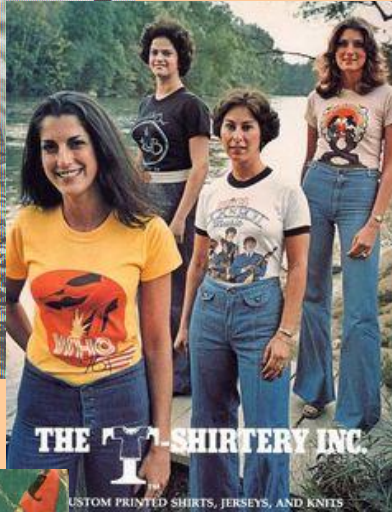


Men on Boats
Cast List &
Costumes:
“Boys Will Be Boys”

By Jeffrey Pelayo



Mission Statement



When reading *Men on Boats*, I was surprised by how modern the language was and how **light-hearted** the narrative felt. It deeply contrasts from many other stories told about these expeditions which strive to feel heavy, real, and even old for the sense of historical accuracy. Overall, this play is refreshing. The personalities of its characters give me the essence of **little kids** playing in the outdoors. This is where I came across the images of summer camp, boy scouts, newsies, and even the high school rowing team— groups that provide the sense of **community and camaraderie**, especially amongst young boys. I liked the idea of **“brotherhood” and strength** seen among these characters and the lively spirit they possess throughout their treacherous trip. This story is **campy** in both definitions of the word. The “men” have an eagerness to explore and deepen their understanding of the land while having an upbeat, youthful, adventurous attitude about it.

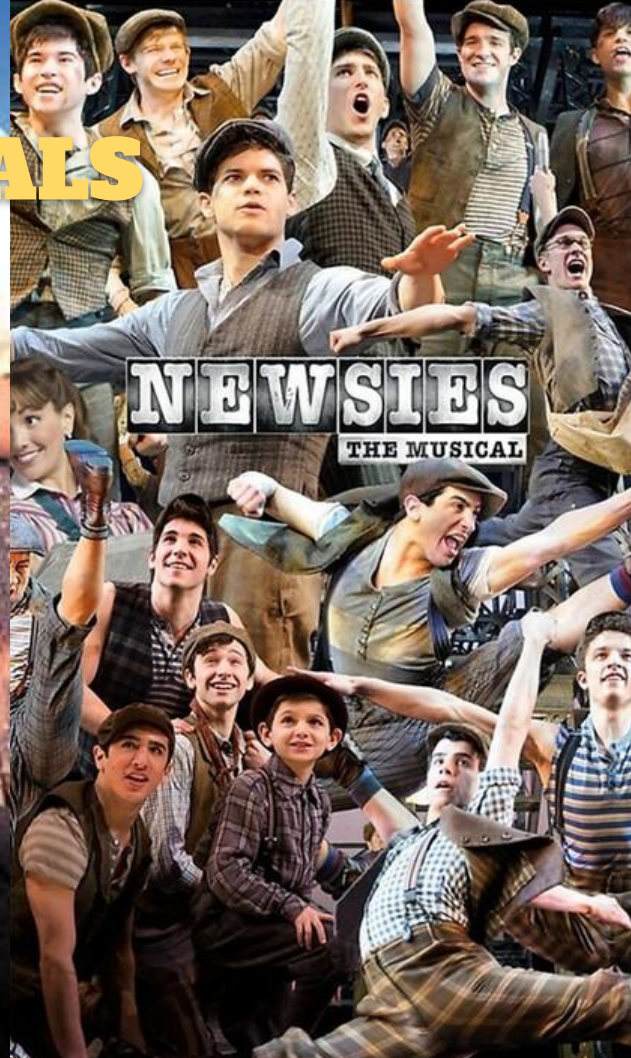
These ideas of **“man vs. wild”** and being one with the earth helped me conceptualize the idea of **“1970s cowboy goes camping.”** In the 1970s, we see the counterculture movement continue as the younger generation begins to rebel against the government and many other societal norms. It was a time of protest and liberation. They wore army jackets, fringe tops, flower crowns, and bell-bottom pants. The fashion reflected the culture of the times. This generation was moving towards a more freeing, progressive, and inclusive era for more people, especially the **LGBTQ+ community**. This is also one of the reasons that I enjoy this play is because it opens an opportunity for women / **LGBT+ people**. This play turns a historic, male-dominated expedition on its head and it's only appropriate for its costuming to do the same. So, let's take all these stereotypes and images tied to masculinity, such as athleticism, fraternity, and the outdoors, and give it to the woman, or the trans-identifying, gender-fluid, and/or non-gender-conforming person.

