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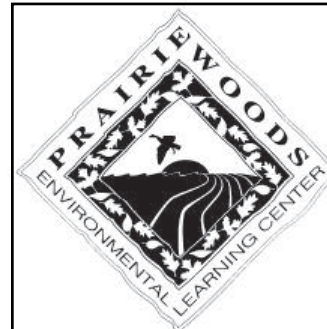
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***YES! Receives Minnesota Environmental Initiative
Award as outstanding Environmental Education
Initiative for 2010.***

Receiving the 2010 Minnesota Environmental Initiative Award for Environmental Education on behalf of YES! were- Front Row Left to right: Tami Bennet-Tait (ACGC Coach), Kayla Morse (ACGC Student), Chrystal Dunker, Amanda Meyer (Springfield Coach), Rebecca Bell Back Row Left to right: Jayme Fast (Springfield Coach), Mike Swenson, Austin Nash (Springfield student), Cheryl Glaeser

YES! was honored to receive the Minnesota Environmental Initiative Award as the outstanding environmental education initiative in Minnesota for 2010 at an award ceremony on Nicollet Island in Minneapolis on May 27, 2010. MEI's program honors projects that have achieved extraordinary outcomes for Minnesota's environment by harnessing the power of partnership. The Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI) brings together nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies to find consensus on critical issues and respond with actions that have measurable, positive environmental outcomes. Congratulations to all YES! teams for this excellent accomplishment. For more info see: www.mn-ei.org/awards/finalistswinners.html



OTHER GREAT YES! NEWS. YES!(2.0) has been recommended by LCCMR for a \$246,000 grant award to expand YES! to 34 teams in 2011-2013.

Pending legislative approval in January, YES! will be able to expand to serve 30 counties in 2011-2013. YES! teams will be partnering with Southwest Initiative Foundation, Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and our friends from CERTs and Schools for Cutting Carbon to mobilize youth led community energy action projects throughout west central, southwestern and southern Minnesota. Please call Anne Dybsetter, YES! Coordinator, if you would like to help with a YES! team in your community.

And last but certainly not least, **Southwest Initiative Foundation**, our tremendous partner in the YES! project **has awarded YES! a \$25,000 grant to continue YES! for the 2010-2011 school year.** Cheryl Glaeser, SWIF Program Officer, and the tremendous staff at SWIF have been absolutely essential partners in the success of YES! Thanks Southwest Initiative Foundation!!

CHECK OUT YES! ON FACEBOOK

Youth Energy Summit is now on Facebook. Search for Youth Energy Summit from your facebook account to become a fan and share the latest news on what your local YES! crew is up to! Also coming this summer, the new & improved YES! website. The new site will offer greater access to resources as well as the latest news, event info, and interactive features. Visit the new site at www.youthenergysummit.org

Upcoming Events at Prairie Woods

3rd Annual Evening Under the Prairie Stars Fundraising Event.....Fri., Sept 10, 2010
Fall Open HouseSat. September 19, 2010 1-4pm
Halloween HauntFriday, October 29th 6-9pm



*Notes from the Executive Director*

by Dave Pederson, Executive Director

While driving into Prairie Woods before the annual trustees meeting I noticed a bluebird sitting on the front gate- I thought of Ron Erpelding who has developed and maintains an extensive bluebird house project at Prairie Woods. Further along I noticed that most of the yellow forbs have passed their prime and the big bluestem is showing some transition to fall coloring. My thoughts shifted to Joel Schmidt and all of the people that have assisted with prairie burns and prairie reconstruction. As I topped the ridge and descended toward the education building, I saw the faithful Jacobs wind turbine which has worked day and night to put power out onto the grid. My thoughts shifted to the good folks at Kandiyohi Power Cooperative and Kandiyohi County who helped with the wind turbine project. Finally, as I pulled into the parking lot I thought of the road itself which conjured up the images of Wayne Thompson, former county coordinator and Gary Danielson, head of Kandiyohi Public Works who were largely responsible for the road being built and how it was built.



A list of everyone who has helped to create Prairie Woods, and the stories of how they have helped, would fill volumes. Nearly every thing at Prairie Woods seems imbued with the spirit of a person or group who has cared enough to make a difference.

