

A Visual Guide to the Patches of



**Maine High
Adventure Base**

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to Wallace H. "Bud" Jeffrey. Bud was the founder and director of the Maine High Adventure Base when it was owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



Wallace H. "Bud" Jeffrey
Director – Maine High Adventure Base
1971 - 1985

Wallace H. "Bud" Jeffrey, 85, died peacefully January 21, 2009, after a short illness. He was born October 29, 1923, in Springfield VT, son of Walter H. and Gladys H. Jeffrey. Bud grew up in Vermont and graduated from Newport High School, Newport, VT in 1941 and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in forestry. He was a Navy veteran serving in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

Bud began his career with the Boy Scouts of America in 1954, first serving as a district executive in the Calvin Coolidge Council, Bellow Falls, VT, during which time he was also director of Camp Plymouth, the council camp, for eight years. In 1963 he was appointed district executive of the Daniel Webster Council, Manchester, NH and he served the western area north of Keene, NH, as well as serving as director of Camp Carpenter, also the council camp. In 1966 he became Scout Executive of the Lone Tree Council, Haverhill, Mass., and in 1969 he became the Scout Executive of the Katahdin Area Council, Bangor. In 1971 he was hired by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to develop and direct the Maine National High Adventure Area in northern Maine. During the next 15 years he, with the assistance and support of his wife, Pat, brought 19,000 older scouts from all over the country and world to canoe, hike and camp in Maine's wonderful woods and waters. Bud retired in 1985 and continued working for the Boy Scouts on a volunteer basis. For this and other volunteer work, he was awarded in 2006 the Silver Beaver—the highest award given to volunteers by the Boy Scouts of America. He also served on the Girl Scout Camping Committee. And while a member of First Congregational Church, Brewer, he was moderator, chairman of the trustees and chairman of two successful Capital Campaigns. He also served on Maine's "Project Learning Tree," which helped Maine students from kindergarten through high school become more informed regarding sound environmental stewardship. Since 1993 Bud and Pat had enjoyed spending their retirement years with their grandchildren and selling antiques and collectibles in various shops throughout Maine.

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I have never been to the Maine High Adventure Base. I have taken two crews to the Bissett Manitoba Base which is a satellite base for the Northern Tier Base. The Northern Tier Base is headquartered in Ely, Minnesota. I have also taken two crews to Philmont and attended many volunteer and professional courses at Philmont over the years.

All this is to say how much I have enjoyed my experiences in the High Adventure Bases I have personal knowledge of.

Because of these wonderful and memorable experiences, I have become interested in all the High Adventure Bases, including those that have closed. I am sure that hundreds of people will look at this booklet and hopefully a certain patch will bring back a flood of positive memories.

This booklet is the result of many requests to do something to document the history of this base when it was operated as a National Base by the National Boy Scouts of America. I have been working on this booklet for a number of years. During this process, I have met a number of people who have given their time and talents to make this booklet possible.

Several people have been the driving force to make this booklet as complete and as accurate as possible.

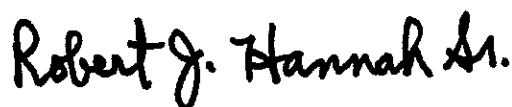
The two main people who spent countless hours helping me are Gordon Beech and Manny Bagato. Another person whose help was appreciated is Swoop Delmonto.

The Charles L. Sommers Base Program Director, Joe Mattson, has also spent many hours helping me with dates and information. Since Joe was at the Base when it closed in 1991, his help was invaluable during this project.

The final person who has helped me bring this booklet to fruition is Bob "Basswood Bob" Richards. Bob has been a very popular guide/interpreter at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota. Without his computer skills, time and patience, this booklet would not have been possible.

With the help of all the people mentioned above, we have done our best to put together the most complete and accurate booklet as possible. If you come across any patches that are not mentioned, or you have more detailed information about any of the pieces we mention, please contact me so we can include the information in any future updates.

Yours in Scouting,



Robert Hannah Sr.
ISCA Life Member
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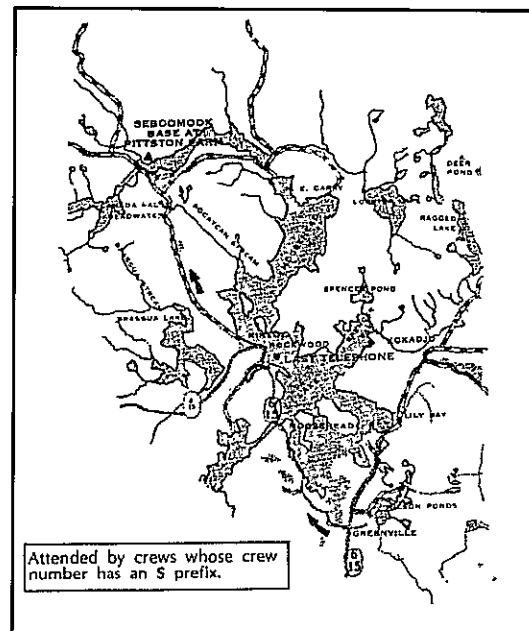
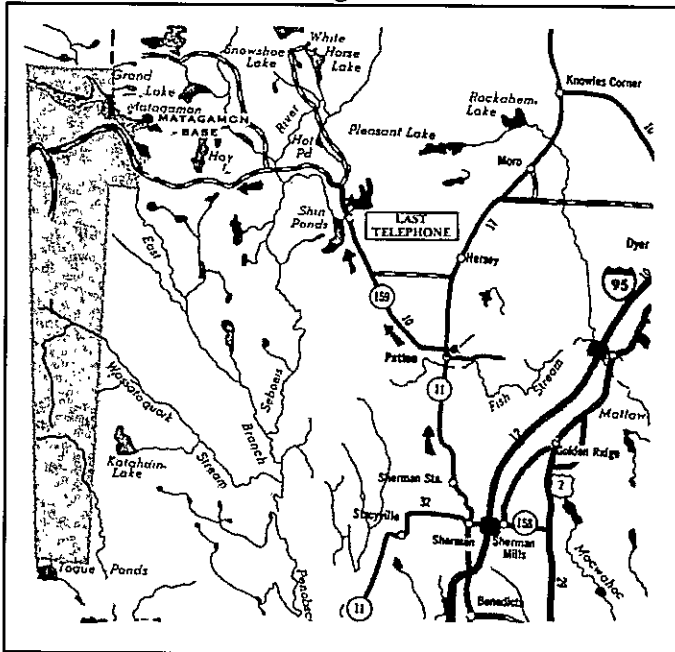
Maine High Adventure Base