Intersectionality is “the new frontier.” Therefore, my mission in pursuing this production is to exemplify the themes of adventure, camaraderie, and enthusiasm through the idea of **“moving West,”** or moving onward, from white, traditional, patriarchal ideals.

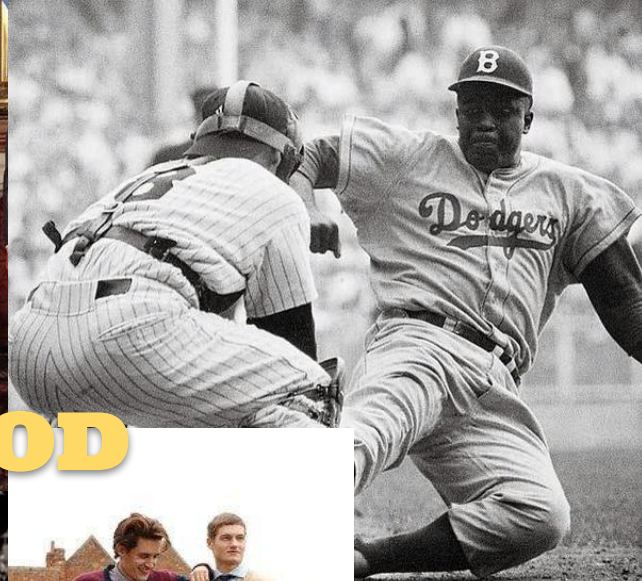
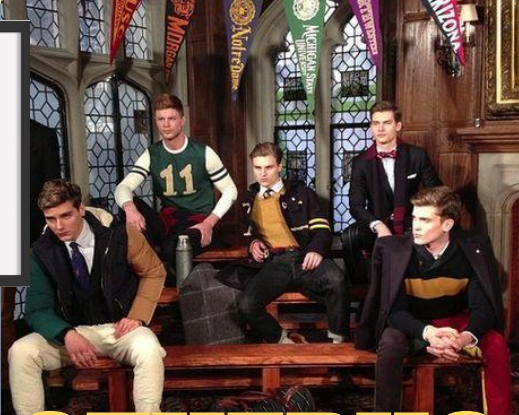
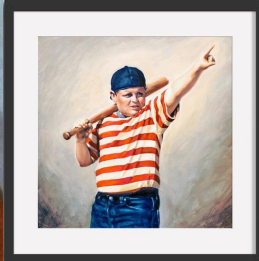




MOVIES & MUSICALS



**МОЛОДЕЖЬ,
ЗАНИМАЙСЯ
ГРЕБНЫМ СПОРТОМ!**



BROTHERHOOD



Land My Country

**RSARY 1956
OF AMERICA**

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CAMP, CHILDREN, & CARTOONS



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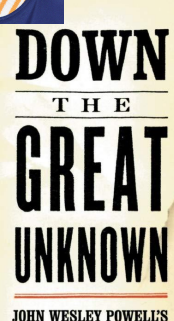
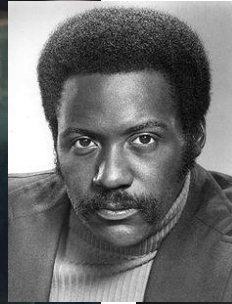
Played by Lena Waithe



(back)

