



8th Annual Northwoods

BIRDING FESTIVAL

May 18-19

Online Registration Open!
www.DiscoveryCenter.net



Contact

Phone
715.543.2085/877.543.2085

Email
Contact@DiscoveryCenter.net

North Lakeland Discovery Center

Discover Us!

Manitowish Waters, WI. www.discoverycenter.net Connecting People with Nature

Vol. 3 • No. 2

May 2012

2012 Fund-A-Wish *See the Difference!*

Our 16th annual auction, dinner, and fundraiser is Sunday, May 27, 2012 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Our 2012 FUND-A-WISH campaign *See the Difference!*, is directed at a series of Citizen and Student Science projects aimed at visibility and expanded learning. Last year, donors gave \$20,000 to keep Student and Citizen Science Programs going, supplementing a significant drop in previously secured funding. As a result, we continued and built on the delivery of student research on the American marten and Common Loon, and citizen monitoring projects on aquatic invasives, lake levels, and acoustic bat, breeding bird, and butterfly migration.



Signature Sponsor



In 2012, our wish is to bring engagement and visibility to these projects -- for all to enjoy and experience. Imagine demonstration and experimental learning stations throughout the campus. IMAGINE...

* Wildlife monitoring stations, with simulations representing wildlife tracking via collars and radio-telemetry.

* A falconry program with live birds of prey. Witness a bird in flight, at school assembly programs and on our outdoor amphitheater.

Continued on pg. 2

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Manitowish Waters, WI
PERMIT #12

North Lakeland Discovery Center
P.O. Box 237
215 County Road W
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
Return service requested

NLDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 Duanne Swift.....President
 Rolf Ethun.....Vice President
 Dorothy Wahner.....Secretary
 Al Manteuffel.....Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS
 Betty Forster, Dick Hemming, Tom Joseph, Jim Reichert, Blake Theisen, Jerry Wilke

NLDC STAFF
 Executive Director.....Sarah Johnson
 Assistant Director.....Katie Simonsen
 Naturalist.....Licia Johnson
 Grounds Coordinator.....Ryan Wahlgren
 Bookkeeper.....Beth Meyer

OUR MISSION
 Naturally Inspiring and Enriching Lives through Meaningful Connections with Nature, People and Community.

Property managed under an agreement with the WDNR.

2012 Fund-A-Wish, cont. from pg. 1

- * Butterfly gardens and pathways, formally establishing our site as a Monarch Way Station.
- * Demonstration stations with loon and osprey platforms, alongside make & take miniature platforms.
- * A research station on wetland and lake level monitoring, with satellite data, field computers and more.

Through utilization of last year's FAW dollars, we are in the final steps of securing live bats and housing enclosures. We have four Big Brown Bats (formerly housed in a zoo), which are awaiting the final steps in this process. Your support made this possible. With your support for the 2012 *See the Difference!* campaign, IMAGINE what 2012 can bring.



Naturalist Licia Johnson demonstrating the use of the bat detector.

2012 BIG Event Auction Items

Vacations & Packages:

- Badger Homecoming! 4 tickets paired with lodging, donated by Nellie and Dick Hemming
- Fall Family Camp Weekend at Camp Manitowish YMCA
- Bayfield Lakeside Lodging Package, donated by Marilyn and Bill Gabert
- A week in a Tucson Casita complete with a red convertible, donated by Penny and Bill Benson
- A December week in a Door County condo, donated by Dorothy and Jim Wahner
- 4-Night stay and play in a Frisco, Colorado condo, donated by Jeanne and Tom Joseph
- Weekend stay at Lake of the Torches Casino
- 3-Night stay at the Discovery Center Director's House, paired with a customized naturalist outing

Wildlife & Great Outdoors:

- Midnight Loon Banding with Dr. Mike Meyer, Research Scientist
- Restored wooden canoe paired with a guided paddle, donated by Rolf Ethun and Dave Osborne of Little Lakes Canoe Restoration and Guide Service
- Current Design Kestrel Kayak, donated by Chequamegon Adventure Company
- Fishing rod and reel, donated by Townline Sports
- Full Day "Backcountry" Canoe Trip with Little Lakes Canoe Restoration and Guide Service
- Full Day of Guided Fishing for Three with John Andrews
- Customized Acoustic Bat Monitoring Outing, with Discovery Center Naturalist Licia Johnson
- Handmade wood duck house, donated by Karen and Jim Cramer
- Hawk Ridge Up Close and Personal – A Day Trip, with Discovery Center Director Sarah Johnson
- ½ Day Guided Fishing with Luke's Musky Guide Service
- ½ Day Musky Row Trolling with Dave Osborne, Little Lakes Canoe Restoration & Guide Service
- Cross country ski passes from ABR in Ironwood
- Complimentary use of a Vintage 1938 Wood/Canvas Canoe

