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Center Hours

Office & Nature Center
Monday - Saturday
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Grounds & Trails
Every Day
 Dawn - Dusk

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Big Event Dinner and Auction

The *Big Event Auction and Dinner* is your opportunity to join members and friends for a gala evening and provide financial support for this unique place. We depend on your generous support of our silent and live auctions, raffle and fund-a-wish to help us reach our 2011 goal of \$25,000.

This year's Fund-A-Wish is in support of Citizen Science. The Center is the go-to place for Northwoods monitoring efforts. Did you know we annually monitor the natural world, and train citizen volunteers to collect data on birds, bats, butterflies, wolves, marten, raptors, loons, frogs, toads and salamanders and on lake levels, water quality, and invasive species?? Staff and volunteers carry out surveys and collect data. We then report the data to state and tribal agencies. They use this information to monitor nature's trends, informing us when something is amiss.



Sunday May 29th, 2011
4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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This year we're featuring...

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BOARD MEMBERS

Cheryl Bowen, Guy David, Betty Forster,
 Dick Hemming, Tom Joseph, Jim Reichert

NLDC STAFF

Executive Director.....Sarah Johnson
 Assistant Director.....Katie Simonsen
 Admin Support.....Carrie Stiegler
 Naturalists.....Zach Wilson,
Licia Johnson
 Grounds Coordinator.....Ryan Wahlgren
 Facilities Manager.....Terry Sexton
 Bookkeeper.....Beth Meyer

OUR MISSION

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a community-based environmental learning center that promotes stewardship of the region's natural and cultural resources.

Property managed under an agreement with the WI DNR.

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These last two years, we received \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively to support and build our monitoring programs. This year's grant funding is unavailable, but our monitoring efforts go on. It is truly our wish that you will fund-a-wish, and allow us to give the time and resources needed to carry out this important work and citizen engagement.



Naturalist Licia Johnson demonstrating the use of the bat detector.

Can't be at the Big Event to support the cause? Simply go online to DiscoveryCenter.net and "donate now" to the Fund-A-Wish Campaign.

- A classic "Sunflower" wooden boat beautifully restored by Rolf Ethun
- A week in a Tucson Casita complete w/ red convertible donated by Bill & Penny Benson
- A day long outing & lesson with renowned photographer Jeff Richter
- Gourmet dinner with wine presented in your home by Chef Jesse VanRossum
- Original nature designs hand painted on furniture by Natalie Watland
- 2 nights in the beautifully restored Nash House at Camp Jorn
- Signed, limited edition Owen Gromme prints donated by John & Rosemary Rennhack
- Wellness spa package donated by Tara Nolan, Kathleen Koceja, Judy Ritter & Carolyn DeLong
- A December week in a Door County condo donated by Jim & Dorothy Wahner
- VIP package with Club Box tickets & time on the field and in the broadcast booth donated by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club
- 3 night stay and play in a Frisco, CO condo donated by Jeanne & Tom Joseph
- Tickets & hotel for Badgers vs Northern Illinois football on Sep 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago donated by Nellie Herrmann & Dick Hemming
- A Victorian dollhouse hand built by Robert Dumas
- 2 nights of Lakeside Lodging in Bayfield donated by Bill & Marilyn Gabert
- An Emotion Comet Kayak & Paddle donated by Chequamegon Adventure Company
- 3 night stay at Fiddler's Creek condo in Naples, FL donated by Dillman's Bay Resort



Our box office will be booking....

- Tickets for an original musical show at Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield
- Waterpark passes to The Waters of Minocqua
- VIP movie package at Lakeland Cinema in Minocqua
- Tickets for Badgers vs South Dakota football on Sep 24 in Madison donated by Dick Hemming
- Cross country ski passes at ABR in Ironwood
- Tickets for Badgers basketball in Madison donated by Ed & Meg Tallard

Bid on food and wine...