At the Trustee's and Membership meeting we went around the circle with introductions and each person shared a bit about how they were connected to Prairie Woods. Mike O'brien talked about sitting with Gary Westby and Steve Hage on the hill where the Westby Observatory now sits and sharing dreams about one day having a learning center here. Dennis Peterson spoke of having farmed the 90 acre parcel, now restored to prairie, that all visitors drive through to reach the center. (Dennis also commented that the hilly land was better suited for a learning center than it was for farming). Jeff Danielson mentioned that his great great grandparents (Anders and Anna Danielson) were the original homesteaders of what is now the Prairie Woods farm site. Everyone at the table had a story of a meaningful connection to Prairie Woods- some old some new but all meaningful.

As I tidied up the Westby Building after everyone else had left I continued to appreciate how we are deeply connected by places, stories and twists of fate. My thoughts included Gary and Cindy Westby, Earl B Olson, Wilt Croonquist, Ruth & Helen Peterson and others who have passed on, who so greatly nurtured the dream of Prairie Woods.

The dream of Prairie Woods is still unfolding and we are all capable of adding to the personal stories of contributions and creativity that fuel the dream. Please get involved with Prairie Woods today by sharing your Prairie Woods stories and dreams with others. Come to the 3rd Annual Evening Under the Prairie Stars if you can, get involved with committee work if you are so inclined, consider a contribution of time, money or materials to fuel the dream.

Thanks for taking time to catch up on the news from Prairie Woods. I hope you enjoy reading about how our staff, volunteers and partners are helping to shape a Prairie Woods story that will be worth telling for years to come. Thanks for being a partner with Prairie Woods!

Sincerely,
*Dave***UNITED WAY CONTINUES AS STRONG PARTNER IN 2010**

Prairie Woods has been very fortunate to have United Way of West Central Minnesota as a longstanding partner in our service to the region. We recently received a grant for \$16,500 in support of three important program areas at Prairie Woods: Serious Fun!, Everyone Outside! And Bridging Ages and Cultures through Time Travel and Living History. The Serious Fun! Grant helps us to provide teambuilding and confidence building experiences for groups of all ages (elementary through adult) primarily utilizing our challenge course programs. Everyone Outside! supports environmental education and outdoor recreation programs for youth and families. Time Travel programs help kids learn about the early immigrant history of our county and how our relationship to the land and each other is shaped by the technology of the day. All of these programs provide outstanding hands-on learning opportunities for our students with the goal of connecting kids to self, others and the environment. ***Thanks United Way of West Central Minnesota!***

Prairie Woods- A Natural Choice for Weddings, Receptions, Family Reunions, and Corporate Retreats.*New Arrivals at Prairie Woods - Revisited*
Notes from EE Coordinator Kory Klebe

In the Spring newsletter Gary Duncomb, Interim EE Coordinator, wrote about the new arrivals of spring to Prairie Woods; flowers blooming, insects flourishing, and birds migrating back to the north. This fall there is another new arrival to Prairie Woods. That new arrival would be me, Kory Klebe, the new Environmental Education Coordinator. I will also be taking over responsibilities at the shooting range and youth sporting programs.

I grew up in Minot, North Dakota where I also attended college to be a secondary science teacher. Then I found Environmental/Outdoor Education. In 1998 I started my EE/OE experience on the East Coast in New Jersey. Over the last 12 years I have worked for programs in Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and even a 4 month stint in Northern Ireland.



Since moving to Minnesota, with my wife Mari, on the 2nd of August I have had the opportunity to meet many people associated with Prairie Woods including staff, volunteers, board members, and guests. As I meet all of these people I am starting to learn the real meaning behind "Minnesota Nice." I am excited, maybe a little nervous, about starting my new life in Minnesota and at Prairie Woods but I am looking forward to meeting the rest of the people that are involved in the wonderful programs that happen here at Prairie Woods.

Please stop by and introduce yourself when you are in the area or give me a call. I look forward to talking with you and helping you plan your group's next visit to Prairie Woods.

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~ NEEDS AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Utility tractor w/ loader (diesel)
- Scholarship and Travel Assistance Fund Contributions (any amount will help)
- Used Diesel pick-up (3/4 or 1 ton) for plowing snow
- Gravity box grain wagon for hauling corn and wood pellets
- Contributions to help Prairie Woods purchase a pre-owned vehicle to support outreach programs (total need- \$15,000).
- Portable clay target thrower (\$700-\$1200).
- Table and chair replacement fund (\$25/ chair-\$100/table)

Volunteers Needed

- Cut firewood and assist with trail work
- Assist w/ newsletters, grant writing and marketing
- Help to host special events
- Join the Prairie Stars Event Committee
- Assist with programs in all activity areas
- Help to re-vitalize the Indian History Village
- Help to scrape and paint the farm house.
- Sew costumes and bonnets for Time Travel