Family Fun & Evenings Out:

- **Tickets and passes** to the Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield, Campanile Center in Minocqua, Discovery World in Milwaukee, Historic Ironwood Theater, Lakeland Cinema in Minocqua, The Waters of Minocqua, and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

- **Children's items** including Handmade American Girl wedding dress, donated by Dorothy Wahner; Children's wildlife basket with books and toys, donated by Book World; and Children's wooden wagon, donated by Bob and Sharon Bridges.



Personal & professional services:

- Website Host/Design by WebWorkLife
- Free interior and exterior auto cleanup – donated by Island Collision Center
- Spa Basket donated by Accents 'En Fashion by Paula
- Gift Basket with Hair Products donated by Kim's Style Cottage
- Single Family Home or Land Appraisal donated by Rolf Ethun Appraisals

Art & Jewellery Gallery:

- Handblown glass perfume bottle by Richard Silver, donated by Peeplelure's
- Pottery donated by Arlene's, Bearpaw, Ephriam Faience, and Five "S" Studio
- Woodburning on deer hide by Rose King of Burning Passions
- Original work by Bruce Nelson, Dillman's Creative Art Foundation, and Sara Muender
- Handmade Breast Cancer Awareness rosary, donated by Barb Cavaliere
- Sterling silver/pearl earrings and necklace by Marilyn and Bill Gabert
- Textiles by Sherlene Schmidt, Sheri Smith, and Donna Zierdt
- Wildlife art, donated by Silver Street Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and Dick Uihlein
- Wildwood Art and Colorful Handwoven Basket, donated by Cathy Brietholtz
- Hand-turned Lazy Susan, donated by Bill Perkins
- Pheasant Mount, donated by American Institute of Taxidermy
- Stained Glass Loon, donated by Chuck Stumpf
- Original nature note cards, donated by Pearce Photography
- Monoprint triptych by Sarah Anderson, donated by Mary and Eric Koster
- Jewelry and other items, donated by Kathryn and Robert Dumas and Marilyn and Bill Gabert

Sports & Fitness:

- Outdoor Club Seats (2) to Packer Pre-Season Game, donated by Ameriprise Financial Services
- Golf lessons with Bryon Neils and Andy Gibbson, donated by Minocqua Country Club
- VIP Brewer's package with Club Box tickets and broadcast booth time, donated by Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club
- Private Yoga and Life Coaching Sessions with Tara Nolan Yoga
- Weekly Vinyasa Flow Yoga Classes (15) with Tara Nolan Yoga
- Zumba Fitness Package and Classes (15) with Discovery Center Assistant Director Katie Simonsen
- Tickets (2) for a Badgers Big Ten Basketball Game, donated by Meg and Ed Tallard
- 2011 Signed Green Bay Packer Football, donated by Packers Community Outreach
- Maui Jim Sunglasses donated by Eye Care and Eyewear Associates
- 18-hole rounds of golf, donated by Trout Lake Golf and Country Club and Skye Golf in the Whitecap Mountains
- 9-hole round of golf with cart, donated by Plum Lake Golf Course
- Sportswear donated by Boulder Marine Center, Karen and Jim Cramer, and Trout Lake Golf & Country Club

Fresh ideas for your home & garden:

- Birch and willow furniture, donated by Will Byram
- Hosta Collection, donated by Clearview Nursery
- Lilac bushes, donated by Nature's Way Property Management and Landscaping
- Hand painted fish motif coffee table, donated by Judy Ritter
- Set of Collector Plates, donated by Beverly and Jim Combs
- Fireplace Tool Set, donated by Fireside Hearth & Home
- Tempur-Pedic Soft Pillow, donated by Sleep Central
- Northwoods "Bear Walk" Area Rug, donated by Carpet Mill Outlet
- Toshiba DVD/VCR combo, donated by Woodruff Appliance & TV

Beautiful and useful items for your house and garden

donated by Debby's North Country Farm Market, Gallery 51, Northern Pines Greenery, Odonata Gallery, Roughing It In Style, Slumberland Furniture, Stoney Creek Garden Center, The Quilt Cottage, The Warehouse Greenhouse, Thoma's Mini Mart, ULINE Shipping, Uncommon Goods in Hurley, and Walmart. Individual donations from Rolf Ethun, Kaity Meyer, Bernadette Nelson, Irv Rueger, and Cheri Rush add personalized touches.