- Maple syrup donated by Rolf Ethun
- Pizza packages from Papa Murphy's in Minocqua
- Baskets donated by Wild Berry Market, Horhay's Java Saloon, Bernadette Nelson & Rayala Cranberry Company
- Honey donated by Judy & Jon Cassady



Beautiful and useful items for your house and garden donated by Carpet Mill Outlet, Northern Pines Greenery, Fireside Hearth & Home, Roughing It In Style, The Quilt Cottage, Sleep Central, Woodruff Appliance & TV, Dorothy Wahner, Cheese Board of Wisconsin, Rolf Ethun, Mary & Eric Koster, Debi's Farm Market, Kris LaMarche, Stoney Creek Garden Center, Ben Franklin in Ironwood, Andy Lynch, Accents En Fashion, Judy Ritter, Nature's Way Landscaping, Clear View Nursery, ULINE Shipping and The Warehouse Greenhouse.

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Jewelry and other cool stuff donated by Peepelures, Kathryn Dumas & Marilyn Gabert

Personal services donated by Justin Engineering, Island Collision Center, Rolf Ethun Appraisals and Kim's Style Cottage.

Our restaurant table will offer certificates from Plantation Supper Club, Island Café, Monical's Pizza, Culver's Frozen Custard, the Broken Oar, Marty's Place North, Smokey's Restaurant, Skyview Lodge & Supper Club, the Iron Nugget and Don & GG's Food & Spirits.

Our bookshelf will have items by John Bates & Tom Joseph and from Book World in Minocqua

Stop in our sports shop for....

- Golf at Skye in the Whitecap Mountains
- Assorted hand tied lures donated by Phyllis Zeiss
- Golf at Trout Lake Golf & Country Club
- Rod & reel donated by Townline Sports
- Okumo reel & Fenwick rod donated by Kurt's Island Shop
- Signed Donald Driver football & photo donated by Jim Wahner
- Brewer's cap & windbreaker donated by Jim & Karen Cramer
- Signed Badgers football item donated by Paul & Robin Chryst
- Guiding services by John Andrews, Dave Lukas and Dave Osborn
- Vintage wood/canvas canoe rental from Little Lakes Canoe Restoration
- Golf lessons with Andy Gibson or Peter Nomm at Minocqua Country Club
- Maui Jim sunglasses donated by Eyewear Associates
- Golf at Plum Lake Course
- Peasant mount by American Institute of Taxidermy
- Wooduck house & prints donated by Ducks Unlimited



Our art gallery will present...

- Woodburnings by Rose King & Barb Cavaliere
- Hand crafted bowls by Bill Perkins, Odonata Gallery, Gallery 51, Bearpaw Pottery & Arlene Bozicnik
- Photography by Ed Brodsky, Pearce Photography, Denhill Photography & Bruce Nelson
- Textiles by Jan Siemsen, Sheri Smith, Mary Burns, Kathy Sprester & Sherlene Schmidt
- Wildlife art donated by Dick Uihlein
- Original work by Terry Daulton, Barbara McFarland, Sara Muender & Dennis Robertson
- Rare "Sugarplum Pine" Collector Pottery by Ephraim Faience Pottery
- A handmade market basket by Cathy Breitholz
- Northwoods prints donated by ULINE Shipping
- Frames & framing from Frame It, Mary Rakosky & Artists Palette Gallery



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- ACE Hardware
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- Chequamegon Adventure Company
- The Wine Barn
- Thrivent Financial & Mark Henry
- Trig's Cellar 70

Special thanks to those donating materials, funds and services that make this event "gala" ...

- Merrill Lynch & John Hilbert
- Kae's Floral Consultants & Kay Krans
- Sam's Rental in Minocqua
- Skyview Supper Club
- LaPorte's IGA, Frank Distributing & Lakeland Ice
- Discovery Center Bird Club (\$100 cash)



Naturalist Notes

Ice-Out by Licia Johnson, Naturalist

The definition of lake ice-out varies from lake to lake, and individual to individual. For some, ice-out occurs when the lake is completely free of ice. For others, ice-out is defined as the moment when navigation is possible from point A to point B. Here at the Discovery Center we mark ice-out when the entire surface of Stathouse Lake is clear.