Call Dave at 320-354-5894 if you would like to volunteer!*Please remember Prairie Woods in your estate planning and annual giving.*

*~ Staff Updates ~***Welcome Kory Klebe as our new Environmental Education Coordinator.**

Kory comes to us from Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center in Michigan where he served for six years as a Senior Outdoor Educator. Kory brings over twelve years of experience as an environmental educator and a passion for getting kids involved in the outdoors and caring about their environment. Kory and his wife Mari, also a seasoned professional outdoor educator, are living on grounds in the farm house at Prairie Woods. We are delighted to have Kory and Mari in our community.

Anne Dybsetter has returned from a three month maternity leave to resume her duties as YES! Project Coordinator. Welcome back, Anne! **Thanks to Becca Bell**, wearer of many hats, for filling in for Anne and lending a hand at a critical time to help with the LCCMR proposal and preparing for YES! 2010-11.

Thanks Gary Duncomb for serving as Interim EEC over the past year. Gary will slide happily back into our on-call pool of facilitators and re-dedicate himself to the work of retirement.



We also welcome **Paul Hellenschmidt as our full-time Building and Grounds Steward.** Paul brings a wealth of experience to Prairie Woods (as well as the

occasional loaf of his artisan bread). Paul hit the ground running in July and he has been very busy with maintaining and improving our buildings, grounds and equipment. Paul has a strong background in wood working, construction, maintenance and repair. He also has a degree in forestry and is a skilled carver. Be sure to meet Paul when you visit Prairie Woods.

Thanks to Mike Bundy for a stellar job working part-time (and often more) to cover maintenance during a six month interim period. Mike, like Gary, is also sliding back into retirement but will continue to serve in our on-call pool for facilitators as well as assisting with the occasional maintenance project.

Ryan Block has left Prairie Woods to start a graduate program in Colorado. We wish Ryan the best as he trains for a new career in youth ministry. Ryan initiated a number of good programs as the first coordinator of youth sporting programs at Prairie Woods. Kory Klebe will now be the key contact for the youth sporting programs and other groups wishing to use the sporting clays range.

Ann Phillips isn't tansitioing anywhere but stays busy keeping things in order. We just thought we should include a picture of her here so you can see the face that goes with the friendly voice at Prairie Woods.

**DNR SOLAR LEGACY GRANT UPDATE**

In the last newsletter we reported the good news that Prairie Woods had received a grant award of \$54,000 from the DNR to increase our renewable energy power generation capacity to very nearly meet or exceed 100% of our electricity needs. The grant covers 75% of the total cost of a project to add 8kw of photovoltaics (5 kw of fixed panels and a 3kw pole-mounted solar tracker). Other components of the project include a power monitoring system and educational display; 3 solar tubes to increase daylighting; and additional insulating shades which help to retain heat in the winter and block solar heat gain in the summer. It is a great feeling to know that Prairie Woods has pre-paid the majority of our electricity costs for the next several decades; dramatically reduced our carbon footprint, and has become one of the very few educational facilities of our kind in the nation to approach the goal of 100% renewable energy.

Funding for the Solar Legacy Grant comes from the Parks and Trails Fund created by the Minnesota Legislature from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment approved by voters in 2008. The funds were awarded on a competitive basis to parks and trails of regional significance. Prairie Woods qualified on three counts based on our grant-in-aid ski trail, and the fact that a major snowmobile trail bisects the property in addition to the 20,000 people that visit Prairie Woods each year for educational and recreational opportunities.

LITTLE CROW ARCHERS AND SWIFT COUNTY ARCHERS HOLD 2ND ANNUAL 3D 60 ARCHERY SHOOT AT PRAIRIE WOODS.

191 archers from across the state converged for two days of 3D archery shooting on August 14 & 15 at Prairie Woods. Towns represented included: Revillo, SD, Ortonville, Morris,



Fergus Falls, Staples, Montevideo, Boyd, Herman, Avon, Cold Spring, Osseo, Zimmerman, Lonsdale, Delano, South Haven and more.

The clubs set up headquarters in the barn and welcomed novice and expert archers alike to enjoy walking the trails at Prairie Woods and taking aim at challenging and sometimes amusing targets (i.e. a huge mosquito and dinosaur). The Dinosaur target was a favorite amongst the youngsters, while targets such as the Antelope, Elk and Mule Deer gave shooters a challenge in the open prairie grass. Thanks to all of the volunteers from the Little Crow Archers and Swift County Archers for the many hours of work invested in putting on this high quality family friendly outdoor recreation event. Put this on your list of fun events to experience next summer!

