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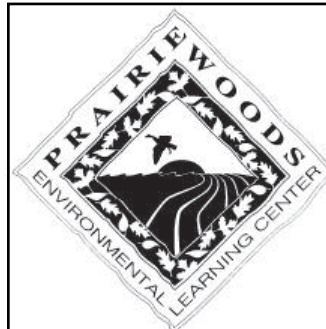
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YELLOW BOATS

This past summer, hundreds of people were able to experience kayaking for free with the Prairie Woods Yellow Boats Project. Unloading 20 brightly colored kayaks at a beach or landing proved to be a sure formula for happiness. Following the appearance of our Yellow Boats "float" in the Water Days Parade over 100 people



Kayaking on the Middle Fork of the Crow River

joined us for an afternoon paddle on the Mill Pond. The Yellow Boats were also a hit at Rockin Robbins, New London Music Festival, and Spicer 4th of July Parade, as well as scheduled river trips with groups and community ed. classes. We're already looking forward to more Yellow Boat adventures next summer.

A huge Thanks! to the **New London-Spicer Area Fund, Leo's Legs Fund, Bernicks Family Foundation, Tebben Enterprises and United Way of WC Minnesota** for supporting the Yellow Boats Project!

RED SLEDS

This Winter be sure to check out the RED SLEDS- In the last issue of this newsletter we put out a call for kicksled donations and we're pleased to report that PWELC now has a fleet of 22 kicksleds ready for service this winter. WOW! A grant from the Reynold W. and Eleanor D. Larson Fund enabled us to purchase 15 kicksleds and seven additional sleds were donated by individuals and couples. Look for Red Sleds this winter at Prairie Woods and on area lakes.

Thank You Kicksled Donors

Reynold W. & Eleanor D. Larson Fund-
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Red Sled Kicksled

Save the Dates!!

Winter Fun DaySunday, February 10th, 2019 11am-4pm
Tommy Swenson Memorial Ice Fishing TournamentSaturday, February 2nd, 2019
Earth Day and Recycled Outdoor Gear SaleSaturday, April 13, 2019 8am-1pm

XC Ski PWELC- Remember, PWELC grooms seven miles of cross-country ski trail and we rent xc skis and snowshoes. Ski and snowshoe rental just \$5 for students and PWELC members. \$15 per day for non-members. Check ww.prairiewoodselc.org and Facebook for trail conditions.





Notes from the Executive Director

by Dave Pederson, Executive Director

After a tremendously busy spring, summer and fall we are literally shifting gear for winter. The Yellow Boats, Big Canoe and Mobile Climbing Wall have been shifted into the Pavilion for some well earned rest while winter gear is being shifted into service including xc skis, snowshoes and a fleet of new kicksleds. Winter is one of our four favorite seasons at Prairie Woods. Bring it on!

Yes, we're ready to jump into winter but first a bit of reflection on the fall. Some of the fall highlights included the 19th annual Limited Special Hunt, 11th annual Music Under the Prairie Stars Fundraiser, 12th Annual YES! Summit, the umpteenth Region V FFA Greenhands event, the Region 2 Envirothon, Conservation Day, afterschool archery and climbing clubs, outreach programs to Wright and Stearns County Parks, weddings in the pavilion, Boy Scout camporee, and busloads of kids from schools throughout our region. Prairie Woods is alive in all seasons.

Prairie Woods is alive with Serious Fun! The fun part is getting kids outdoors and connected to the natural world. The serious part is getting kids outdoors and connected to the natural world. Our staff are experts at crafting experiences that help people learn to live well with self, others and the environment. You, as a supporter of PWELC, are also a critically important part of our team. Without your support we would not be able to keep programs affordable and available for thousands of kids each year.

Please join us in the work and play of PWELC. Your end of year donations and gifts throughout the seasons are absolutely essential to the growth, development and service of Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. Together, we are helping thousands of kids to experience the joys of outdoor recreation, the wonder of our complex eco-system, and the importance of environmental stewardship.