The Maine High Adventure Base patches that I have pictures of are from the time period 1971-1991 when it was owned and operated by the National Office, Boy Scouts of America. The bases that operated during that time were, Matagamon, Seboomook, Syslodobsis and St. Croix. Syslodobsis was open in 1975 only. The area was not in use again until 1979 when it was renamed St. Croix, according to the first Director, Bud Jeffrey, who set up and operated the Base. The original name was Maine Matagamon National High Adventure Base.

Matagamon

Matagamon Base was located at the Northeast corner of Baxter State Park on Grand Lake Matagamon about 27 miles from Patten. One patch was issued to each camper in 1971 and they could purchase a second one. The remaining emblems were burned.



Seboomook

Seboomook was located at Pittston Farm on Seboomook Lake, 20 miles from Rockwood.

St. Croix & Syslodobsis

St. Croix was located Downeast in Northern Washington County on Syslodobsis Lake, 13 miles from Grand Lake Stream Village.

The base is now owned and operated by the Katahdin Area Council and still offers many wonderful High Adventure experiences. If you would like more information about this program, please contact the Council at:

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Bangor, ME 04402-1869

Phone: (800) 763-4499

Email: info@mainehighadventure.org

Website: www.mainehighadventure.org

History of Maine High Adventure – By Bud Jeffrey

In the mid 1960's, The Katahdin Area Council, BSA, initiated a high adventure type program under the direction of DE. Howard Kesseli. The program operated from a Base Camp at Birch Point located on Grand Lake Matagamon. The early program consisted of one extended canoe trip a year canoeing the Allagash waters.

Interest in the program grew as the years went by, annual trips increased, volunteers built the Pole Barn and the hope that the National Council, BSA, might take over the operation was evident. In the years from 1965 to 1970, several visits were made by National BSA people to "look things over".

In late 1969, I became the Scout Executive of the KAC and it was about this time that the National Council began working on a National plan to develop a series of High Adventure Bases around the country that could provide bold, challenging opportunities for older Scouts and Explorers. At that time only Philmont and two Regional canoe bases (in Wisconsin & Minnesota) were available for big time national adventures.

In May of 1970, Irving Fiest, National President of the BSA, Alden Barber, Chief Scout Executive and John Donnell, National Board Member hosted by John Sinclair, visited Maine, toured the Allagash country by plane and spent the night in a log cabin on Umsaskis Lake. A first hand look at our beautiful North Woods of Maine and the knowledge that 18 or 20 landowners (including the State), who owned nearly 10 million acres were willing to share the use of their lands with the BSA made Maine High Adventure possible. These landowners offered the use of their properties in partnership with the BSA on the basis that the operation of the High Adventure Program represented good multiple use and the environmental training provided to the participants is beneficial to all.

In the fall of 1970 the BSA created a National High Adventure Committee within the Camping Division and Bill Wadsworth became National Director of High Adventure and John Donnell became Chairman of the new committee. In January of 1971 it was decided that Maine would be the first Base in the new National High Adventure scheme. The one man whose foresight, inspiration and dedication made this happen is John Sinclair, who was President of the Seven Islands Land Company at the time. That is another story to be told.

On March 1, 1971, I was given the opportunity and the responsibility for setting up and operating the MAINE-MATAGAMON High Adventure program in Maine. What a challenge?? For a guy who had sneaked his fly rod on his honeymoon so he could fish the West Branch of the Penobscot River in 1948, this was the ultimate!!!

The bulldozer was slowly making a road I had laid out into Birch Point. We had decided to build a tent city to house our first year of operation. The going was slow but steady. Out of the woods walked Chub Foster, former owner and operator of Foster's Matagamon Sporting Camp. Since Chub lived on the lake, we had talked about our hopes and plans. He was very much in favor of our Scouting objectives. He said to me "Bud, just maybe that road is unnecessary". I was puzzled and asked "how come?".

Chub's answer opened a whole new way of thinking for this fledgling operation. He indicated that he had just come from a conversation with a discouraged Ray Pridgeon, who had purchased the Matagamon Sporting Camp from the Fosters a year earlier. Chub said "he isn't making it and wants out".

History of Maine High Adventure – Continued

I immediately had the bulldozer take a long break, while I drove to Foster's (the passable road ended there) and walked into the Camp to sound out Ray Pridgeon. He was delighted to discuss a possible sale of the buildings (the land was leased from Seven Island Company who owned one half of T 6 R 8 Township).

I drove to Patten and telephoned High Adventure Director Bill Wadsworth in New Brunswick, N.J. to discuss possibilities: Financial, Physical and Practical.

