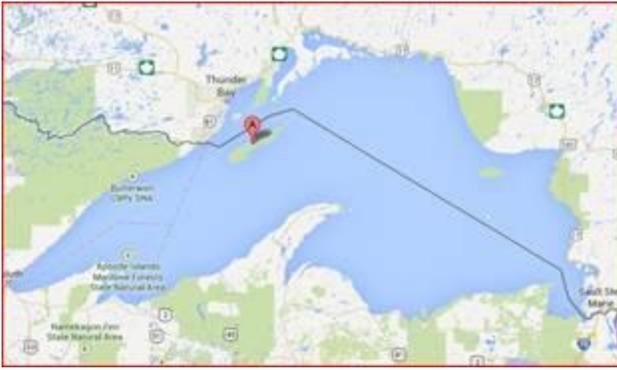
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T-255 Scouts 14 or older by August 2014:

Not going on Lenhok'sen next summer 2014 (or – if going, want to go on another great T-255 HA)? Then how about going to someplace really remote: Isle Royale National Park.

Out in the vastness of Lake Superior rises an island known for its immigrant wolves and moose. Isle Royale is an isolated realm like no other national park. It is among the least visited of the national parks! It is 45 miles long and 9 miles wide at its widest point and we will hike its full length. This is rough, untamed country. Waterways may be fogbound and trails muddy. Black-, deer-, horse- and stable-flies, no-see-ums and mosquitoes may descend upon hikers in swarms – but their densities diminish in the late summer (the reason for the August date). On the trails, expect to see animals' tracks and droppings, although quietly grazing moose do surprise hikers, particularly in swamps or dense forest. You may spot the rippling Vs of the beaver ponds' creators. At campsites watch for foxes looking for hand-outs. Wolves see you, but you are not likely to see them. The island also had several copper mines. The island is accessible only by a 3 hour ferry ride. The full trek requires 3 ferry trips – to access the island, an after hike circumvention of the north shore, and the return. The hiking difficulty is way below T-255's Philmont or Grand Tetons HAs; closer to West Coast Trail HA.

Isle Royale is so remote that this trip requires a 7 day road trip in the Piercemobile: TO: 1) Detroit (maybe Tigers game); 2) Henry Ford Museum/ Rouge Plant, then the Mackinac Straits; 3) Straits to Copper Harbor. FROM: 4) Copper Harbor to Sault Ste. Marie; 5) Toronto; 6) Niagara Falls; and 7) Maybe a Little League World Series game and home.



This trip will be led by Messrs. Scott Johnson and Keith Pierce. The National Park Service limits group size to 10.

The estimated cost is \$750 pp for 2 weeks, not including food on the road.

See the attached flyer for more information. We need a head count by mid-December 2013 such that we can enter the National Park Service's January 2014 lottery.

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