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PRAIRIE WOODS ELC LAND ACQUISITION

We are excited to announce the acquisition of two new tracts of land that will be added to Prairie Woods ELC. These are the last two undeveloped tracts of land on Lake Florida that were privately owned. These acquisitions were made possible through the use of the Conservation Partners Legacy grant program using funds from the Minnesota Outdoors Amendment and the Lessard Samms Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC). Pheasants Forever Inc. wrote, submitted, and administered the grant and are the current owners of the tracts that were purchased from the Sogge's and Burr Oak Inc. Pheasants Forever has donated one tract to Prairie Woods ELC and will donate the other tract later this year.

These tracts are located on the south side of the lake adjacent to land owned by Kandiyohi County and managed by Prairie

Woods ELC. They are primarily wooded and are dominated by Burr Oak and Basswood on the shorelines and American Elm and hackberry in the center. They will be protected from development with the primary purpose of wildlife habitat and environmental education.

The acquisition of these tracts would not have been possible without proceeds from the Outdoor Amendment and the expert guidance of



Pheasants Forever Inc. We would also like to express our appreciation to Jeff Danielson and Kandi Abstract and Title for donating title and closing services. Additionally, we would like to thank the families of Jarl and Robert Sogge as well as Kristi Jo Block, as willing sellers and their patience while working through the process. Burr Oak Inc. also deserves recognition for providing a bargain sale and providing required match needed for the grant.

These acquisitions will provide additional opportunities for the public to experience the wonder of our natural resources and protect additional wildlife habitat.

PWELC COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS - FALL 2021 *****MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES*****

EVENING CANOE

Come with your friends or family to enjoy the solitude of a Prairie Woods wetland while watching the sun set and the moon rise all in the same evening. Canoe, paddles, life jackets and instruction provided by Prairie Woods ELC. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Meet at Farmsite)

> Date: Friday, Sept 17th Time: 6:00p-7:30p • Cost: \$25 per canoe

Come to the Pioneer Cabin at Prairie Woods! Dress as a pioneer and make several different crafts. Learn which crafts would be done for fun (corn husk dolls, buzz saws) and which ones would be done for necessity (dipping candles, sewing). All for you to take home! Each date will have different crafts. (meet at the Pioneer Cabin on the Farm Site)

> Date: Tuesday, Sept. 21 • Tuesday, Oct. 19 Time: 4:00- 5:30 pm • Cost: \$10/session

Who's up for some friendly competition? After dressing as a pioneer, unplug for an afternoon of blind man's bluff, a three legged race, a game of graces (hoops & sticks), kubb and many more pioneer games. If it's raining out we'll see how you do at jacks, pick up sticks, and card games. (meet at the Pioneer Cabin on the Farm Site)

> Date: Tuesday, Oct. 5 Time: $4:00 - 5:30 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{Cost } \8

Learn to take your pavement riding to the off road trails! This is a

great way to explore the newly developed off road bike trails at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. The program session will cover bicycle safety check, body positioning, pedaling and shifting, braking techniques, as well as trail etiquette. This class is for those who are already comfortable riding a bike on flat and even terrain. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Fat tire bikes with helmet are available to rent from PWELC for a small fee, please let us know if needed. (meet at main building)

Required gear: Mountain bike, Bike helmet, Closed toe shoes Recommended gear: Water bottle and Weather appropriate layers Date: Saturday, Oct 9th

Time: 9:30-10:30 • Cost: \$10 or \$15 w/equip.

If you already have some off road bike experience, come and develop new skills with tips from an experienced instructor. The program session will cover bicycle safety check, body positioning and balance, pedaling and shifting, braking techniques, riding over obstacles, climbing and descending techniques, and "picking a line". Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Fat tire bikes with helmet are available to rent from PWELC for a small fee, please let us know if needed. (meet at main building)

Required gear: Mountain bike, Bike helmet, Closed toe shoes Recommended gear: Water bottle and Weather appropriate layers Date: Saturday, Oct 9th

Time: 11:00-12:30 • Cost: \$15 or \$20 w/equip.

