



Eco-Adventures for Youth Ages 4-14



Wine in the Woods

Friday, July 13
5-8 pm

Fine wines, a light
supper, and live music

Phone

715.543.2085/877.543.2085

Email

Contact@DiscoveryCenter.net

This summer's youth series includes **Eco-Discoverers** (ages 4-7) on Mondays 9-11:30am, **Eco-Explorers** (ages 7-10) on Tuesdays 9am-4pm, and **Eco-Adventurers** (ages 11-14) on Wednesdays, with extended overnight programs in July and August. Themed weeks include wildlife up-close, survival, and animal flight – featuring airplane rides for our Adventurers. Two overnight opportunities for ages 11-14 are set for July 18-20 and August 8-10.



Participants arrive Wednesdays for day camp, return on Thursdays at 9am and stay overnight departing on Friday mornings. The July session is centered on Native American culture and traditional uses of plants and animals.

continued on page 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.

Eco-Adventures, cont. from pg. 1



The program features harvesting of materials and building a traditional wigwam along the Discovery Center trails. The August overnight adventure highlights our beautiful waters through paddling, snorkeling and lots of wildlife viewing both on land and underwater. Three meals and overnight accommodations are included.

All eco-experiences provide fun, adventuresome and engaging opportunities to learn about our unique Northwoods ecosystems, and provide a wonderful way for youth to connect and meet new friends. Sign up by calling 877.543.2085 or visit online DiscoveryCenter.net – all have limited space available.

Top 10 Drop-In Activities

- 1. Trails.** The Discovery Center has over 12 miles of biking and hiking trails open dawn to dusk. The gentle terrain winds through the woods, around the bog and lake, and along the Manitowish River.
- 2. Pontoon Tours.** Thursday-Sunday 10 am. Hop aboard our pontoon and learn about our citizen science projects while enjoying a beautiful tour of Statehouse Lake.
- 3. Fishing.** We have poles by the beach. Cast a line and see what takes a nibble!
- 4. Birding.** Our 22-station Birding Trail has beautiful, informative signs about many of the species you'll see and hear out on the trails.
- 5. Geocaching.** Use a GPS to find our geocache boxes. See what others have left and leave behind something of your own!
- 6. Nature Nook.** Live animals, educational displays, skulls, pelts and more!
- 7. Canoe and Kayak.** Take a boat on Statehouse Lake for a lovely paddle.
- 8. Guided Nature Hikes.** Wednesdays 10-11 am. Join Discovery Center staff or volunteer for a guided tour of our interpretive trail.
- 9. Family Backpack Program.** Pick up a backpack filled with scavenger hunts, guide books, ID sheets, compass, magnifying lenses and more!
- 10. Picnic Areas.** Bring a lunch or dinner and enjoy a beautiful picnic surrounded by pines and overlooking the lake.

Big Event Signature Sponsor



Mark Henry (Left), and Dorothy Wahner (Right).

Dorothy led the planning committee for this year's Big Event and Mark Henry, a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Representative from Minocqua-Woodruff, was the Signature Sponsor the successful Big Event held on May 27th at the Discovery Center. He is helping to support and promote gift planning for future generations to enjoy this beautiful Northwoods resource.

BIG EVENT A Success

This year's BIG EVENT proved big indeed! Our largest fundraiser to date, the evening raised \$60,000. Nearly half the proceeds go to our *See the Difference!* campaign, aimed at bringing our mission to life with interactive exhibitry and habitat pieces for our Citizen/Student Science Program.

Imagine loon and osprey platforms, butterfly and bat houses, wildlife friendly pathways and more. With your support, we are moving forward with a plan to formalize these changes.

A culminating match gift, compliments of Tom Miller and Cindy Sobczak, capped off remarkable support for our 2012 "Fund-A-Wish."

The evening's success is due in large part to hard work by the committee, led by Dorothy Wahner, and to the auction item donors and businesses, volunteer-helpers, and attendee-donors. Members Maryann and Barry Maclean and Nancy and Steve Frank, alongside Allstate Distributors, Trig's Cellar 70, and The Wine and Beer Barn, generously contributed to keep our glasses full and to provide offsetting costs for a sit down dinner. And what a wonderful dinner it was – Skyview Lodge and Supper Club did a wonderful job with our above capacity crowd.