To make a long story short, Wadsworth flew up the next day from the National Office. We went over the whole place, planning roughly as we went. Within two weeks, arrangements to buy were completed. The money, \$35,000, came from a grant that Wadsworth had to develop the Maine High Adventure Base. The property lease was transferred to High Adventure by John Sinclair, President of Seven Islands Company. As you might imagine, Mr. Sinclair was elated over the development and became Chairman of the Maine High Adventure Advisory Committee.

Instead of building a tent city on Birch Point, we had buildings that could be adapted to our use. In early June the staff arrived with just a few short weeks to set up a High Adventure Base for a July 1st opening. That first staff worked their butts off preparing for opening day.

It was a talented and diverse group. Every member was an Eagle Scout and three of the thirteen were sons of professional Scout Executives. With BJ as Director and Mrs. Jeffrey cooking, the staff total was 15. Those pioneers were: Peter Earle, VT. – Operations, Peter Howard, ME, Peter Derosier, NY, Jim Turner, NJ, Mike Jeffrey, ME, Ed Meadows, OH, Rich Hunting, ME, Bill Ross, ME – Guides, Gordon Vogel, IN – Chief Guide, John Burke, NH, Mike Sullivan, MA – Commissary, Bill Hodgkins, ME, Sandy Biber, NJ – Drivers.

As great & wonderful memories take me back nearly 35 years to the beginning of Maine-Matagamon (the original name that few remember), some events and people stand out.

The initial success we enjoyed was partially due to a major change in Programming, from other HIGH Adventure type Bases. Actually High Adventure Bases, as such, were not in existence until the fall of 1970, when the BSA created a National High Adventure committee within the Camping Division and Bill Wadsworth became the National Director. Maine became the first Base in the new National High Adventure plan.

The Maine High Adventure Philosophy was based on the premise that crews would have the opportunity to a. select their day of arrival and length of stay, b. plan their own special trip providing crew skills and leadership could meet the challenges of that trip. High Adventure Guides were trained to evaluate each crew as they went through orientation before trip planning.

Much of the success of this Philosophy goes to the first Chief Guide, now, Dr. Gordon Vogel. Gordon came to Maine after working at Philmont for several years with a very solid background in Scouting and Leadership experiences. He quickly adapted to the flexible "Maine Way" programming. In his 2 years with us he contributed significantly to the trip planning program by training the Guides in the areas of responsible Crew evaluation, responsibility and leadership.

Setting up the Base for the first time was a Major undertaking. Buildings had to be altered, campsites selected, latrines dug, docks & tent platforms built, waterfront laid out, Water System developed and

History of Maine High Adventure – Continued

on & on. Remember, the access road was barely passable with the old jeep truck, so all food, supplies, equipment, etc. had to be ferried across the lake by 2 – 15' launches. Gordon's effective Leadership contributed a great deal to the set-up success.

That first year, my talented Wife & Secretary and I lived on base. Pat as Cook & I worked at the Directors job. A good deal of our Blood, Sweat and Tears are left on the shore of Grand Matagamon Lake.

Patch Guide – Description Code

Below is an explanation of the code that was used to distinguish between patch issues.

Classification: PROGRAM – TYPE – NUMBER (ex. MOK-PP-601)

Programs:

MOK – Maine OKPIK
MAT – Matagamon
SEB – Seboomook
SYS – Syslodobsis
STC – St. Croix
MHA – Maine High Adventure
MCL – Maine Crew Leaders

Type:

PP – Participant Patch
BP – Back Patch
SP – Staff Patch
TP – Trading Post
XP – Special Issue
HP – Hat Patch

Number:

This indicates
issue

Size: We measured each patch as best we could in millimeters.

Shape:

A – Arc	O – Oval
R – Round	X – Odd Shape
DIA – Diamond	REC – Square or Rectangle
ST – State	

Border Color: Color definitions are below.

Border Type: R – Rolled
C – Cut

Background Color: Color definitions are below.

Background Material: T – Twill
S – Solid
TC – Twill Center
SC – Solid Center

Description: A brief description to help distinguish the issue.

Year: The approximate year of issue or availability, if known.

Color Definitions:

RED – Red	GRN – Green
BLK – Black	YEL – Yellow
WHT – White	LTO – Light Orange
BRN – Brown	ORG – Orange
BLU – Blue	TAN – Tan
LTB – Light Blue	