**UPDATE FROM THE "PRAIRIE WOODS- WEST" FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Bob and Shirley Caine for once again sending proceeds to Prairie Woods from their Celebrate Life Summer Solstice Golf Event held annually at Bennett Valley Golf Course in Santa Rosa, California. Each year Bob and Shirley invite 40 friends to join them for fun, fellowship and fundraising over a round of golf. Participants are invited to purchase "mulligans" which according to Bob are "good for one year." Bob's mother Arline Caine Whitehead grew up on a homestead situated on land which is now part of Prairie Woods. The challenge from Prairie Woods-West is out for Prairie Woods-East, Prairie Woods-South etc. Picture Bob and Shirley standing on the golf course chanting "we're Prairie Woods West and couldn't be prouder—can't hear us now we'll yell a little louder!----- Who's next to take up the challenge for this emerging national fundraising competition?

Did you know that Prairie Woods facilities are available to rent for weddings, receptions, reunions, and corporate retreats? Hold your special event at Prairie Woods and proceeds help support youth and family programs!

SOME OF THE NICE THINGS DONE FOR PRAIRIE WOODS *by People Like You*

- Dan & Beth Tepfer- contributed at the benefactor level
- Willmar Municipal Utilities contributed \$2000 toward our Electric Vehicle project.
- Dennis Neeser donated a water wagon
- Terry Myllenbeck donated time and equipment to make improvements at the range. Terry also donated solar chargers for the batteries that run clay target throwers at the range.
- Bill Johnson contributed a substantial gift to be used where needed.
- Bill and Jeff Huff contributed funds for youth sporting programs
- General Mills contributed a \$500 matching gift initiated by Lois Quam
- Other contributors included: Mary and Dick Huesing, Glenn and Eunice Buchanan, The Northeast Montana Shooting Society, Lois Osland in honor of Doug & Peg Mossberg, Lenore & Ramsey Schaffnit, Shad and Melissa Ketcher in honor of Bill Johnson.
- Family and friends made memorial contributions in honor of:
 - Bill Naylor
 - Dr. Milton Kaiser
 - Melvin Landin
 - Ray Rotge
 - Ted Van

A gift to the Prairie Woods Sustainability Endowment lives forever.



THE TIME TRAVEL PROGRAM- TERI WERMERSKIRCHEN

"Knowing"

As she was picked up from a Time Travel Program a young girl told her grandmother, "Now I know what it was like when you were young Grandma!" Although it had probably been her grandmother's grandmother that had lived in the 1800s when many of the Time Travels take place, the experience had made the child feel that she had been transported to a different time period. Now she 'knew' what it was like to live without electricity, running water, computers and cars. She knew what children would be doing. She had 'experienced' the culture of that time.

Time Travel programming can include a variety of activities such as learning old arts, keeping house in a log cabin, making a hand-made toy and dancing to fiddle music. From the shorter 'Pioneer Cabin' program to the more involved 'Time Travel', it is a unique and fun way to glimpse a bit of our past.

TAK SA MECKA (THANKYOU)

A great big 'Thanks' to all who answered the call to volunteer for the Time Travel Program. Becky West, Stephanie Klamm, Jeanette Jacobson and Deb Wilson spent many hours sewing beautiful pioneer dresses to fit the young first-graders; Dean Mortenson, Ildi Sundheim, Arlys Ousman and others gave many hours as Program Facilitators. Eleanore Pederson donated material and aprons for costumes. Thanks also to our special guest Mary Ellen Trueman who taught Huck Weaving to young girls at Pioneer Girl's Day.



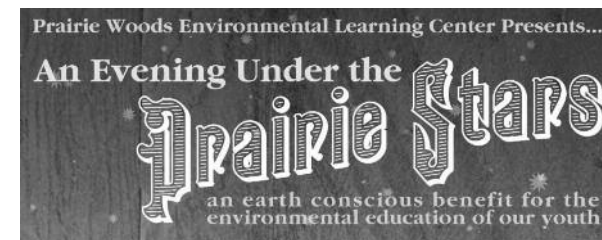
Becky West

CHRISTMAS

It's hard to think of Christmas when it is 90 degrees out but just a note about a new possibility for entertaining this year. Consider having friends or family gather for a unique evening at our Pioneer Cabin. We'll make Christmas ornaments from nature's materials, sip hot chocolate around the wood burning stove and sing Christmas carols to the music of a fiddler. Proceeds help fund the Time Travel programs.