Powell

- Played by **Lena Waithe (she/her)**
- One-armed Leader of the Expedition
- Outfit: dark leather varsity jacket, brown plaid bell bottoms, brown cowboy boots, black hat, afro

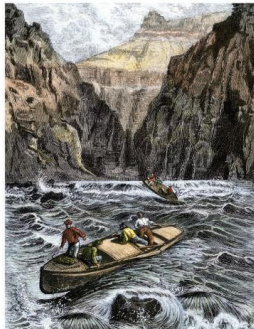


DUNN
Played by Samira Wiley



Dunn

- Played by **Samira Wiley (she/her)**
- Hunter and Trapper
- Outfit: hockey jersey, raccoon hat, olive shorts, striped gym socks, mullet



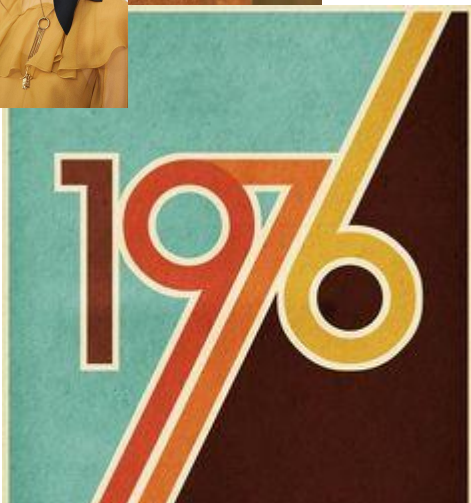
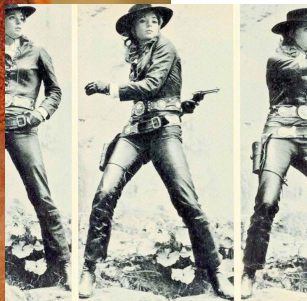
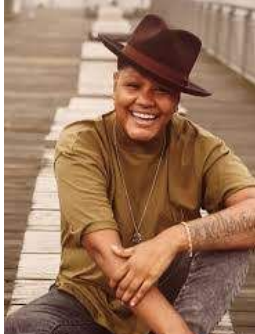
SUMNER

Played by Rahne Jones



Summer

- Played by **Rahne Jones (they/them)**
- Former soldier, current explorer, rugged
- Outfit: navy fringe cowboy button up, brown chaps, gun holster, bandana, belt, cowboy boots



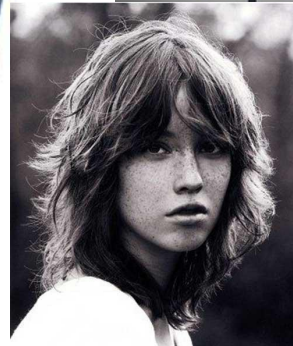
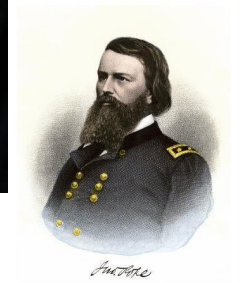
OLD SHADY

Played by Tessa Thompson



Old Shady

- Played by **Tessa Thompson (she/her)**
- Powell's Older Brother, Civil War Vet, quiet
- Outfit: Civil War jacket and hat, denim bell bottoms, camp penny tee or white button up, shaggy hair

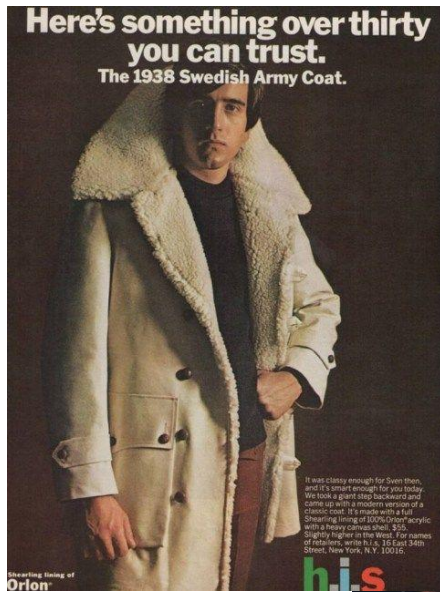


BRADLEY
Played by Angelica Ross



Bradley

- Played by **Angelica Ross** (she/her)
- Lieutenant, mad with youth, chatty, friendly
- Outfit: suede shearling coat, brown bell bottom pants, orange and yellow flowy top, beige hat, headband, braids



