

Day 9 ~ 7/13/03

Since we didn't have to be at our pick-up point until 11, we got a slow start this morning. Pake and Andrew went fishing, but didn't have much luck. We had oatmeal for breakfast, then slowly started packing up camp. It was hard loading our gear back into our canoes, knowing we were leaving our last campsite. We slowly paddled the short distance to the 5 rod portage that led to our designated pick-up spot. We were early



Loons

Mini bear!



Cherie and me

Me and Michael after our

showers



so we spent some time playing a few last games of Pit, and before we knew it, we were on the motorboats again, speeding back to civilization. After unloading our gear from the boats and taking a few crew pictures, we headed for the first shower we had taken in almost a week. Shortly after, we all had to say good-bye to Michael because he has to start classes in Kansas City tomorrow so his mom met him at the outfitters to drive him back. When all the crews were clean and ready to go, we loaded the bus, said one last farewell to the Boundary Waters, and set off for our campsite, which was only a short distance away. We set up camp at a campground, and organized everyone's gear and extra food they wouldn't need into a few tubs, then got back on the bus and went to Ely, Minnesota, where we spent the afternoon buying souvenirs in shops and eating dinner. Then we went back to the campground where we all shared one good experience we had on the trail. Then we had some time to go play on a small beach on one side of the campground. We had a little bit of rain, and some of us took shelter in one of our tents to play Pit. Somehow we managed to squeeze 9 people in the 4-man tent to play. It was difficult but we had a great time before we had to go to bed.

Our crew,
back at
the
Outfitters



Our last
few
strokes



Pat →
carrying
the canoe
across the
last
portage