Over 250 members, guests, and new and familiar friends gathered together in good cheer and in support of the Discovery Center.

Thank you all for your support – our successes are due to the growing involvement and generosity of our members, donors, sponsors, volunteers and community. We hope the Center represents an organization you take pride in; and one that you will experience and share with your friends and families.

 2012 Sponsors:

- Signature: Thrivent Financial Services (Mark Henry)
- Premier: Ace Hardware, Little Lakes Canoe Restoration and Guide Service, and The Wine and Beer Barn
- Partner: Allstate Distributors, Ann C. Swift & Associates, Chequamegon Adventure Co., Merrill Lynch (JohnHilbert), and Trig's Cellar 70



"As a child, one has that magical capacity to move among the many eras of the earth; to see the land as an animal does; to experience the sky from the perspective of a flower or a bee; to feel the earth quiver and breathe beneath us; to know a hundred different smells of mud and listen unself-consciously to the sighing of the trees."

–Valerie Andrews, *A Passion for this Earth*



Timber Wolf Alliance: Wolf Hunt

In January the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) delisted wolves in the Great Lakes region. Wolves returned to Wisconsin on their own around 1975 after being extirpated in the sixties. On the same day in January that the wolf was delisted, Wisconsin introduced a bill proposing a wolf hunt. The legislation moved quickly and by April 2, 2012, the Wisconsin Wolf hunt became official law. The State's objective is to reduce statewide wolf populations which currently top 800.

This bill establishes Wisconsin as the first state east of the Rocky Mountains to have a wolf hunting season. Timber Wolf Alliance is not opposed to a hunt, but has concerns about the bill. The season will be October 15 to the end of February. The length of the season is a concern for an animal just off the endangered species list. The only animals with longer hunting seasons are squirrels and rabbits. Under the bill, dogs may be used to hunt wolves and night hunting is allowed. Wisconsin represents the only state allowing the use of dogs during a wolf hunt. Furthermore, the season extends into the wolf's breeding season. Yet to be determined are harvest zones, quotas and zone season closures.



Photo by Ron Schultz

TWA, which sticks to education, is taking on a role of educational advocate in this situation because science and best management practices have not been involved in the bill's development. Although TWA does not oppose a wolf hunt, we believe the current law will lead to increased dog injuries and mortalities, disruption of the wolf breeding season, and management of the wolf as a varmin rather than a potential "trophy" species. TWA has released opposition statements during the bill's development and continues to address best use of science in establishment of a hunting season.

Memorial Scholarship Brings Joy to School Children

This year, the Charles Petrie Memorial Scholarship designated \$1,500 for children to learn from and experience the natural world. With tight budgets in place, schools need financial assistance to assure these outdoor learning field trips occur. Thanks to the family's continued support of this scholarship, over 300 students experienced Environmental Education programming at the Discovery Center's engaging outdoor learning lab.



Students came from Land O Lakes, St. Germain, and Norrie Elementary schools. One beautiful spring day found all Lakeland School District fifth graders gathering together to experience nature and outdoor recreation through programs such as canoeing, frog chorus, bog hikes, exploring the "underworld," beaver-cology, skulls and skins, and more.

The students and the Center thank the Petrie's for their continued support of our mission: to enrich lives and inspire an ethic of care for Wisconsin's Northwoods, through the facilitation of connections among people, nature and community.

5 Senses Prompt

I see a beautiful view,
It just makes me think of so many things I can do.
I hear a variety of sounds
and noises
And I wonder if those who
Are making them can
hear our voices.
I feel a mixture of emotions, no
Matter what they are, They feel
So great, I can't hesitate.
I can smell so many different scents.
So I start to wonder
If I can touch it all
With my own hands

by CCL Student Camper, Rosy Mendez

Youth from the Center for Conservation Leadership in Lake Forest, Illinois recently spent a week at the Center, participating in ecology-adventure programs and stewardship projects in connection with our Student-Citizen Based Monitoring. The above poem was written during a journaling break on an all-day canoe paddle.



A scenic overlook atop Wolf Mountain in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Welcome Lynn!

Lynn Wildes joined the Discovery Center team in May 2012 as our Facility and Event Coordinator. Lynn and her husband moved to the Northwoods from southern Wisconsin in 1996 and love living and raising their family here. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a degree in Speech Communication and Public Relations, and is excited to use her marketing background to help the Discovery Center fulfill its mission and service opportunities.



