**VOYAGERS**

**CRUISER AWARD**

**Hand Made, Original**

**Earned through leadership**

**Each Voyagers Cruiser Axe starts with finding the correct double bit axe head. We seek the originals if possible, those made in forges of lumber camps. We then select a piece of Ash or Hickory, straight grained, and hard as iron. Then begins the process of shaping and re-working the handle. Each hardwood handle is heated, sanded and heated again. While it is still hot, Dark Walnut stain is added before finishing.**

**Each Axe is engraved with the words PER ARDUA, which means through difficulties – the Voyagers motto.**

**Finally, a hand made sheath is crafted from leather. Each sheath is different from the others, signifying the differences in each of us.**

**The Cruiser is awarded to one worthy young man – will that be you? Check out our Team Competition page for more on how you might be selected for a Cruiser.**

**Do you possess the skill? Character, Relationship & Task. Attendees will be judged by their peers at the completion of each select Voyagers canoe trip. The young man selected will have shown the group he understands the three.**

**Looking to know more on this? Read ‘How to win friends and influence people’ by Dale Carnegie.**

* **CHARACTER: The mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual.**
* **RELATIONSHIP: If you want to succeed, you must learn how to connect with others. If you can connect with others at every level—one-on-one, in groups, with an audience—you have the capacity for strengthening your relationships, increasing your sense of community, generating teamwork, and multiplying your productivity.**
* **TASK: The Voyagers Trips involve chores or duties around camp. Synonyms for task assignment can be chore, duty, job. How each man performs, will weigh in on their ability to be selected.**