Special thanks to those donating items, funds and services that make this event "gala":

- Nancy and Steve Frank
- Maryann & Barry MacLean
- Skyview Lodge & Supper Club
- Kae's Floral Consultants & Kay Krans
- Sam's Rental in Minocqua
- Sterling Auction & Realty Services, LLC
- LaPorte's IGA & Lakeland Ice

Signature Sponsor - Thrivent Financial Services (Mark Henry)

Premier Sponsor - Little Lakes Canoe Restoration & Guide Service

Partner Sponsors - ACE Hardware, Ann C. Swift & Associates, Chequamegon Adventure Company, The Wine and Beer Barn, Trig's Cellar 70



Students, Stewardship & Student Science Connections

Hurley and Mercer students were on five area lakes in April learning about loons and lake ecology with Discovery Center and Iron County Land and Water Conservation staff. Students gathered soils and vegetation to construct nests on artificial platforms. These platforms were placed on lakes in order to increase loon chick productivity and survival rates. They also collected data on lake acidity, oxygen levels, macro-invertebrate populations, and habitat features.



North Lakeland School 7th graders got down and dirty on April 19th – digging and potting the invasive species, Purple Loosestrife. The plants are the first piece in a summer long bio-control project aimed at controlling populations and spread of the wetland invasive.



These projects are funded by the member-supported 2011 Fund-A-Wish Campaign, by the Town of Manitowish Waters, and through invasive species grant funding.

EXTENDING THE IMPACT: Several students are taking the invasive species issue back to school to continue their stewardship work. Alison Bognar is conducting an experiment to compare the growth and development of purple loosestrife in beetle release and non-beetle release areas. Kyle Wuestenhagen created educational posters for placement on purple loosestrife plants at NLS. Claire Boston Denton developed and maintains a Facebook page with information about purple loosestrife and the students' efforts. The Discovery Center applauds the initiative these young environmental stewards!

\$93,000 in Lake Grants Awarded

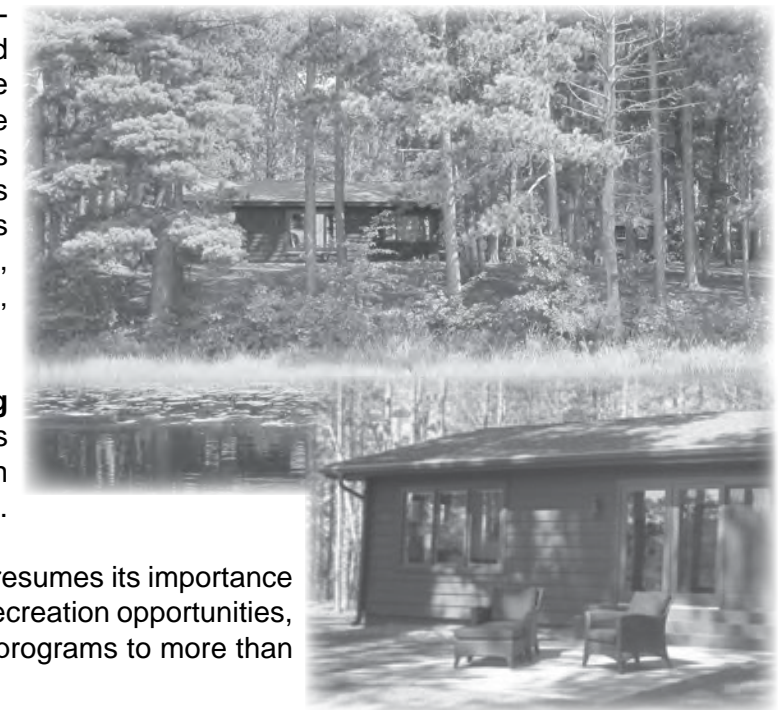
We are excited to announce the award of a series of WDNR aquatic invasive species grants. The grants will expand our understanding of the Chain of Lake's ecology, and will proactively protect the health of our waters for generations to come. Grants include:

- **Aquatic Invasive Species Education, Planning and Prevention** *Manitowish Chain of Lakes Management Planning Project* (\$66,645). This project, which has phases in future years to cover the entire Chain, received the highest score in this cycle.
- **Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection and Response** *Manitowish Chain of Lakes EDR Project* (\$26,621), for treatment of curly leaf pondweed in the Chain.