Call now for tickets to the 3rd Annual Evening Under the Prairie Stars! Check out details on the insert in this newsletter and please help spread the word about this important (and fun) fundraiser for Prairie Woods. A huge note of thanks to Jennie O Turkey Store, Lakeland Broadcasting & the Prairie Woods Board of Trustees for teaming up to underwrite the 3rd Annual Evening Under the Prairie Stars Event. Please make a point of thanking our underwriters and all contributors



GARDEN UPDATE

As any visitor to the farm site can tell, Deb Schmitzerle and her group of dedicated volunteers has continued to transform the farm site with the expansion of beautiful flower gardens that attract birds and butterflies. Several benches, donated in honor of Danielson family members provide pleasant resting places for visitors. This spring, 7 apple trees were planted in the farm site in memory of Don Danielson by his seven grandsons.



Thanks Deb and the Danielson Family for all of the hard work.

DNR INVITES PROJECT ECO-VOYAGEUR TO TWO STATE PARKS.

Park visitors at Glacial Lakes State Park near Starbuck and Lac qui Parle State Park near Watson, MN were able to experience Project Eco-Voyageur this summer thanks to a pilot project conducted by the DNR. Prairie Woods staff: Kory Klebe, Jonathon Carlson and Gary Duncomb trailered the 34' canoe to the parks and enjoyed seeing families climb aboard for an interpretive cruise in the big canoe. The events were both successful and we look forward to more days in the parks next year. Check out the DNR website for special events in the State Parks next year when you start planning your summer adventures

JJM Victory Run Report- Deb Anderson

On June 19 we held another successful JJM Victory Run. We had about 200 people attend and participate in the walk/run. The results can be seen at pickleevents.com. I was excited to see so many young people and kids participate. There were many proud parents watching from on the hill as their children ran across the finish line. Some even came down to run across along side of their kids. It was great to see the families and a great event to do together. **Thanks to North American State Bank, Bayer Built Woodworks, Mickis, Halvorson Agrability, PWELC, Rambow, Chad Mithaugen, and Precise Ice.** You all made the day possible. Thanks again!



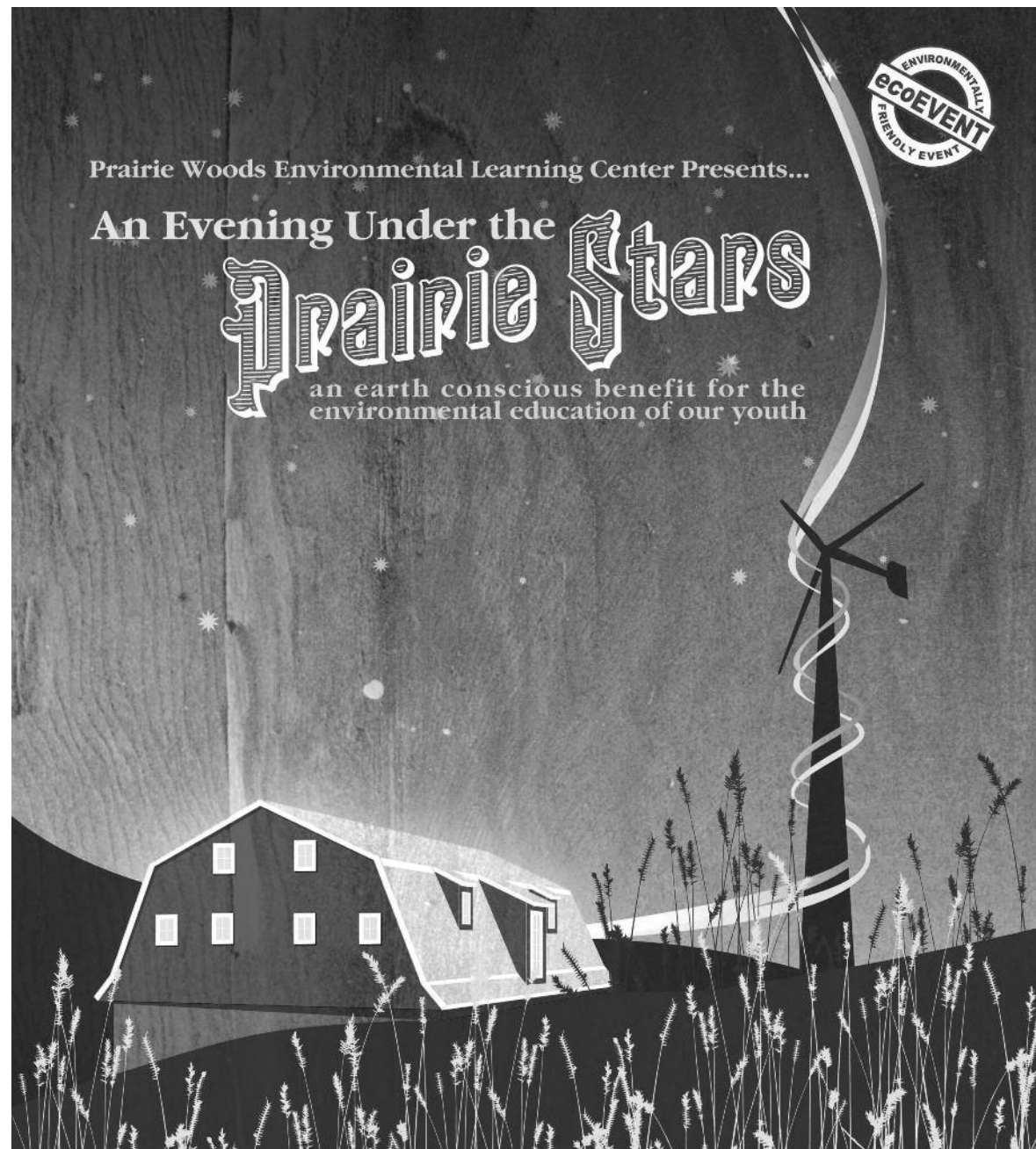
It is not too early to start spreading the word for next year. The date for the 2011 Victory Run is Saturday, June 18. Pass on the information to any and all the might be intersted in this great family event. We will be getting the information up on the Prairie Woods website soon at www.prairiewoodselc.org. Thank you Jesse for the life you lived!!!

