



# EBEL'S Houseboat Planning Kit

## Welcome Aboard!



Don't forget your fishing pole!

Included with this  
planner:

Permit Purchase  
Passenger manifest  
Charter agreement  
List of items to bring  
Directions

Thank you for reserving your houseboat vacation with Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats! The Ebels and staff would like to prepare you for your upcoming voyage in beautiful Voyageurs National Park. We have prepared this "houseboat planning kit" to assist you in planning your houseboat vacation and be sure that you are aware of all of the procedures that need to be done to make this an unforgettable vacation. Please take the time to read this entire planner and be sure to share with all members of your "crew".

Katy, Justin & Heather Ebel

### Special points of interest:

- Kettle Falls Hotel
- Ellsworth Rock Gardens
- Namakan Narrows pictographs
- Hiking trails
- Wildlife watching



## Houseboat overnight permit **NEW!**

In 2017, all houseboats will be required to get a reservation to stay overnight in the park. Fees will apply. Reservations open on November 15, 2016. Visitors may make a reservation by going on-line at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov) or by calling the National Call Center at (877)-444-6777.

## Passenger Manifest



**Escape to the  
wilderness without  
leaving anything  
behind!**

A blank passenger manifest has been included in this planner and must be filled out prior to entering the National Park. You will notice that rental houseboat are NOT allowed to have more than 12 passengers (this includes children). Fines can be in the thousands of dollars and are your responsibility. This is a U.S. Coast Guard requirement and is a result of the Passenger Vessel Act of 1993.

You may bring this completed document with you when you arrive.

## Charter Agreement

A "charter agreement" has been included in this planner and **MUST** be signed prior to boarding your houseboat. This is the agreement between you and Ebel's for the rental of the houseboat. You will not be allowed to board the houseboat until the signed agreement has been returned to the office.

You may bring it with you when you arrive.

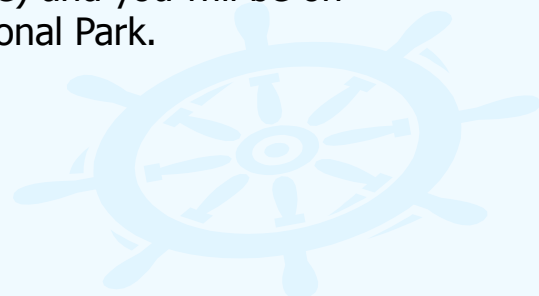
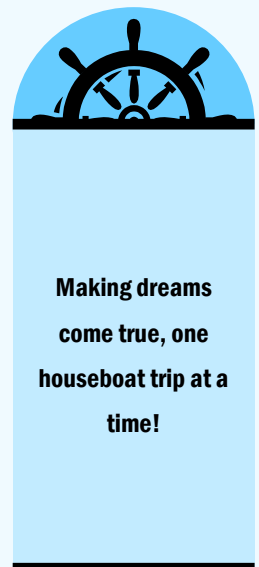
## Extra Rental Equipment

Please let us know in advance if you will be needing any "extra" rental equipment. This may include small boats (one is included, no motor), small motors, generators, linens (check FAQ's if these are included with your houseboat), CPAP, charger and generator (if your houseboat does not have one), canoes and kayaks



## What to expect upon arrival.....

1. Plan on arriving AFTER 1:00 PM and PRIOR to 5:00 PM.
2. Check in with office to hand in and/or sign documents.
3. Pay for your houseboat and any "extra" rental equipment.
4. Your houseboat will be assigned to you.
5. A Ebel's crew member will accompany you to your houseboat.
6. Inspect your houseboat with a crew member.
7. A "crew" member will help you load your belongings.
8. Put your own boats in the water on our boat ramp.
9. Ask your crew member where to park. This is very important, as we have limited parking and need to make good use of the parking area that we have. You may be asked to disconnect your trailer. This trailer will need to be marked by our crew.
10. Order ice, bait, firewood and any items that you may want to purchase from Ebel's. A running tab will be held for you and will be paid at the end of your trip for payment with the fuel that you used.
11. When all the above items have been done, your instructions will begin.
12. Please be sure to LISTEN to all instructions. SAVE your questions until the instructions are done.
13. Once your crew instructor is sure that you fully understand the instructions you will set sail!
14. Our crew member will accompany you for a short cruise (they will tow a boat to return to our base) and you will be on your own to venture in our beautiful National Park.
15. Please have fun!



