

4. There are more people in area, under present arrangements, than the area will support. This problem will become increasingly more difficult in time. To maintain wilderness value, overcrowding must be eliminated. To rectify, use area by appointment. Limit use to every 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th year if necessary. Use single lakes for 1 family, individual or group. Establish travel lanes for getting to distant lakes. Keep parties to minimum size, scouts could be divided into patrols (natural group of fellows).

5. Camp sites are destroying the natural plant communities surrounding lakes or on islands. The ground is worn or trampled to bare soils (original glaciated clay). All trees have been stripped of dead branches (one can determine length of time a camp has been used by height of dead branches above ground, the lower ones are taken first, then those that can be reached with a paddle and then those taken with rope or from climbing up tree), small trees <sup>(and many large ones)</sup> are cut for fuel, soils are washing into water of lake and contaminating aquatic community. Refuse such as cans, aluminum foil, plates, paper are being thrown into surrounding area or into lake. Human excrement completely surrounds the camp, generally uncovered. In several camps and at portages, feces had been dropped in the lake water proper! On several occasions I noted men urinating in the water. These trampled compactes are increasing in number and their obtrusive position on the shoreline are being unsightly sores on the otherwise primitive shoreline. Most camps are on promontories and can be seen from many angles of the lake. Camp sites should be limited to one per lake or segment of lake and not be in a position that can be seen from next camp site. The sight should be chosen with artistic setting and view of lake, set back, however, so that it is not noticeable from the lake. A camp site should be made of a concrete platform, sufficiently large to support 1 tent, cook stove, 2 chairs and other equipment. The tent should be adapted to fit a concrete base with lake facing side of concrete and plate glass window. Tent should be constructed



for both coolness when weather is warm & warmer when weather is inclement. Cooking should be done with liquid or bottled gas which is carried in the canoe. This type of fuel should also be used for heating tent, if necessary. In other words, no wood is to be consumed from primitive area. A one week camp will consume all dead wood in the immediate area of camp!