



LAKETRAILS BASE CAMP

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We are excited to announce that Laketrails Base Camp will be open in a limited fashion for the summer of 2022! At the present time, however, the U.S./Canadian border continues to be closed to our canoe trips, and bus transportation across the border is difficult. So, here are a few of the changes that will enable us to operate this summer:

1. Canoe trips will take place on the U.S. side of the border. However, if Canada opens at the last minute, we'll be able to paddle and camp in Ontario.
2. Because of very limited choices in where to paddle on the U.S. side of the border we must limit camper numbers to approximately 18-20 per session. Only 2-3 canoe trips will go out each week, and only four sessions will be offered, beginning in July.
3. Bus transportation will not be available because of small camper numbers and also the challenges in crossing the border. Parents will be asked to drive their youth to Sportsman's Lodge on the Rainy River north of Baudette, MN. Campers will then be transported across the lake via the Lake of the Woods Passenger Service. Campers will be delivered back to Sportsman's Lodge at the end of each session.
4. Right now we hope to offer 4-day canoe trips instead of the usual 5-day trips (again, due to the limitations in where we can go in the U.S.). Because of this, sessions will be 8 days in length instead of our usual 9-day sessions.
5. Canoeing on the U.S. side of the border could well mean shorter days of paddling, but we're looking at this as a positive! Instead of long hours in the canoe, campers might find themselves learning more camp craft such as cooking, fire building, shelter building, etc. plus there will be more free time to relax, play and fish.

There are still some smaller details yet to be worked out, but we're excited to be making plans to have staff and campers back on the island!



Laketrails: Inspiring teens with an appreciation of self, community, and environment through a wilderness canoeing adventure.