2004	April 19	2008	April 26
2005	April 9	2009	April 18
2006	April 11	2010	March 22
2007	March 30	2011	April 24



DISCOVER US.

Our new website features program listings and registration. All summer/fall 2011 programs are posted (many require advance registration). From Eagle Banding and Underwater Photography to Scenic Water Pontoon Tours and Pristine Paddles, you'll want to reserve your space soon. Visit DiscoveryCenter.net or call (877) 543-2085.

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Welcome Katie Simonsen, New Assistant Director

Katie is looking forward to her new position at the Discovery Center. She has a passion for connecting people with the outdoors and is excited to bring her energy and experience with non-profits to this great organization. She will work hard for visitors and members alike, creating and building upon Center programs and events, and actively expanding the volunteer program.

Katie has lived in the Northwoods for six years, working as Wellness Director for the YMCA of the Northwoods. Her love for the outdoors comes from diverse interests including photography, yoga, paddling, cross country skiing, hiking, camping, and even competing in the civilian marksmanship competitions with her father. She has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and a Master of Science in Restoration Ecology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. During graduate school she discovered that the processes of research, restoration, and recreation all aid in facilitating a deeper understanding of the world around us. She is excited to be involved with an organization that facilitates connections to the wonderful resources the Manitowish Waters area has to offer.



7th Annual Birding Festival

Celebrating International Migratory Bird Day

Friday, May 20th

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome reception sponsored by the Bird Club. Join us for appetizers, cash bar and a program by local author John Bates.

Saturday, May 21st

6:00 – 7:30 a.m. Registration, sunrise warbler walks, bird banding
 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration, bagel, fruit, coffee and juice bar, field trips
 12:15 p.m. KEYNOTE: Laura Erickson
 Bird banding, bird feeder building, presentations, raffle drawing

For more information and registration materials, please visit www.discoverycenter.net



Celebrating **Earth Day** on Friday, April 22 by cleaning up a portion of HWY W near Presque Isle are (l-r) Tom Olson, Denny Breitholtz, Cheryl Bowen, Cathy Breitholtz, Carol Olson, Bob Twelmeyer, Licia Johnson and Silas. Missing from photo are Melinda Pearce and Al and Julie Hillery.

Cut Here.....

Membership Form

Discovery Center Membership

- Individual/Seeker.....\$25.00
- Family/Household/Trekker.....\$50.00
- Adventurer.....\$100.00
- Trailblazer.....\$250.00
- Explorer.....\$500.00
- Voyageur.....\$1,000.00
- Pathfinder.....\$2,500.00
- Guide.....\$5,000.00
- Business.....\$250.00
- Please make me a **Bird Club** member for an additional \$10
- Please make me a **Timber Wolf Alliance** member for \$25.00 or more: _____ Amount

All membership levels include:

- Free onsite use of watercraft and snowshoes
- Monthly newsletters
- Program guide mailed to your home
- Discounts on programs and NLDC merchandise

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 Increased benefits at higher membership levels:
 please call or see our website for details.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____
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 Email _____

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation, so your contribution to The Center is fully tax deductible as allowed by relevant law.

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed

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For more details about becoming a member of the Discovery Center, NLDC Bird Club or TWA please visit our website at www.discoverycenter.net.



Please return membership form to:
 NLDC, PO Box 237 Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Bird Club Meeting 7 PM Bobcat Cabin	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Brown Bag: The Wolf's Howl 12 p.m. Held at Winchester Library	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 WHIP Invasives 5-7 p.m.	25	26 Become a Steward of our Northwoods Waters 3-5:30 p.m.	27	28 Van Vliet Trail Opening Celebration 10 a.m. Meet at trailhead
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For further details on programs and registration information, please call 877.543.2085 or visit and register online at www.discoverycenter.net.