I hope to see you at the Winter Fun Day, Tommy Swenson Ice Fishing Tournament or on the trails this winter. Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

Dave



SOME OF THE NICE THINGS DONE FOR PRAIRIE WOODS BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU:

- * **Pennock Produce** donated a truckload of pumpkins for Halloween Haunt
- * **Cashwise, Cub Foods** and **Walt's** donated goodies and popcorn for Halloween Haunt
- * **New London-Spicer National Honor Society** helped with pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, games and the Halloween Haunt Enchanted Creature Trail.
- * **United Way of West Central Minnesota** provided funding support for Everyone Outside!, Serious Fun! & YES!
- * **Bernicks Family Foundation, Tebben Enterprises, New London-Spicer Area Fund and Leo's Legs Fund** supported the Yellow Boats Project.
- * **Terry Mylenbeck** donated a 20ga shotgun with bottom eject for left handed shooters
- * **Norm and Rose Marcus** donated a fishing boat, motor and trailer for the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale
- * **PWELC Staff** show up everyday and give 100%
- * **Huge thanks to the Prairie Stars Event Committee** - Jim Tetzloff, Mari Klebe, Beth Anderson, Sharon Oleson, Scott Glup, Laura Nelson and Amanda Toutges.
- * **William Fernandez** is volunteering one day a week to help out wherever needed
- * **Jackie Prim** from Ridgewater College volunteered a day to help clear trails & prepare for XC ski season
- * **Patsy Russell** is helping out 25-30 hours per week as an Experience Works assistant
- * **Pat Laib** for donating an elk and deer hide
- * **Forrest Dahmes** donated and installed a custom built retractable 22'x14' **projector screen** in the Pavilion just in time for the YES! Summit. Stay tuned for more on the projector screen in the pavilion (popcorn & movie nights in our future??)

We have been honored to receive memorial gifts from the friends and family of:

Hap McGill
Jim Dahl
Duane Oleson
Penny Davis
Charles Whisenaut
Wallace Gustafson



YES! YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT UPDATES

-Taylor Templer- Interim West Central YES! Coordinator

Hello! My name is Taylor Templer. I am from New London. I am currently a student at St. Cloud State University, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Planning and Community Development and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies. My interest in these fields comes from my love for the environmental and my drive to make our community a better place. I feel that in order for a city to be sustainable, it needs to involve community members, especially our youth. This is what excites me about PWELC and the YES! program. Getting our youth excited about being outdoors, learning about the environment and getting involved in projects that will make our communities sustainable and enjoyable to live in is so important. I am so thankful to have such a wonderful place like PWELC that offers outdoor programs for my son to explore the outdoors, challenge himself, and learn about nature. I am even more thankful to have the opportunity to work for such a great organization and program.

Currently I am filling in as the YES! West Central Coordinator position while Ali Dahmes is on maternity leave. We currently have 9 YES! teams in the West Central Region including: DREAM Academy, Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, Hutchinson High School, Lac qui Parle Valley High School, New London-Spicer High School, New London-Spicer Middle School, YME High School, ROCORI Middle & High School, and Sartell-St. Stephens Middle School. Team projects this year include installing water bottle refilling stations, constructing rain gardens, installing LED lights, designing a rain water catchment system to water greenhouse plants, and installing a waterer in the community orchard.



YES! volunteer Tom McDougall leads a small seminar during the Fall Summit

The YES! Fall Summit was held at PWELC this year where teams from the west central, southern, metro, and northwest were able to get together and get excited for the upcoming YES! season. The teams were able to gather ideas for projects by attending sessions at the summit. The student sessions included the Eco Project Sharing session, Water Quality session, and the Flying Squirrel team challenge.