O.G.
Played by Theo Germaine



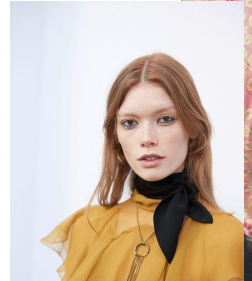
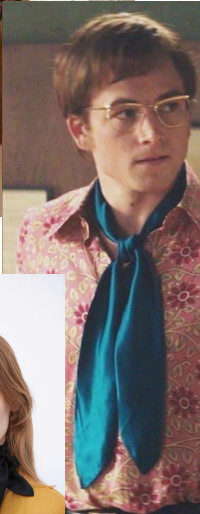
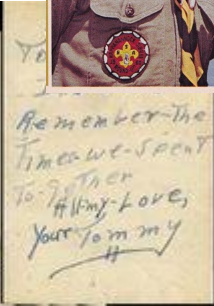
SENECA

Played by Elliot Page



Seneca

- Played by Elliot Page (he/they)
- OG's quiet little brother
- Outfit: orange/mustard (plaid?) romper, scarf, embroidered vest, glasses, natural hair down



Here
Comes
the
Sun



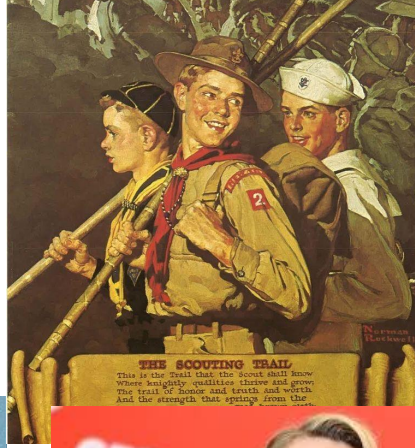
GOODMAN

Played by Kate McKinnon

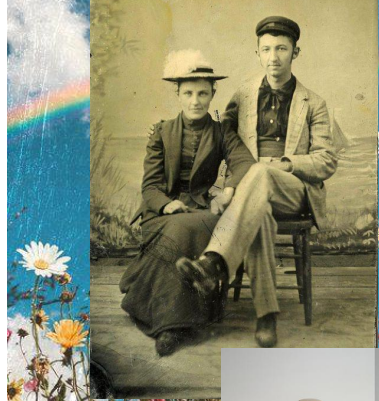


Goodman

- Played by **Kate McKinnon (she/her)**
- British, so excited
- Outfit: olive boy scout uniform, red scarf tie, beret, round glasses, pigtails



THE SCOUTING TRAIL
This is the trail that the Scout shall know
Where knightly qualities thrive and grow
The trail of honor and truth and worth
And the strength that springs from the

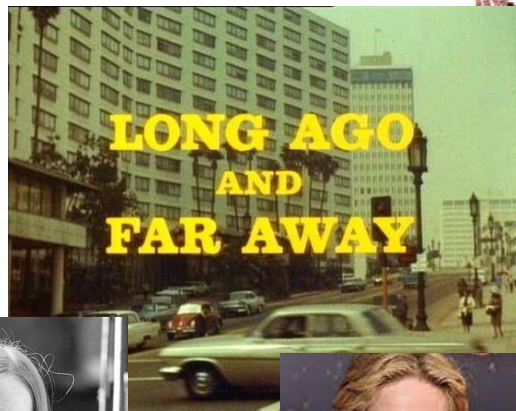


HALL
Played by Sarah Paulson



Hall

- Played by Sarah Paulson (she/her)
- Mapmaker, old soul
- Outfit: brown fringe jacket, denim button up, denim bell bottoms, bolo tie, black cowboy boots, long straight hair