CHALLENGE COURSE REMINDER: Sign up now to get your group out on to the challenge course this fall. Dates fill fast once school starts. Also, remember that Prairie Woods can bring teambuilding programs to you. Keep the fun going when the temps drop by scheduling time on our indoor climbing wall and indoor cargo net event. Call Deb to talk about great options for athletic teams, school groups, 4H, FFA, church youth groups and birthday parties.

THE PRAIRIEWOODS 34' VOYAGEUR CANOE IS READY TO TRAVEL TO A LAKE NEARYOU.

Get your kids out on to the water and help them learn to care about their local waters and local environmental issues. Call Kory to discuss a customized adventure for your class or youth group.





Friday September 10th 5:30pm

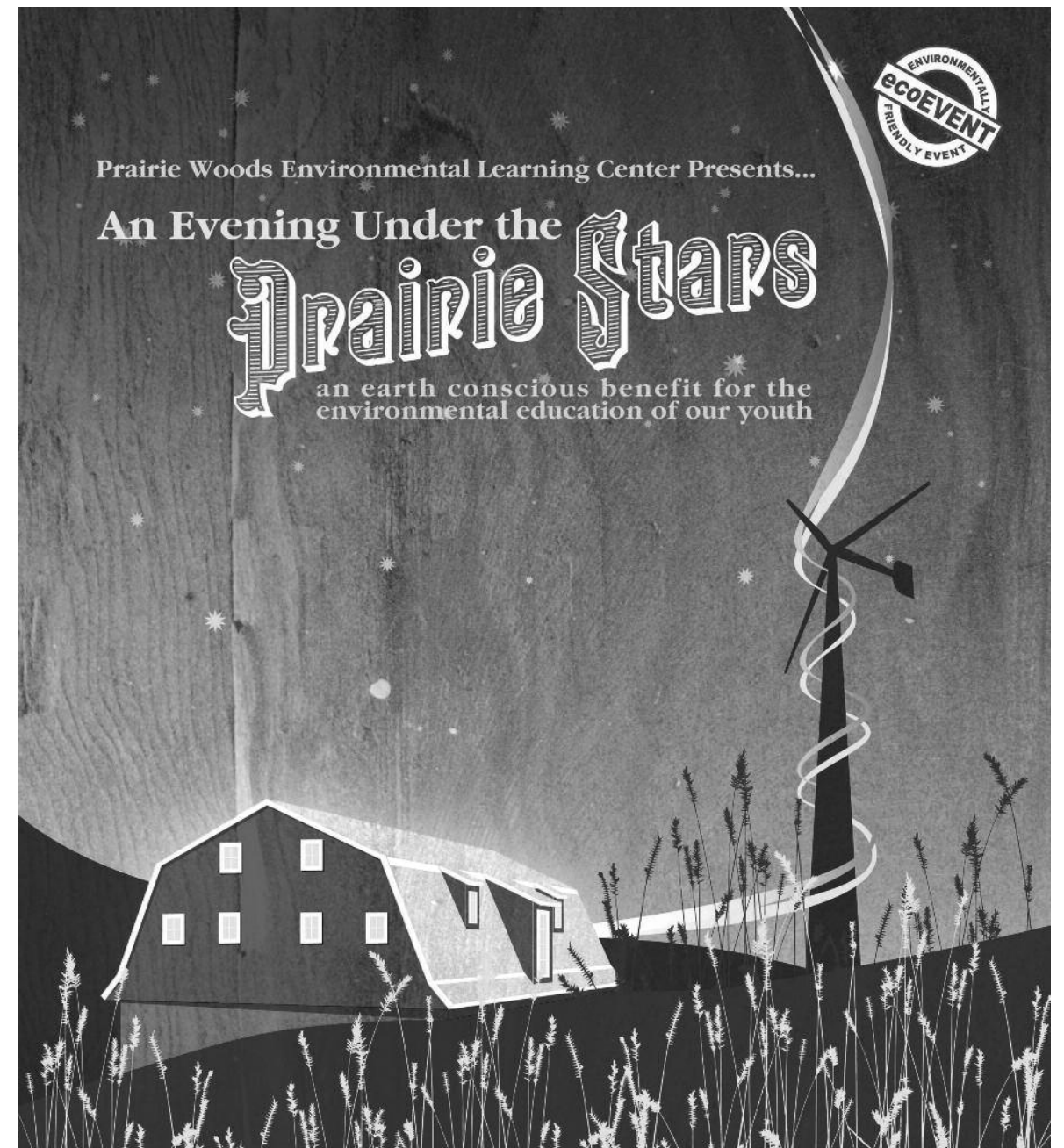
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FALL 2010 COMMUNITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

PIONEER GIRLS DAYCost: \$15.00pp

A favorite for Laura Ingalls fans! We'll dress up as pioneers and do some fun activities just like Laura did!

Monday, October 4, 3:45-5:15pm grades 2-6
Minimum of 10

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS-STUDENTSCost: \$15.00 pp

Find out what the Christmas season was like during the time of the pioneers. Come cozy up to the wood stove in the Log Cabin and make ornaments and a toy over a cup of hot chocolate.

Children's afternoon, Thursday, Dec 2, 3:45-5:15 pm
Grades 2-6
Minimum of 10

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT.....Cost: \$15.00pp
or \$25.00 per family

Looking for a unique family evening to celebrate the holidays?? Bring your friends and family to celebrate together in the cozy log cabin. We'll make ornaments from nature and sing along to fiddle music.