There was also a waste-less lunch competition at this year's summit which was a lot of fun! Students were responsible for bringing their own lunch, so we decided to see what team would have the least amount of waste! The teams had to think about what types of containers they would use, what foods to choose, and how much food to pack. The "waste" included everything that is not consumed or reusable including food scraps, recycling, and garbage. Each team received a bucket that all the waste went into and after the competition the waste was weighed. However, not all waste is created equal, so the food scraps were multiplied by 1, the recyclables by 2, and the garbage by 3. The waste total was divided by the number of team members. New London-Spicer Middle School and Mankato West High School tied for having zero waste. Many other teams were close behind with having as little as a mandarin orange peel in their bucket. The winning teams received \$50 toward a pizza party.

Teams are now looking forward to Winter Workshops in January-March that will be based on the team's different interests related to their projects. The teams are also looking forward to regional competition where they will get to show off the websites they are creating that display their projects.

We are excited to announce that YES! will once again be conducting a state competition and presenting the award at Target Field on home base! Each of the four top regional winners will compete for the 2019 YES! State Championship title. The recipient will receive the award at the Minnesota Twins game on Sunday, May 12th at 1:10 P.M.

YES! is supported in part by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Natural Resources. Major funding is also provided by McKnight Foundation and Waste Management.

Hello Rosella! Ali Dahmes, proud mom, holding the newest member of the PWELC Family- Rosella Lien born Oct 25, 2018. We met Rosella at age 2 weeks and were very impressed. Rosella seemed less impressed with us as she mostly slept through the first visit. Congratulations Ali and Andrew!!!!



Please remember Prairie Woods in your estate planning and annual giving.

*Time Travel* - Mari Klebe

In late July I had the pleasure to work with the Iftiin Group. This group of Somali-American families was looking for activities that children and parents could do together to help bond and bridge a widening gap between the generations. Prairie Woods was honored to be a piece in that process.

The families came on two different days and did many “Minnesota” activities; learned about Minnesota mammals, hiked through the prairies and woods, went climbing, shot archery and visited the Pioneer Cabin. At the cabin we realized many of the Scandinavian immigrants of the late 1800s shared similar experiences with the families in Somalia.



The parents shared stories of living without electricity, doing the laundry with a washtub and washboard, walking miles to get water and firewood and cooking over fires. One mother pointed out that she went from living in the 1800s to the year 2000 on an airplane ride and the shock that it was. Many parents mentioned that they’ve tried explaining how hard they worked each day but the children never seemed to understand. After a few hours at the Pioneer Cabin they thought their children had a slight idea of what growing up in Somalia was like for their parents.

The Pioneer Cabin is a unique educational tool. Some groups come to pretend to be Laura Ingles for a day. Other groups come to relive a piece of history. This group sought to bond generations. No matter the intent, it is a living history experience.

**THE LIMITED SPECIAL HUNT CONTINUES 19 YEAR TRADITION**

Notes from Mike Oleson- Hunt Volunteer

“The limited hunt was held the weekend of Nov 9, 10, 11 at the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, for the 19th year. Thirty volunteers assisted 9 hunters, and six nice buck deer were harvested. The largest buck, a dandy 5x5 was taken by Forkhorn hunter Logan Feldhege, from Atwater.

The hunters are transported to the blinds in the woods on special trailers, using a 4-wheeler type vehicle. These trailers and blinds, along with great food for the noon social time, are provided by volunteers and local businesses.

Thank You, again, goes to the volunteer cooks and Jennie-O Turkey Store for the great meals we have during the hunt.

Mark Mertens, of Spicer was the first hunter, in 1999, and he harvested a nice 4x4 buck again this year.”

(Ed. note- Special thanks to Dave Muetzel, Mike Oleson and Mark Mertens for coordinating another successful hunt!)