The Town of Manitowish Waters has committed the majority of matching funds, supplemented by the Town of Boulder Junction. The Discovery Center and the Manitowish Waters Lakes Associations are committed to volunteer training and recruitment. Your time and effort are essential components in fulfilling the grant requirements. Volunteering is as easy as walking your shoreline and watching for washed-up plants, or scanning the waters for invasive species while fishing or boat cruising. To be a part of keeping our lakes beautiful and healthy, contact Anne Kretschmann, AIS Coordinator ais@discoverycenter.net or 715-543-2085.

Director's House – A Welcoming Place

For 30 years the Discovery Center site was a state-run Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) camp. The old "Director's House" still sits on the northern shore of the lake, nestled within the pines. Now newly remodeled, the home offers a peaceful place for members and guests to stay. It sleeps up to four, accommodating couples and small families. With front door connection to trails and a playhouse, access to pristine Statehouse Lake, and complimentary equipment for kayaking and fishing, the home provides unparalleled amenities.



We invite you to drop in Saturday, May 12 for our **Spring Community Open House Day**. Enjoy Director's House home tours and tea service for moms. Kids can complete a make-and-take garden gift for Mother's Day.

The house that historically served as a command post resumes its importance to the Center's work. Rental income supports outdoor recreation opportunities, as well as the delivery of wildlife and water education programs to more than 4,000 children and adults annually.

Our appreciation to Mrs. Elizabeth Uihlein for providing financial support for the Director House Project.

2011 Donor List Additions

A group of members that donated in December 2011 were not listed in the annual flier. These donations were instead directed to fulfillment of a 2012 membership. All donors listed here will be recognized in 2012, and we felt it appropriate to include recognition of their gifts here as well:

\$500 - \$999 Explorer Mary and Tom Weber	\$100 - \$249 Adventurer cont. Edward Taylor Neil Wienke Whoops & Co. Terry Daulton & Jeff Wilson	\$50 - \$99 Trekker cont. Nancy and Stephen Russell Pat and Jay Smith Susan Swingen Allen Toussaint Joan and Bill Wagener Betty and Earl Watkins Linda and Dan Wohlleber
\$250 - \$499 Trailblazer Peg and Jon Hardt Ann and Jack Lindstrom Holly and John Orwin	\$50 - \$99 Trekker Aileen Alexander Barbara and Paul Capps Shirley and Larry Clark Rob, Suma and Krishna Elwell Linda and Ronald Graf Earl Grupe Debbie and Gary Gustafson Brooke Alt & William Huffer Synthia and Donald Joseph Susan and Dan Lansdown Terry and Dennis Lipp Sallie and Jim Magalska Kathryn and Bruce Markert Charlotte Newfeld Bonnie and Don Pollard	\$25 - \$49 Seeker Sue Geraty Sandra Hanford Hurley Area Chamber of Commerce Joy Ludtke Gene Miller Gerald and Mary Mrochek Walter Wiest Mark Zaander
\$100 - \$249 Adventurer Pamela Anthony Patricia Brink Quinn and Robert Delaney Betty and Jerry Fuller Laurie and Ron Glowac Elizabeth Gustavson Karen Kimmey Nadine and Donald Kovar Kurt Landauer Karin and John Randolph Sue Rodell Denise and Dan Schnabel Christy and Paul Schwan		

Discovery Center Welcomes New Summer Staff



Ben Betterly ~ Seasonal Wildlife Educator
Ben received his B.S. in Biology from Northland College and M.S in Applied Ecology from Michigan Tech. He has worked on Isle Royale with the wolf-moose study. Whatever the endeavor may be, Ben believes taht the best way to learn about science and the natural world is through hands-on experience.

Angela Ziobro ~ Environmental Education Intern
Angela has worked in Environmental Education for the past seven years in places as far away as California. Participating in a graduate program in environmental education at the UM-Duluth helped her to realize the power of experiential education.



Allie Coleman ~ Visitor Experience Intern
Allie graduated from Carthage College in 2011 with a degree in Geography and Earth Science. She is excited to use her environmental education, community outreach and organizational skills to help connect people to nature during the summer.

Scott Blado ~ Water Education Intern
Scott is a recent graduate of UW-Oshkosh and has participated in the Clean Boats Clean Waters program throughout Vilas County. He is excited to continue learning and teaching others about the value of our natural resources and threats to them such as aquatic invasive species.