Maine High Adventure Base - MHA

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
BACK PATCHES								
MHA-BP-701	152mm	R	RED	R	YEL	T	Maine National High Adventure Area	1971-1977
MHA-BP-702	152mm	R	RED	R	YEL	T	Plastic back	1971-1977
MHA-BP-703	152mm	R	RED	R	YEL	T	Maine National High Adventure Gateway	1978
MHA-BP-704	152mm	R	RED	R	YEL	T	Maine National High Adventure Area / no periods	1980-1989
MHA-BP-705	152mm	R	RED	R	YEL	T	Maine National High Adventure / no periods	1989-1991
MHA-BP-706	152mm	R	WHT	R	LTB	TC	Maine National High Adventure	Mid 1980's
MHA-BP-707	130x155mm	X	RED	C	BRN	S	Varieties exist (no wording) Moose Head	1986
MHA-BP-708	152mm	R	WHT	R	LTB	SC	Maine National High Adventure	1987-1991
MHA-BP-709	152mm	R	RED	R	LTB	S	Maine National High Adventure (20th Anniversary)	1990-1991
MHA-BP-710	152mm	R	YEL	R	BLU	T	Maine OKPIK Winter Camping	Early 70's to mid 80's
MHA-BP-711	152mm	R	YEL	R	BLU	T	No picture, same patch without Maine	Early 70's to mid 80's
MHA-BP-712	152mm	R	YEL	R	LTB	T	Maine OKPIK Cold Weather Camping	1989-1991
TRADING POST PATCHES								
MHA-TP-201	78mm	R	BLK	R	RED	T	Maine High Adventure Area	1975
MHA-TP-202a	78mm	R	RED	R	WHT	T	200 Total were made with thick letters	1976
MHA-TP-202b	78mm	R	RED	R	WHT	T	Includes thick and thin letters	1976
MHA-TP-203	78mm	R	BLK	R	RED	T	Maine High Adventure Area (X Anniversary)	1980
MHA-TP-204	78mm	R	BLK	R	RED	T	Maine National High Adventure	1980 to close
MHA-TP-205	78mm	R	BLK	R	RED	T	Maine National High Adventure 75th Anniversary	1985
MHA-TP-206	78mm	R	BLK	R	BLU	T	Maine National High Adventure (XV Anniversary)	1985
MHA-TP-207	78mm	R	WHT	R	LTB	TC	Maine National Adventure	mid 1980's
MHA-TP-208	78mm	R	BLK	R	BLU	T	Maine National High Adventure (XX Anniversary)	1990
MHA-TP-209	88mm	R	ORG	R	LTB	S	Maine National High Adventure (20th Anniversary)	1990-1991
MAINE STAFF PATCHES								
MHA-SP-405	80x100mm	O	BLK	R	RED	T	Maine National High Adventure (with BLK loop)	?
MHA-SP-406	88mm	R	ORG	R	BLU	S	Maine National High Adventure	1990-1991
SPECIAL PATCHES								
MHA-XP-801	58x92mm	REC	TAN	R	TAN	T	Camp School / issued at other bases as well Late 1980's	until apx 1995
MHA-XP-802	NO PICTURE						Patches made by Joe Mattson in last year of operation - hand made by a person in town	1991
	NO PICTURE						Beyond the ROADHEAD/like Philmont RAYADO Program - (only about 4 or 5 people participated)	1987-88-89

Maine High Adventure Base – MHA (Continued)

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
HAT PATCHES								
MHA-HP-501	45x57mm	DIA	BLK	C	YEL	T	Maine MATAGAMON / Full Moose	1971
MHA-HP-502	48x72mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Maine MATAGAMON / Moose Horns	1972
MHA-HP-503	53x75mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Maine / Moose Horns	1973
MHA-HP-504	52x93mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Maine / Moose Head	1974-1979
MHA-HP-505	50x85mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Base Director 24 made	?
MHA-HP-506	50x84mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Manage M & T 8 made	?
MHA-HP-507	50x84mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Director	?
MHA-HP-508	51x90mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Base Staff 100 made	1974-mid 70's
MHA-HP-509	50x90mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Chief Guide 24 made	1974-mid 80's
MHA-HP-510	52x90mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Coordinator 6 made (?)	1974-1980
MHA-HP-511	51x90mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Crew Leader 1,000 made	1974-mid 70's
MHA-HP-512	51x90mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Work Trip (20 members) 1,000 made	1978
MHA-HP-513	51x90mm	REC	BLK	R	YEL	T	Guide 200 made	1974-mid 70's

Maine Okpik - MOK

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
MOK-PP-601	78mm	R	WHT	R	GRN	T	OKPIK-83 High Adventure-Maine	1983
MOK-PP-602	78mm	R	WHT	R	GRN	T	OKPIK High Adventure-Maine	1984-1985
MOK-PP-603	78mm	R	WHT	R	BLU	T	OKPIK High Adventure-Maine	1986-1989
MOK-PP-604	78mm	R	WHT	R	BLU	T	OKPIK High Adventure BSA/White Loop Used at other bases as well as some councils	1989-1990
MOK-PP-605	20x118mm	ARC	WHT	R	LTB	T	Matagamon OKPIK Adventure - Multiple night program over President's Day Weekend	1989-90-91

Matagamon - MAT

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
PARTICIPANT PATCHES								
MAT-PP-101	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Maine MATAGAMON (opening year)	1971
MAT-PP-102	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Maine MATAGAMON (2nd year of operation)	1972
MAT-PP-103a	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Gauze Back, MATAGAMON (3rd year of operation)	1973
MAT-PP-103b	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Plastic Back (Possibly made by private party)	1973
MAT-PP-104	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	With black loop, MATAGAMON	1974
MAT-PP-105	78x101mm	ST	BLK	C	LTO	T	Smaller size, existed during this same time	1975
MAT-PP-106	78mm	R	RED	R	RED	T	Approx 36 were issued, remaining 164 were destroyed	1976
MAT-PP-107	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	MATAGAMON	Mid 1970's
MAT-PP-108	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	MATAGAMON	1979
MAT-PP-109	78x105mm	ST	RED	C	YEL	T	MATAGAMON	1980's
MAT-PP-110	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	MATAGAMON (20th Anniversary)	1990-1991
STAFF PATCHES								
MAT-SP-401	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Cursive Staff	1975-mid 80's

Seboomook – SEB

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
PARTICIPANT PATCHES								
SEB-PP-111	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Base opened - SEBOOMOOK (opened as 2nd base)	1973
SEB-PP-112	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	SEBOOMOOK, top cut off	1973
SEB-PP-113	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	With black loop, SEBOOMOOK	1974
SEB-PP-114	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	SEBOOMOOK	1975to80's
SEB-PP-115	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	SEBOOMOOK, small size	1975
SEB-PP-116	78x105mm	ST	RED	C	YEL	T	SEBOOMOOK	mid 1980's
SEB-PP-117	78x105mm	ST	RED	C	YEL	T	SEBOOMOOK (20th Anniversary)	1990-1991
STAFF PATCHES								
SEB-SP-402	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Printed staff	1978
SEB-SP-403	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Printed staff with lines under staff	After 1978
SEB-SP-404	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Cursive Staff	1980's