Supporters of the Limited Special Hunt

Berghs Fabricating, Willmar Police Dept., West Central Roofing, New London American Legion and Sons of American Legion, Ridgewater Welding Program, Cashwise, Kandiyohi Power Coop, Kandiyohi County, Larry’s Power Equipment, Spicer American Legion and Sons of American Legion, Kandiyohi Sheriff Dept., S.W. Inc, MN Charm, Jennie-O Turkey Store, Dooley’s Petroleum, Rockwell American Special Hunt Trailer sponsors: Ridgewater Welding, Surplus Warehouse, Rockwell American, Bergh’s Fabricating, Ridgewater Autobody, Rohner’s Auto Parts, Action Auto

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2018 Hunters Jeremy Carlson, Mark Mertens, Logan Feldhege, Brian Gieseke, Cal Peterson, Aaron Cross, Dave Conlin, Craig Voorhees & Jim Gustafson

*High Notes from the Challenge Course* - Steve Friedlein, CC Coordinator

The months leading up to this winter have been packed full with programs. In fact, there were only a handful of days and maybe one weekend when there was not a program on the books.

Looking back at my 2018 calendar, it’s hard to believe that all of these experiences have come and gone. 2018 has been a massive success for both on-site and outreach programs. None of this could have been accomplished if not for the outstanding staff who have delivered all of these wonderful opportunities. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their talents and positivity to PWELC this year. Now, I am already at the point where our calendar is filling up for 2019. It’s a great

feeling to know participants had such a good time that they are making sure to schedule next year’s program, way in advance. Even though we turn the page from fall to winter, the programming never stops. Our attention is now focused on indoor rock climbing and teambuilding.

2018 Highlights

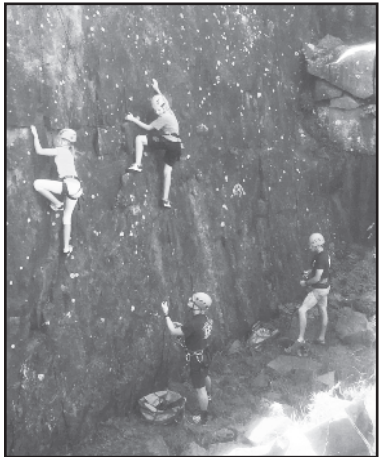
Our Rock Climbing programs at Quarry Park in Stearns County were some of the best moments of the summer. Every program was full to maximum capacity, and we had a long waiting list of others wanting to join. We serviced families; adult adventure groups; and individuals of all ages. We delivered rock solid programs, and had a lot of fun doing it. As always, it is great for our staff to have the chance to introduce participants to climbing outdoors on actual granite.

Kayaking down the Sauk River was another new program that maxed out participation numbers as well. And, again, we had an extensive waiting list. The PWELC Guides led trips down the Sauk River from Rockville to Waite Park. It’s a beautiful scenic paddle with wildlife viewing opportunities in all directions.

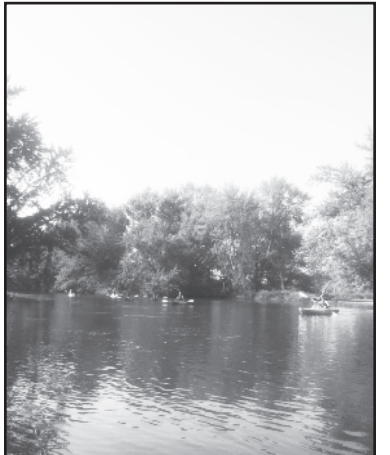
There’s nothing quite like being on a river or climbing on a real rock face. These two programs in particular stood out to me as something new and unique that PWELC now offers. So much behind the scenes goes into the preparations for programs like these. It’s truly amazing to see them come to fruition. Those of us who paddle and climb relish the chance to share these adventures with others. It opens up nature in a whole new way!

One of the best quotes of the year...

After completing a climb up the rock wall, a young participant told me “I went from feeling so nervous I was almost sick, to feeling the strongest I’ve ever felt in my entire life!” Climb on!



Quarry Climb



Sauk River Paddle

NEEDS AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- * Tools for Leather Work - Leather Hole Punch, Stamps
- * Hand Crank Ice Cream Churn
- * Contributions to the sustainability endowment are always welcome
- * Funds to purchase an additional auto-belay device for the indoor climbing wall (goal \$2200)
- * \$25 per student provides assistance for YES! teams to attend winter workshops
- * Program Equipment replacement fund (10) compasses \$20@, (10) PFDs \$25@, (20) Climbing harnesses \$50@, (5) kayak paddles \$60@, (2) kayaks \$500@- Equipment replacement fund goal \$3000.
- * Items for the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale: fishing, hunting & camping gear; boats; bikes etc.