Family Evening Thursday, Dec 9, 6:00-8:00 pm

Limited room available so talk to your friends and book early!

****Coming to pick up your child? Please note that the cabin is not lit by electricity, but by candlelight and is back at the farmsite.**

OVER 50?? CELEBRATE!!

Celebrate in the outdoors with a sampler of activities at PWELC! One evening a month, 1st season, September-Nov, 6-8pm. We choose from a variety of activities: Climbing wall, canoeing, archery, birding, etc.

1st Celebration is Tuesday, September 14, 6-8pm.

We'll start with canoeing or climbing.

Together we'll come up with a fun name for ourselves and decide on the next couple month's activities.

COST WILL BE \$36.00 PER PERSON FOR THE SEASON
CALL PWELC 320 354-5894 AND ASK FOR TERI IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

PIRATES OF THE CARABINER\$20 per person
Rrrr Maties!!! This is your chance to come to Prairie Woods and become a pirate of the Carabiner. We will be sailing in the pirate's ship, climbing the cargo net, walking the plank, and searching for (and hopefully finding) pirate's treasure. We will meet on Thursdays after school for 4 weeks. A great opportunity to fill after-school time.

Thursdays Sept 23, 30, Oct 7 and 14th • 4:00-5:30
Grades 3 and up • Minimum of 10

SQUIRREL SOCIAL\$10 per person

We are going nuts at Prairie Woods so we need squirrels...Flying squirrels. Come join us and get your chance to try the ride that lets you swing through the treetops like flying squirrels. We will also learn something about teamwork and trying our best. We will end the class with a "nutty" snack time for the squirrels!!