SYSLODOBSIS – SYS

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
PARTICIPANT PATCHES								
SYS-PP-118	78mm	R	RED	R	ORG	T	Third base to open, 3 crews of 12 members and guide - 50 patches made, 36 issued	1975

St. Croix – STC

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
PARTICIPANT PATCHES								
STC-PP-119	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	SYSLODOBSIS was not used again until 1979 when it was renamed St. Croix	1979
STC-PP-120	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Cut off, sold at National Supply Center	1979
STC-PP-121	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Mistake but some issues got out	1979
STC-PP-122	78x105mm	ST	BLK	C	YEL	T	Special issue / see Exhibit 1	1981

Maine Crew Leaders – MCL

Classification	Size	Shape	Border Color	Border Type	Bg Color	Bg Material	Description	Year
CREW LEADERS								
MCL-PP-301	78mm	R	BLK	R	YEL	T	Maine High Adventure	1979-1986
MCL-PP-302	78mm	R	BLK	R	YEL	T	Maine High Adventure (X Anniversary)	1980
MCL-PP-303	78mm	R	BLK	R	RED	T	Maine High Adventure	1987-1991

Maine High Adventure Base - MHA



MHA-BP-701



MHA-BP-702



MHA-BP-703



MHA-BP-704



MHA-BP-705



MHA-BP-706



MHA-BP-707



MHA-BP-708



MHA-BP-709

Maine High Adventure Base - MHA



MHA-BP-710



MHA-BP-712



MHA-HP-501



MHA-HP-502



MHA-HP-503



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MHA-HP-506



MHA-HP-507

Maine High Adventure Base - MHA



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MHA-SP-405



MHA-SP-406



MHA-TP-201

Maine High Adventure Base - MHA



MHA-TP-202a



MHA-TP-202b



MHA-TP-203



MHA-TP-204



MHA-TP-205



MHA-TP-206



MHA-TP-207



MHA-TP-208



MHA-TP-209

Maine High Adventure Base - MHA



MHA-XP-801

Maine Okpik - MOK



MOK-PP-601



MOK-PP-602



MOK-PP-603



MOK-PP-604



MOK-PP-605

Matagamon - MAT



MAT-PP-101



MAT-PP-102



MAT-PP-103a



MAT-PP-103b



MAT-PP-104



MAT-PP-105



MAT-PP-106



MAT-PP-107



MAT-PP-108

Matagamon - MAT



MAT-PP-109



MAT-PP-110



MAT-SP-401

Seboomook - SEB



SEB-PP-111



SEB-PP-112



SEB-PP-113



SEB-PP-114



SEB-PP-115



SEB-PP-116



SEB-PP-117



SEB-SP-402



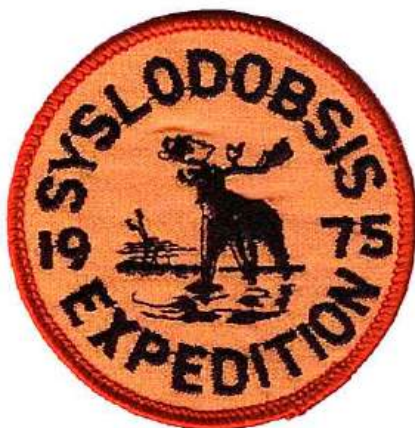
SEB-SP-403

Seboomook - SEB



SEB-SP-404

Syslodobsis - SYS



SYS-PP-118

St. Croix - STC



STC-PP-119



STC-PP-120



STC-PP-121



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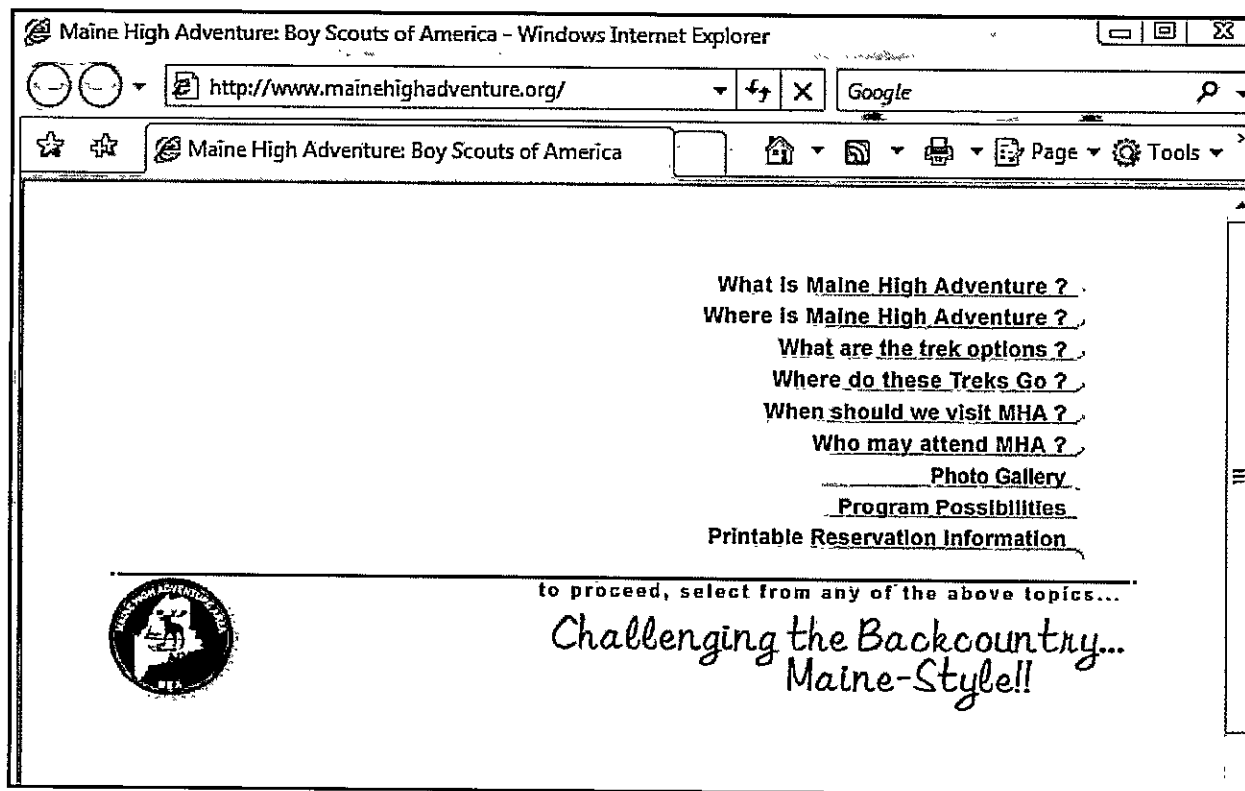
Maine High Adventure Staff Association Website