Thank you for remembering PWELC in your end-of-year giving and estate planning.



EE Notes - Kory Klebe

"Kandiyohi County – Where the Lakes Begin"

It is not just a slogan. We are all pretty proud of the natural water resource that we have here in Kandiyohi County not only for recreational reasons but economic ones as well.

However, we have not and do not always take the best care of these wonderful water resources. With Zebra mussels showing up recently in area lakes and the concerns about Starry Stonewort and other invasive species, Prairie Woods ELC has been ramping up our AIS educational programs.

In 2017, with funding from the Kandiyohi Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task force and in partnership with the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District, PWELC presented a 4.5 hour program about AIS to 120 NLS 4th graders at Neer Park in New London. Along with an opportunity to get out in the 34' voyageur canoe this program included sessions on: Aquatic plants and boat decontamination; AIS transfer and predator games; Water cycle, Watershed, and shoreline restoration; Aquatic Macroinvertebrate (invasive and native) and Terrestrial plant (invasive and native) species ID.

In 2018 this program was again offered for NL-S 4th graders and expanded to include a program with ACGC's 4th grade class on Diamond Lake. Next year, in 2019, we hope to continue with the programs with NL-S and ACGC and possibly expand with programs at Robbins Island for Willmar Area Schools.

Also this year we increased our work with the Sauk Watershed district by doing five AIS programs in Melrose, Paynesville, Cold Spring, and St Cloud which reached 1362 youth.

We are really grateful for our partnerships with Kandiyohi County AIS Task Force, Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District and Sauk River Watershed District in the effort to get young people involved in managing the spread of aquatic invasive species.



Voyager Canoe



St. Cloud students learning how AIS spread.



ACGC-learning how AIS disrupt an ecosystem.

WINTER FUN DAY - Call for Vendors and Exhibitors

Each year for Winter Fun Day we invite people to share winter hobbies, sports and pastimes that help us all to enjoy winter in Minnesota. Past exhibits of woodcarving, beekeeping, musicians, ice fishing, spearfishing, Nordic pole hiking, curling, homebrewing, sportsmens groups, fat tire bikes, arts & crafts and more. **Do you have a hobby, craft or sport to share at Winter Fun Day?** Give us a call. 320-354-5894. There is no charge for tables. For-profit vendors are encouraged to make a donation to support the event.

Please remember Prairie Woods in your estate planning and annual giving.



ONCE AGAIN WE THANK OUR PRAIRIE STARS!!!

11th Annual Music Under the Prairie Stars Fundraiser another Big Success

A sold-out crowd of 265 enthusiastic and generous friends filled the pavilion main floor and the loft for a successful night of fundraising, fellowship, great food and music. The event raised over \$35,000 after expenses and the crowd raised nearly \$16,000 in five minutes to help us purchase an additional vehicle to support our booming outreach programs.

A Huge THANKS!! to our 2018 Prairie Stars Donors

We had another very successful Prairie Stars Fundraiser thanks to the efforts of a great event planning committee, led by Jim Tetzloff, and a host of generous contributors. It is difficult to describe the amount of inspiration and support that our staff, board and volunteers experience when we are surrounded in the Pavilion by a large enthusiastic crowd to support the mission and work of PWELC. *Please make a point to say thanks to these generous PWELC supporters when you see them in the community.*

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Michelle Then Day

Winter Fun Day

at Prairie Woods ELC



Sun. February 10, 2019 11:00 am to 4:00pm
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Join us for a day of winter fun!
Chili Feed (11a -1p), Live Music,
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from 1 to 4 pm FREE





Sixth Annual
**Tommy Swenson Memorial
Ice Fishing Tournament**
On Green Lake • Spicer, MN