Lynn will be handling the Center's marketing, recruiting, and scheduling for rental groups, which include organizations, educational camps, weddings, family reunions, and more! She will also be coordinating many of the Discovery Center's program events and fundraisers, such as the Big Event, Just Tri It! Triathlon, Family Play Day, Birding Festival, and Wine In The Woods.

Lynn will be looking for new groups to bring to the Discovery Center as well as promoting the beauty and benefits to its current membership. She is looking forward to meeting all of the members and promoting the Discovery Center in the Northwoods and beyond! If you have any questions about using the Center please give her a call at the center or via email – Lynn@DiscoveryCenter.net.

Stewards of the Northwoods

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

First Week at the Discovery Center

First Week at the Discovery Center
- by Allie Coleman, Interpretive Services Intern

My first week and experience at the Discovery Center has been a great one! I love all the new things I have been involved in and learning.

The school groups at the Discovery Center, this week, have been great. I am amazed how enthusiastic the kids have been about learning. It felt great getting to learn new things about frogs and the underworld, then getting to teach what I learned to the students. The Land O' Lakes Elementary students were so excited to be outside and search for frogs, that once they found some, they insisted on taking pictures kissing the frogs, having frogs in their hair, and collecting as many as possible. I think it is a great opportunity children, in this area, get to have to connect to nature on a very personal level, make lasting memories, and get to spend a day, outside of the classroom, learning.

I am also very excited to be able to be a part of the nature nook. I feel that it is a great tool for the Discovery Center to have. It is a great



Green tree frog: a great way for kids to connect! You can also visit frogs in our Nature Nook.

Followers

Join this site with Google Friend Connect
Members (4)

Already a member? [Sign in](#)

Blog Archive

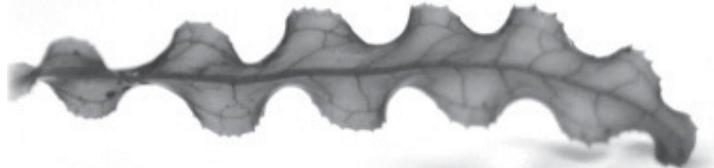
- ▼ 2012 (50)
- ▼ June (2)
- First Week at the Discovery Center
- Successful "Culla" Beetle Collection
- May (3)
- March (1)
- February (2)
- January (2)
- 2011 (17)

About Me

Discovery Center
View my complete profile

Call for Lake Volunteers

The Discovery Center encourages you to volunteer! Your volunteer hours are essential to the \$90,000 in lake planning and aquatic invasive species (AIS) grants received this spring. Volunteering is as easy as walking your shoreline and noticing what plants have washed up, or keeping your eyes open for invasive species while fishing or taking a pontoon ride on a sunny day! Please report volunteer and boat-use hours to Anne Kretschmann, AIS Coordinator at ais@discoverycenter.net.



Curly-leaf pondweed, aquatic invasive species now present in the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes.

Keep up-to-date on all the happenings at the Discovery Center. Visit our "Stewards of the Northwoods" blog for cool findings, phenology notes, interesting stories, upcoming events and more!
<http://stewardsofthenorthwoods.blogspot.com>

We're in the midst of a Master Site Plan and want to hear from you. Visit the Community Comment page: <http://www.saa-madison.com/community-comment/member-feedback>

Annual Meeting Agenda and Proxy

Saturday, July 21 10am

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALL TO ORDER 2. WELCOME 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA 4. APPROVAL OF 7/17/11 MINUTES 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 6. TREASURER'S REPORT 7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT 8. INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS 10. EXECUTIVE DIVISION - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Presentation of a slate of nominees for election. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. 11. OLD BUSINESS 12. NEW BUSINESS 13. ADJOURN |
|--|--|

Note: A brief meeting of the new Board will follow the Annual Meeting.



MEMBER PROXY

Please sign & return by July 19th if you are unable to attend

In order to assure a quorum at the Discovery Center 2012 Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 10am, I (we) hereby authorize the Board of Directors to act on my (our) behalf, in case of my (our) absence. This authorization shall be for purposes of election of members of the Board of Directors, passing of resolutions, authorization of expenditures, and any other items of business to come before this meeting.

Member's signature

Member's signature

Member's name (Please print)

Member's name (Please print)

____/____/____
Date

____/____/____
Date