# POLICIES

- We are 100% pet friendly. No more than 2 pets will be allowed on one houseboat. **New in 2017!!!! \$50.00 per pet charge will be added.**
- **A boat and motor in tow is required.** You may bring your own. We will provide as part of your houseboat rental a 14' boat (no oars) that you may bring or rent a motor for. The provided boat is rated for up to a short shaft 20HP.
- **Linen** are provided on our Vista and 65' series at no additional charge. This includes sheets and towels. Our Voyageur and Voyageur Plus Series require you to bring your own linen. Pillows, pillowcases, and blankets are provided on ALL houseboats.
- A valid **overnight permit** must be purchased for your houseboat vacation.
- All documents must be **signed** in advance of boarding.
- **Payment** of houseboat must be made prior to boarding. 6.875% state tax, .05% county tax and a 3% service will apply to all house-boat rentals. Extra rental equipment will be taxed 7.37%.
- Any **damages** to our houseboat and its parts will be your Responsibility. We do offer an optional damage insurance for \$30.00 per day.
- **Check-in** time is between 1:00-3:00 PM. **Check-out** time is 9:00 AM.
- All **deposits** are non-refundable. Payment in full 45 days in advance is required on our Vista and 65' Series.
- We have the right to refuse or terminate any trip if determined.



**Please follow  
the rules and  
policies. Ask  
if you are  
unsure!**



Phone number  
to leave with  
family members

218-374-3571

Fax  
218-374-4428

Email



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## THE EBEL'S LOGO.....



The Ebel's logo uses a series of ancient Indian pictographic symbols to reflect the profound spirituality that man has always experienced as he has moved through the wild natural beauty of the northern border lakes region. The design is composed of four interlocking Indian symbols. Each symbol is believed to depict one of the four life forces that come together to create the world as the native Americans of the north woods saw it. The moose symbolizes the land and the wildlife that roam across it. The fish represents the lakes and the creatures that dwell there. The spiral form stands for air, wind and the heavens. And the human form is man taking his position as a humble yet essential part of this universe.

# LIST OF ITEMS TO BRING

FOOD: it is wise to plan all meals in advance and bring "special" items to prepare

Dish soap, hand soap and scrubbing pads

Paper towels, tissue, matches and paper plates

Insect repellent and Raid

Allergy and motion sickness medications, if prone

First aid kit, sunscreen and aloe

Freezer bags and aluminum foil

Camera, batteries, binoculars and flashlight

Paper, pens, reading materials, cards and games

Fishing gear, filet knife and steak knives

Personal clothing and raingear

Tennis shoe and hiking boots

Personal hygiene items, swimwear and sunglasses

Extra coolers

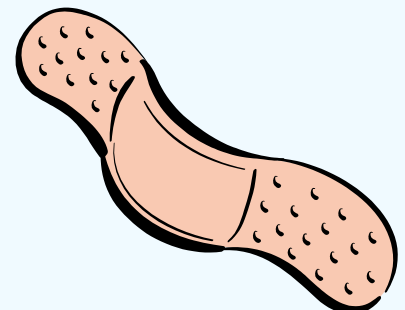
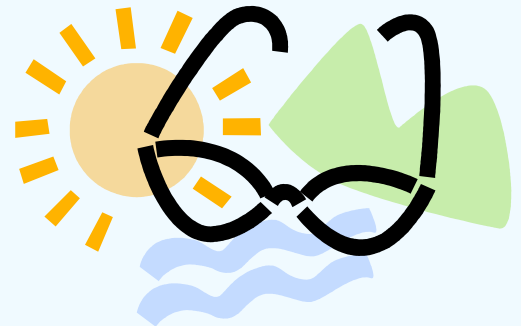
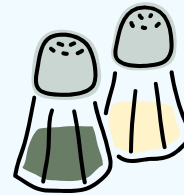
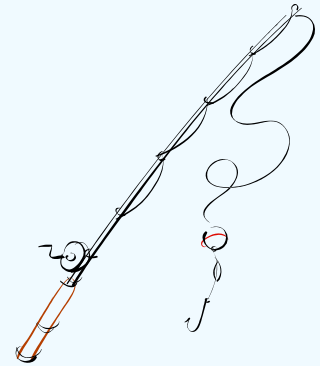
Towels, sheets (if not included) and sleeping bags

Children's life jackets and ski vests. Adult life jackets are included.