[http:// www.mainehasa.org](http://www.mainehasa.org)

"A site dedicated to the staff and alumni of the Maine High Adventure Area and former Maine National High Adventure Area. These bases were located on Seboomook and Sysladobsis Lakes, and currently is on Grand Lake Matagamon, Maine."



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Checklist

Maine High Adventure

Back Patches

- ☐ MHA-BP-701
- ☐ MHA-BP-702
- ☐ MHA-BP-703
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- ☐ MHA-BP-711
- ☐ MHA-BP-712

Trading Post Patches

- ☐ MHA-TP-201
- ☐ MHA-TP-202a
- ☐ MHA-TP-202b
- ☐ MHA-TP-203
- ☐ MHA-TP-204
- ☐ MHA-TP-205
- ☐ MHA-TP-206
- ☐ MHA-TP-207
- ☐ MHA-TP-208
- ☐ MHA-TP-209

Staff Patches

- ☐ MHA-SP-405
- ☐ MHA-SP-406

Special Patches

- ☐ MHA-XP-801
- ☐ MHA-XP-802

Hat Patches

- ☐ MHA-HP-501
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Maine Okpik

Participant Patches

- ☐ MOK-PP-601
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Matagamon

Participant Patches

- ☐ MAT-PP-101
- ☐ MAT-PP-102
- ☐ MAT-PP-103a
- ☐ MAT-PP-103b
- ☐ MAT-PP-104
- ☐ MAT-PP-105
- ☐ MAT-PP-106
- ☐ MAT-PP-107
- ☐ MAT-PP-108
- ☐ MAT-PP-109
- ☐ MAT-PP-110

Staff Patches

- ☐ MAT-SP-401

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Participant Patches

- ☐ SEB-PP-111
- ☐ SEB-PP-112
- ☐ SEB-PP-113
- ☐ SEB-PP-114
- ☐ SEB-PP-115
- ☐ SEB-PP-116
- ☐ SEB-PP-117

Staff Patches

- ☐ SEB-SP-402
- ☐ SSEB-SP-403
- ☐ SEB-SP-404

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Participant Patches

- ☐ SYS-PP-118

St. Croix

Participant Patches

- ☐ STC-PP-119
- ☐ STC-PP-120
- ☐ STC-PP-121
- ☐ STC-PP-122

Maine Crew Leaders

- ☐ MCL-PP-301
- ☐ MCL-PP-302
- ☐ MCL-PP-303

Historical Documents and Photos



May 12, 1992

TO: MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE STAFF ALUMNI
FROM: BJ and RJ

Greetings Old Friends:

Most of you are probably aware that the National Council, BSA closed down Maine High Adventure in September of 1991.

After considerable "chess playing," Matagamon was given outright - no strings attached - to Katahdin Council, Inc. (a corporation that owns the assets of the Katahdin Area Council, BSA) - along with canoes and equipment-enough to put 10 or 12 crews on the trail. The Okpic equipment was purchased by the Pine Tree council in Portland, Maine and they will try to run that program.

A committee representing four different groups have been trying to put together an agenda to re-open High Adventure at Matagamon. The four groups are:

Katahdin Area Council
Pine Tree Council
Katahdin Council, Inc.
The old High Adventure Committee



Numerous meetings have been held to determine how to get the program back in the trail. Acute problems including lack of money and personnel (particularly a director), have hampered the reactivation.



It has been decided not to operate in '92 but to attempt to locate "start up funding" and hire a director who would run a small 30 to 50 crew operation in '93.

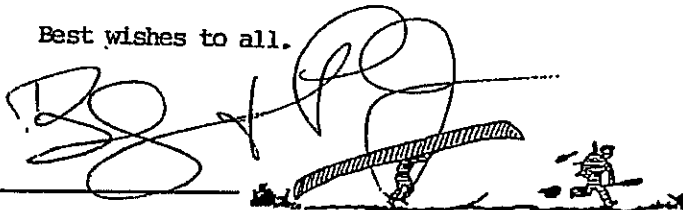
John Sinclair and I have been working in an advisory capacity to assist wherever possible.

