

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Tuesday, August 6

- 10:00 AM Arrive on campus and move into dorm
- 5:00 PM Group meal, activities, parent meeting
- 6:00 PM Begin packing and load vans
- 8:00 PM Travel to local church for night

Wednesday, August 7

- 4:00 AM Depart for BWCA
- 4:00 PM Canoes in the water!
canoeing, portaging, camping

Thursday, August 8-Monday August 12

- All Day BWCA immersion
canoeing, portaging, camping

Tuesday, August 13

- Noon Canoes out of the water
Afternoon group celebration

Wednesday, August 14

- All Day Day of service

Thursday, August 15

- 7:00 AM Depart for campus
- 8:00 PM Arrive on campus

Friday, August 16

Northwestern—*New Student Orientation begins*

Questions?

Email: portage@nwciowa.edu

Check out our video at: nwciowa.edu/portage



COLDWATER f o u n d a t i o n

Portage—a collaboration between Northwestern College and Coldwater Foundation—is led by trained Coldwater Foundation wilderness instructors and NWC student leaders who are passionate about their faith and are committed to the best practices in outdoor leadership.

Fees and Registration: due June 21 Dates: Aug 6-15

This nine-day experience costs \$450. The registration fee covers all components of the **Portage** program including transportation to and from all destinations, room and board while on campus, and activities in the BWCA. Students are responsible for their personal clothing and meals during non-wilderness travel. Students must possess a reasonable level of physical fitness to participate in this program.

Register online at nwciowa.edu/portage.

Space is limited to the **first 28 students** who register.



Cost: \$450 (scholarships available)



PORTAGE...

An opportunity for incoming freshmen & transfer students to Northwestern College



BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA

The **Portage Program** ventures to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). Located in northeastern Minnesota, the one million acres of the BWCA includes over 1,000 pristine lakes and streams and over 1,500 miles of canoe routes. BWCA is a true wilderness experience without motors, electricity, telephone lines, or roads to the inner lakes. It is considered by some to be the most beautiful wilderness, and National Geographic named it as one of the top **50 Destinations of a Lifetime**.

Portage (noun): the carrying of boats, goods, etc., overland from one navigable water to another.



THE PORTAGE PROGRAM

The **Portage** Program is an exciting and adventurous opportunity for incoming freshmen and transfer students to Northwestern College. This program is designed to help you prepare for your NWC experience and make the important transition into college life. **Portage** includes a week spent canoeing, portaging, and camping in the awe-inspiring Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) in northern Minnesota, all with a group of incoming students to NWC.

How can a wilderness trip help me make a strong transition into college and prepare me for life at Northwestern and beyond?

Imagine this ...

*It is August 6, and before any other freshmen are on campus, you move into your dorm room, get settled into your residence hall, meet up with the other **Portage** students and begin bonding with them over a meal and group initiatives. You will meet your leaders; upperclassmen interested in your story who have prepared to invest in this experience with you. Later that night when the time comes to load the vans for the road-trip up north, **FRIENDSHIPS** have begun forming and meaningful conversations are happening.*

*When you finally enter the beautiful BWCA, your journey of canoeing, portaging, and camping together has begun! The scenery is breathtaking. The challenges are rewarding as you begin to depend on your new community. Intentional conversations and discussions abound. You are having **FUN** and forging friendships; friendships that you can lean on as you begin college. At night, sitting around the campfire, the upperclassmen leaders share their insights and wisdom regarding*

*their experience at NWC. Our leaders are genuine and faithful people who ask great questions and listen well. This is a **CHALLENGING**, meaningful, and transformational experience.*

*Six days later, it is your last day in the Boundary Waters. It is hard to believe that when you began this journey a few days ago, you didn't know anyone at NWC. As you pull the canoes out of the water and travel to a **COMMUNITY SERVICE** project, you have developed deep friendships with new students and leaders. You feel like you have a better understanding of what it will take to be a successful student at NWC, and you have nourished your spirit and encouraged your faith in one of the most scenic and pristine places of God's creation.*

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Visit us online at nwciowa.edu/portage.

Portage is sponsored by NWC's Franken Servant Leadership Institute and is run by the Coldwater Foundation, a non-profit leadership development organization that has partnered with NWC to run Portage for the past seven years. Based out of Grand Marais, Minnesota, Coldwater Foundation facilitates experiential wilderness and community-based programs aimed at fostering maturity in people and transformation in communities. Learn more about us at coldwaterfoundation.org.