CD's/iPod with jack to plug into stereo system

Grill brush for BBQ

Rope to tow your own boat



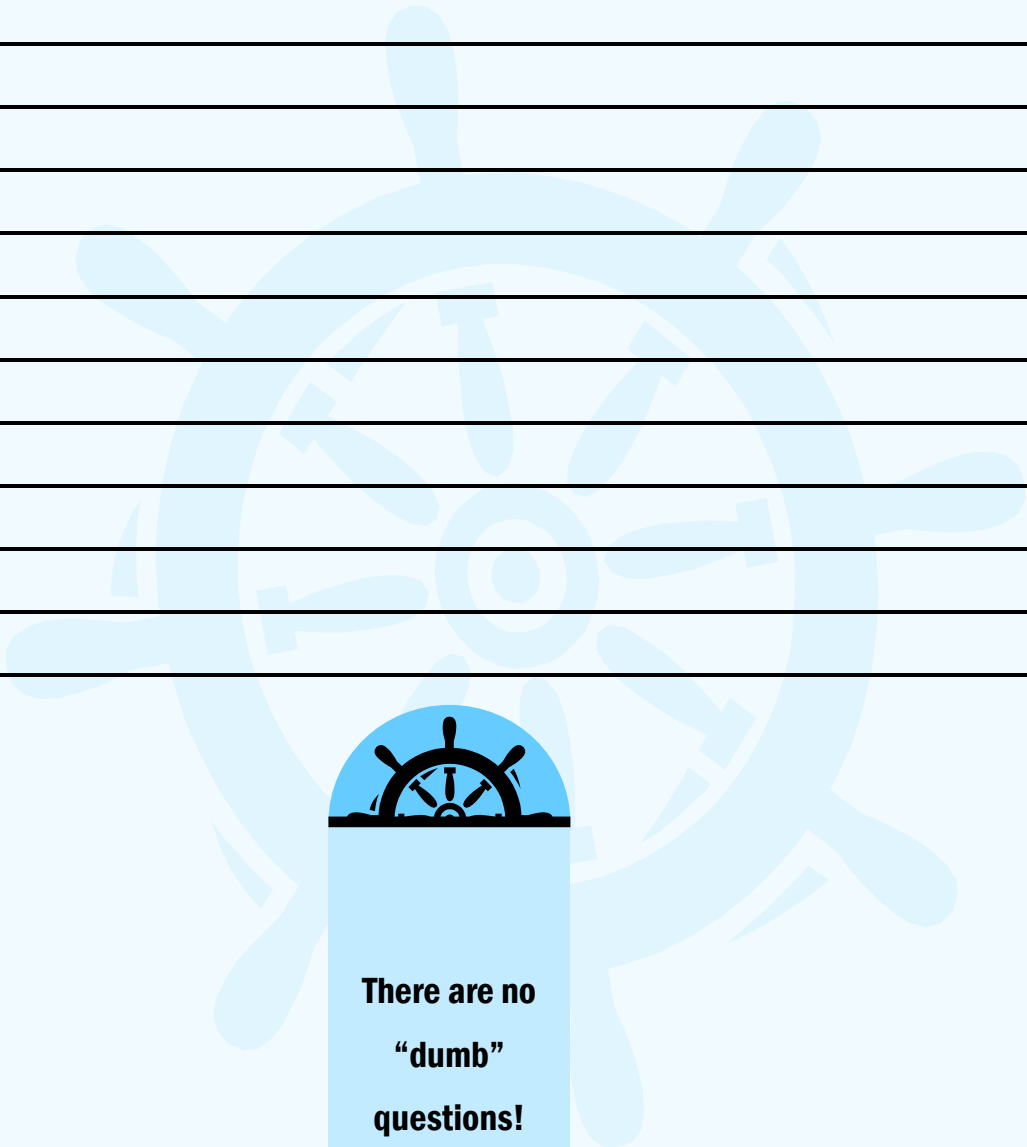




We are located 37 miles south east of International Falls, MN. After traveling on US Hwy 53 we are 10 miles east on County Rd 129 (Ash River Trail). At the intersection of County Rd 129 and US Hwy 53 there is a gas/convenience store (JIM'S ASH TRAIL STORE).

**Our address is:**

**10326 Ash River Trail, Orr, MN 55771  
218-374-3571**





# HOUSEBOAT VACATIONS



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## PASSENGER MANIFEST– PAGE 1 of 2

Please complete prior to your arrival.

**The Passenger Safety Vessel Act of 1993 prohibits carrying more than 12 passengers (adults, children and infants) on your rental houseboat. If your rented houseboat has more than 12 passengers you will be in violation of the Passenger Safety Vessel Act of 1993 and subject to penalties enforced by the United States Coast Guard. It is your responsibility to comply with requirement. Children 12 years old and under must wear a life vest at all times while traveling on an Ebel's houseboat.**

**At no time should you exceed the 12 passenger limit imposed by the Passenger Safety Vessel Act of 1993**

**Read and understood by:**

Signature

Date

Printed Name

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Name ( check here if this is a child under the age of 12)

Street address

City, State, Zip

Email

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name ( check here if this is a child under the age of 12)

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