Chub and Fran are still on the lake, but Chub at 95 is not in very good shape.

M-Soup (Richard Lovely) and Julia will return as caretakers (their 17th summer.) They might even enjoy visitors this summer since Matagamon will not be operating but bring your own grub.

Almost black fly time!!!

Best wishes to all.



This is a letter from Bud Jeffery about the closing of the national base and the creation of the current council operation.

Historical Documents and Photos - Continued



MAINE NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE AREA

Boy Scouts of America



FACT SHEET

The Maine National High Adventure Area with access to over 6 million acres of public and private forestlands and waterways, provides services and natural opportunities that extends the long tradition of the BSA to offer exciting and challenging adventures for teen age young people.

BSA Camping History

The Boy Scouts of America, since its beginning in 1910, has committed itself to providing camping experience for boys 11 through 17 years old and more recently to teen-age women in Exploring. Scouting has been very successful in meeting the camping needs of that portion of the 3.3 million members between the ages of 11 and 13. However, in this age of technology, older Scouts and Explorers, 14 through 17, are seeking challenging, bold, new adventures. High Adventure Programs Service was established in 1971 to offer a wide selection of thrilling outdoor opportunities in various parts of our nation.

High Adventure History

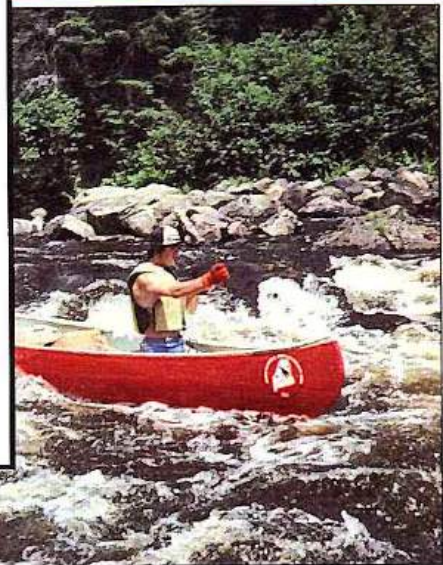
As early as 1963, the Katahdin Area Council, BSA, initiated a high adventure type program, operating from a base camp on Matagamon Lake, northeast of Baxter State Park. The program was started with the hope that it would eventually be adopted by the National organization. In 1971, the National Council, BSA, took over this operation and the High Adventure dream became a reality at the Matagamon High Adventure Base. There are now three program bases in Maine selectively located to prevent overcrowding in any single area.

This High Adventure program is strictly a primitive camping operation. All meals are cooked outdoors by individual crews, using the cooking and camping techniques best suited to this program. Two- and four-person nylon High Adventure tents with "no-seeum" proof netting provide shelter. Travel depends on the strength of the arms and the fitness of the feet and Mother Nature is the program director.

Multiple Land Use Benefits

These landowners have offered the use of their properties in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America on the basis that the operation of this High Adventure Program represents good multiple land use and the environmental training provided is beneficial to all.

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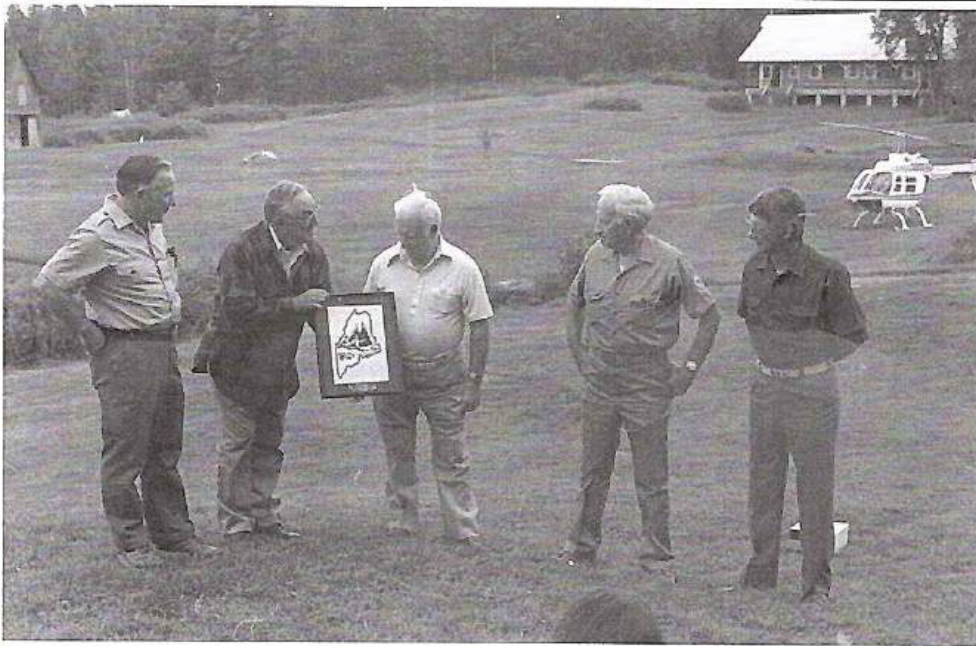


**REACH FOR
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MAINE NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE HAS IT

Promotional Materials used to promote
the National High Adventure Base

Historical Documents and Photos - Continued



10th Anniversary of Matagamon Base – 8-15-1980

Left to Right – Bud Jeffery, John Sinclair, John Donnell, Jim Tarr, and Scott Agnew

Commissary building in the background.