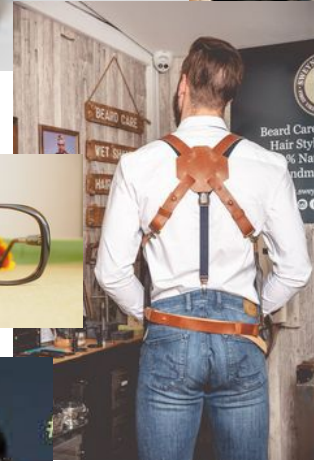
HAWKINS

Played by MJ Rodriguez



Hawkins

- Played by **MJ Rodriguez** (she/her)
- Cook, aggressive, lively
- Outfit: leather apron, maroon flowy paisley top, brown corduroy pants, scarf around head, combat boots, wavy hair



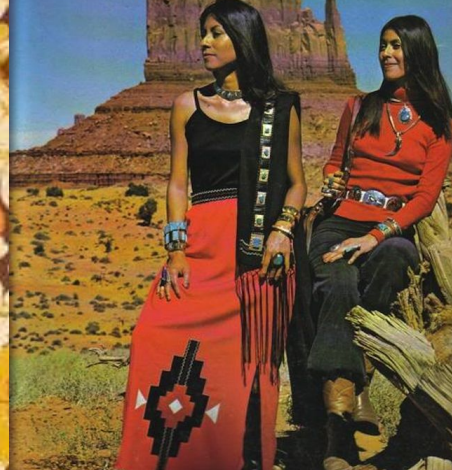
THE BISHOP

Played by MJ Rodriguez



The Bishop

- Played by Irene Bedard (she/her)
- Tsauwiat's Wife
- Outfit: colorful dress/skirt, accessories/jewelry, patterns, long straight hair (Designer Loren Aragon)



TSAUWIAT

Played by Wes Studi



Tsauwiat

- Played by **Wes Studi (he/him)**
- Ute Chief
- Outfit: hat, scarf, color, suit or poncho/wrap, white pants, long hair, (Designer Bethany Yellowtail)



THE UTES



AT THE UTE RESERVATION

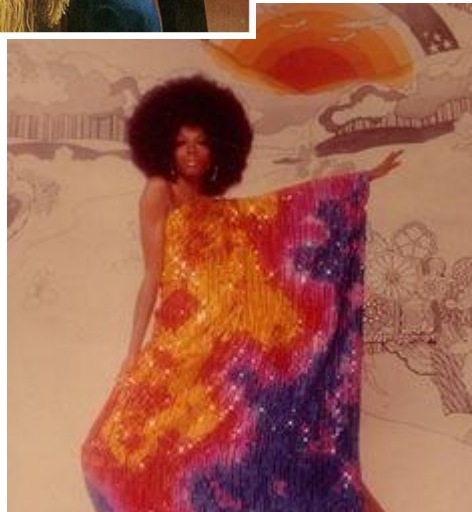
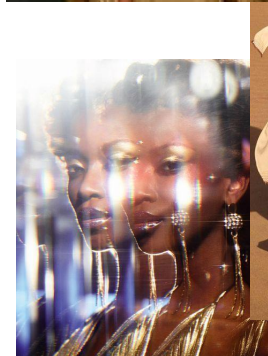
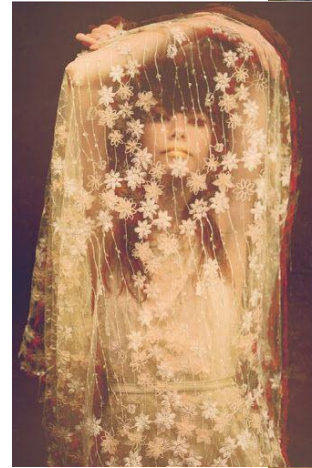
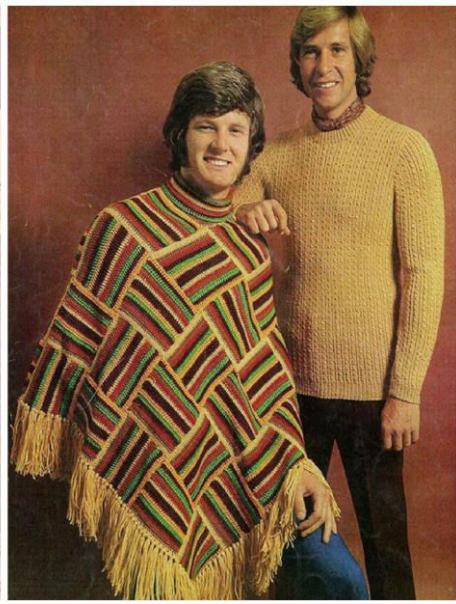