Tues Sept 28 • 3:45-5:00
Grades 1 to 6 • Minimum of 12

FALL HIGH ADVENTURE DAY CAMP\$25 per person

This is it...The Prairie Woods favorite. For the first time we are offering High Adventure Day Camp in the fall. Spend a thrilling day at PW experiencing new adventures on the ground and in the air. Fly through the air on the Flying Squirrel, challenge yourself on the 40 foot climbing tower, use teamwork to climb the Giant's Ladder and more. Bring a bag lunch and be prepared to have LOTS of fun.

Thurs, Oct 21 • 9:00-4:00
Grades 3-7 • Minimum of 12

GREAT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNT\$8 per child

The great Halloween tradition continues at Prairie Woods. Talk to creatures on the enchanted trail, carve a jack-o-lantern, and have a creepy critter painted on your face. Climb the Wall in costume. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, October 29 • 6 pm-9 pm
Appropriate for ages 4-12

FULL MOON CANOEING ..\$20 per canoe (up to 2-3 per canoe)
\$30 max for families

A full Harvest Moon will rise as the sun sets during this canoeing adventure on a peaceful pond. All equipment and introductory instruction provided. Children must be at least 7, and accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, September 23 • 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

CALL KORY TO SCHEDULE YOUR GROUP FOR A FALL WING SHOOTING TUNE UP ON THE SPORTING CLAYS RANGE.
CALL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FALL SPORTING CLAYS LEAGUES

When the snow falls.....
Check the Prairie Woods website for winter activities!
www.prairiewoodelc.org
Remember we have skis and snowshoes for rent
and seven miles of groomed ski trails.



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We'll start with canoeing or climbing.

Together we'll come up with a fun name for ourselves and decide on the next couple month's activities.

COST WILL BE \$36.00 PER PERSON FOR THE SEASON
CALL PWELC 320 354-5894 AND ASK FOR TERI IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

PIRATES OF THE CARABINER\$20 per person
Rrrr Maties!!! This is your chance to come to Prairie Woods and become a pirate of the Carabiner. We will be sailing in the pirate's ship, climbing the cargo net, walking the plank, and searching for (and hopefully finding) pirate's treasure. We will meet on Thursdays after school for 4 weeks. A great opportunity to fill after-school time.

Thursdays Sept 23, 30, Oct 7 and 14th • 4:00-5:30
Grades 3 and up • Minimum of 10

SQUIRREL SOCIAL\$10 per person

We are going nuts at Prairie Woods so we need squirrels...Flying squirrels. Come join us and get your chance to try the ride that lets you swing through the treetops like flying squirrels. We will also learn something about teamwork and trying our best. We will end the class with a "nutty" snack time for the squirrels!!

Tues Sept 28 • 3:45-5:00
Grades 1 to 6 • Minimum of 12

FALL HIGH ADVENTURE DAY CAMP\$25 per person

This is it...The Prairie Woods favorite. For the first time we are offering High Adventure Day Camp in the fall. Spend a thrilling day at PW experiencing new adventures on the ground and in the air. Fly through the air on the Flying Squirrel, challenge yourself on the 40 foot climbing tower, use teamwork to climb the Giant's Ladder and more. Bring a bag lunch and be prepared to have LOTS of fun.

Thurs, Oct 21 • 9:00-4:00
Grades 3-7 • Minimum of 12

GREAT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNT\$8 per child

The great Halloween tradition continues at Prairie Woods. Talk to creatures on the enchanted trail, carve a jack-o-lantern, and have a creepy critter painted on your face. Climb the Wall in costume. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, October 29 • 6 pm-9 pm
Appropriate for ages 4-12

FULL MOON CANOEING ..\$20 per canoe (up to 2-3 per canoe)
\$30 max for families

A full Harvest Moon will rise as the sun sets during this canoeing adventure on a peaceful pond. All equipment and introductory instruction provided. Children must be at least 7, and accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, September 23 • 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

CALL KORY TO SCHEDULE YOUR GROUP FOR A FALL WING SHOOTING TUNE UP ON THE SPORTING CLAYS RANGE.
CALL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FALL SPORTING CLAYS LEAGUES

When the snow falls.....
Check the Prairie Woods website for winter activities!
www.prairiewoodelc.org
Remember we have skis and snowshoes for rent
and seven miles of groomed ski trails.