The Administrative Center for the Maine National High Adventure Area built in 1981. The Maintenance Supervisor's home (shown) had solar heat. The Administration building (not shown) contained offices, meeting rooms, sleeping rooms, and a kitchen and dining area. There also was a large warehouse with a food packing area, storage area, and a workshop big enough for vehicle repairs



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YEAR ROUND PROGRAMS
 Long gone! 7-5-08

Bob -

gotta use up all our
 old memo sheets - This is
 almost an antique.

Here's the 3rd copy of
 of the Matagamon History.
 There should be a 4th if
 you think it would be
 appropriate. I'm referring to
 National's closing out on
 Maine National High Adventure
 and it would include the
 transition to Maine High
 Adventure.

Bud

WALLACE "BUD" JEFFREY
 Director

Correspondence with Bud Jeffery about the history of
 the base used to create this booklet.



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YEAR ROUND PROGRAMS
 8-20-08

Bob -

Here is your Coordinator's
 Patch. It will be followed
 by a Miscellaneous bunch of
 items including a new
 History. My feeling, at
 this point, is that you
 put together the heritage
 as you see it. I would like
 to do a brief forward
 emphasizing a couple
 of points:

1. Matagamon can only be
 reached by a 2 mile boat
 trip on a pontoon boat.
2. The watch word in
 Maine is "the melding
 of resources, human and
 natural, for a better world."

Bud

WALLACE "BUD" JEFFREY
 Director

Historical Documents and Photos - Continued



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July 15, 1981

Angus:

Two crews from Tr. 99, Lancaster, PA with advisor, Jim Wenger requested a special expedition into the St. Croix area on the Machias River.

They also requested St. Croix patches. I was able to meet their request by altering a few of the misfits that were leftover from 1979.

Including the enclosed, there are about 20 of this variety out.

W.H. Jeffrey - p

WALLACE "BUD" JEFFREY
High Adventure Program

Correspondence from Bud Jeffery about the creation of a special patch (STC-PP-122) for a special trip.

Articles Written About the Maine High Adventure Base

The following article is from Boy's Life, February, 1972, by William B. McMorris. Included in this Maine Booklet with the approval of the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America.

"Established just one year ago on Grand Lake Matagamon in the northeastern corner of Maine's Baxter State Park, the new wilderness base may be the most versatile of all the high-adventure areas.

It's a place where you can canoe through lakes and rivers, get out and walk for a few days, establish a wilderness camp and take day trips, travel on trails, or ignore the trails to "brush crush" with map and compass. Choose one activity or choose them all, it's up to you.

Flexibility extends to scheduling also. At most of the high-adventure bases you'll be required to arrive at the beginning of a particular camping period and leave at the end of a 7-to10-day stay. Matagamon is different.

You decide when you want to arrive, how long you want to stay, and what you want to do while you're there. You are expected to stay for at least five days, but beyond that rather simple regulation, you operate on your own calendar.

Whatever you decide to do, plan on its being rugged. Maine is a rough and rocky state. Its trails may go up or down, but they're not often level. Rivers in this wild country—four million acres of it—tend to move in a swirling rush. About the only level spots in the state are the lakes.

Even the lakes can get bumpy in the wind, and in the shallows when the bottom comes up to meet your canoe you get out and "frog it," a Maine term meaning you walk and pull your canoe with you until the water deepens.

Another Matagamon sport is "rump bumping" down a fast-moving stretch of white water in a rubber kayak. If you don't immediately grasp the meaning of the term, you will. Shortly after you lower your posterior into the flexible bottom of the kayak and begin bouncing through the boulders at high speed, the meaning of the phrase will come to you.

And, by the way, if you should run into girls carrying heavy packs through this rugged country, don't get the idea they strayed into the area from a private camp somewhere. It's very possible they will be part of a co-ed experimental group at Matagamon.

You can offer to help the girls carry packs if you want to, but you'll probably be refused. Explorers at Matagamon are learning that young women are very capable of taking care of themselves in the wilderness. Young women have known this for a long time, of course, because for every pioneer great-great-grandfather there was a pioneer great-great grandmother.

Girls and all, there will be room for only 60 crews this year at Matagamon. When the wilderness base is in full operation, approximately 1,200 Scouts and Explorers will be accommodated each year. That time is not far off."

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"Maine was first settled more than 350 years ago, but nobody has ever truly tamed the wild woodlands, mountains, and rivers of the state's northern section.

Scouts and Explorers who come each summer to the Seboomook or Matagamon bases in the Maine National High Adventure Area north of Bangor learn very quickly about the rugged nature of the land.

What their own eyes don't tell crew members about the mist-shrouded peaks, wind-swept lakes, dense fir and birch forests, and rushing rivers, their guide and other staff members surely will.

With the help of staff experts, a crew can tailor their high-adventure trip to suit their special wishes and abilities. Millions of acres of private and public land are open to the program. The adventure can last from a five-day minimum to—you name it. Stay as long as you like and take your choice of canoeing, hiking, backpacking, and mountain climbing with some (very limited) white-water canoeing thrown in. Many crews mix all of these activities into one of the most exciting outdoor experiences to be found anywhere.

No matter what the plan, every crew receives the best trail food and lightweight equipment available. With the issue of equipment and food comes a brief, intensive training period in its use before the crew ever sets foot on the trail.

A guide accompanies each crew to advise on anything from safety to route-finding to fishing to rigging a canoe sail to where and when to spot the largest number of moose. But the guide does not run the show. That's up to the crew leader and adult advisor."

Additional articles promoting the Maine High Adventure experience are in the Scouting Magazines, March-April, 1972 written by Mac Gardner and January-February 1975 written by Tom MacPherson.