MR. ASA
Played by MJ Rodriguez



Mr. Asa

- Played by **Indya Moore (they/them)**
- A desert settler ("Angel of Comfort")
- Outfit: flowy, vibrant dress, heels, shiny jewelry, big curly hair



ARRIVING AT THE BIG CANYON



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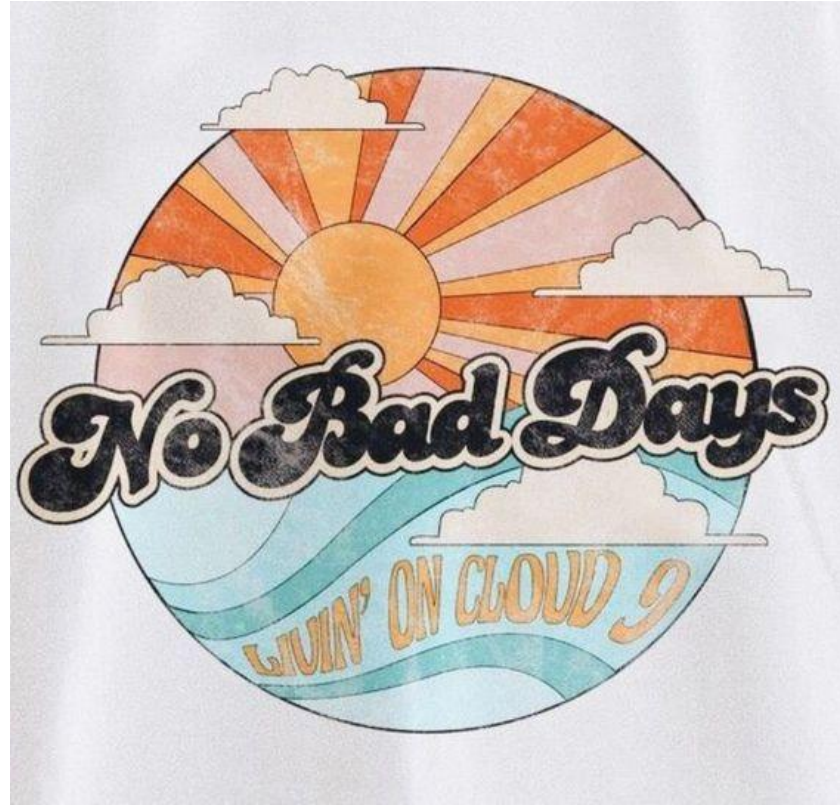
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Cast List

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- Samira Wiley (Dunn)
- Rahne Jones (Sumner)
- Tessa Thompson (Old Shady)
- Angelica Ross (Bradley)
- Theo Germaine (O.G.)
- Elliot Page (Seneca)
- Kate McKinnon (Goodman)
- Sarah Paulson (Hall)
- MJ Rodriguez (Hawkins)
- Wes Studi (Tsauwiat)
- Irene Bedard (The Bishop)
- Indya Moore (Mr. Asa)



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Themes

Editorial:

- Hair
- Sunglasses
- Stiletto heels

Child-like:

- Oversized
- Shorts (and knee high socks)
- Ruffled clothes

70s:

- Pants
- Hair
- Details