**Door Prizes
& Prizes for
Largest Fish:**

Ticket \$25
includes
Chicken Dinner

Please bring a non-perishable
food item for the food shelf

Proceeds go to local area charities

Questions:
320-295-9531

**Saturday
February 2, 2019
9am to Noon**

Lunch @ 12:30pm

**Register @ Spicer American Legion
7:30 - 8:30 am**





PWELC COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

WINTER/SPRING 2019

*****MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES*****

INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING GYMAll Ages

Climbing offers a chance to challenge yourself both physically and mentally at your own pace. Rock climbing is a true adventure sport. Beginners can learn about the sport, exercise, and have fun! Experienced climbers can come train and refine their skills. The Prairie Woods ELC instructors are here to help every climber reach new heights! Equipment will be provided. Meet at the PWELC Main Building.

***Registration required**

Date(s):Thursday, February 7th 2019

Thursday, March 7th 2019

Thursday, April 4th 2019

Time:4:00pm-5:30pm Cost:\$10 per climber for each class

PIONEER WINTER SURVIVALAges: 3rd – 6th Grade

Do you have what it takes to survive a Minnesota winter pioneer style? Come to the 1888 cabin, dress as a pioneer, help saw wood, make candles, learn how to build a fire with flint and steel, try snow shoeing & Scandinavian kicksledding and warm up by the fire with some hot apple cider. (Meet at Farmsite)

Date:Thursday, March 7th

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm Cost: \$10

INTRO TO CROSS COUNTRY SKIINGGrades: 2 and older

Don’t let the snow keep you inside all winter long. Come learn the basics of cross country skiing. Then hit the trails to practice your new skills. Instruction and equipment provided. (Meet at main building)

Date:Tuesday, Jan. 15th

Time: 4:00-5:30 Cost: \$8

LORAX EVENTAges: All – Families Welcome

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!! Watch a presentation of *Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax* presented by the Prairie Woods Puppet Theatre while you sip on cider & munch on popcorn. After the show, enjoy self-guided, hands on science activities in the center – try your knowledge at bird identification, learn about a watershed, create a miniature stream & see how water works, discover the real difference in energy use between incandescent bulbs & LED bulbs. Staff will be available for questions and assistance.

Date: Saturday, March 2nd

Time: 1:30-3:00pm Cost: \$5/child

WINTER FUN DAY.....Everyone

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow. Celebrate winter at PWELC with fun outdoor activities for everyone in the family; snowshoeing, kicksledding and cross country skiing. Indoors, warm up by the fire, have a bowl of chili, listen to music and try your hand at the climbing wall.

No Pre-Registration Necessary

Date: Sunday, February 10th

Time: 11:00-4:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per person, \$15 max per family (for use of skis, snowshoes, and climbing wall)

PWELC EXTRAVAGANZA:Grades 1 and older

NO SCHOOL TODAY-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

Get outside and explore this winter! Hit the trails and have an adventure on the skinny skis or Scandinavian kicksleds. Learn some winter survival skills. Then we will come inside to finish the day at the indoor climbing wall. Meet at main building.

Date: Monday, January 21st Monday, February 18th

Time: 8:00-4:00pm Cost: \$25/session

ARCHERY CLASSGrades 5 and up

This class gives you the opportunity to learn the basics of using a compound bow and arrow. We will be working on form, safety, technique, how to properly use the equipment, etc. A hands-on class of learning and fun while practicing and playing archery games that all ages will enjoy. All equipment will be provided. Meet at farmsite.

Date:Tuesday, March 12th

Time: 4:00-5:30pm Cost: \$10/person

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONEveryone

Open to all

A fun and educational experience for the whole family. Booths, exhibits, and activities offer information about water quality, energy efficiency, land management, and much more. Pancake and sausage breakfast from 8-10am (free will donation).

Enjoy food, entertainment, kid activities and information about “greening” your life. Main presentation at 10:30.

No pre-registration necessary.

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Time: 8:00-1:00pm Cost: Free

**** \$5 ski rentals for youth (up to 18years old) and PWELC members****

