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## News

## Troop 72 Visits International Wolf Center & BWCA

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area makes a great year-round destination. See some of the highlights of Troop 72's visit last weekend.

Troop 72, chartered to Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury, recently returned from a winter camping trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. 28 Scouts and 12 adults camped on Angleworm Lake. Highlights of the trip included a day hike to the <a href="Hegman Lake Native American Pictographs">Hegman Lake Native American Pictographs</a>, cross-country skiing, seeing the Northern Lights and hearing the howls of wolves. The troop visited the <a href="International Wolf Center">International Wolf Center</a> in Ely earlier in the trip, so were especially tuned into wolves and their habitat.

Participants and leaders were experienced winter campers and made their own arrangements, but there are a number of ways that all troops can get started winter camping and prepare for a BWCA adventure.

Northern Star Council operates two outstanding winter programs – North Wind at Camp Stearns and Snow Base at Tomahawk Scout Reservation – which feature state-of-the-art equipment, winter camping training and experienced staff guides. The BSA also offers its own BWCA winter program called "Okpik" (Inuit for Snowy Owl) through the Northern Tier High Adventure Base.

Check out some of the photo highlights and start planning now for a 2013 winter expedition for your troop or crew.













