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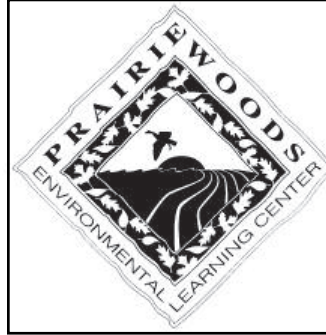
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Dramatic Increase in Radioactivity at Prairie Woods!

Thanks to a Community Spotlight Grant from West Central Sanitation and Lakeland Broadcasting, Prairie Woods received \$4700 worth of free radio advertising during the month of August on the Lakeland Broadcasting network of radio stations. Now that's some radio activity that we can all appreciate!

We are extremely grateful to West Central Sanitation and Lakeland Broadcasting for this great public service. The Community Spotlight awards twelve grants per year to help educate the public about area non-profit organizations. Prairie Woods is very fortunate to have been selected as the Community Spotlight grant recipient for the month of August.

Tune into KWLM (AM), Q102(FM), and 106.5(FM) The Train and other Lakeland Broadcasting stations to check out the ad for PWELC which will run five times per day throughout August. Thanks MaryElin Macht at Lakeland Broadcasting for making the process so easy and friendly.

Prairie Woods Almost Ready to Give Up!

After nearly eight years of concerted effort Prairie Woods has almost entirely given up..... on non-renewable energy. With the recent completion of a DNR Solar Legacy Grant the Prairie Woods main campus now operates almost entirely with renewable energy provided by on-site wind, solar and biomass technology. In the process of shrinking our carbon footprint we have also been shrinking our utility bills. It is a good feeling to know that we have essentially already paid for the majority of our electricity use for the next several decades.

We want to thank our many partners who have contributed expertise, equipment, funding or discounts to help us reach our renewable energy goals:

Kandiyohi County, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, West Central Development Partnership, Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), Willmar Municipal Utilities, Great River Energy, MN Department of Energy, Renewable Energy Producers Coop (REPCO), Bob Ryan of European Energy Connections, John Duevel of Three Seasons & More, MinnWest Technology Campus, Solar Skies, Mossberg Construction, Winklemans Environmentally Responsible Construction, Kramer Electric, Orson Electric, Dave Opsahl, Wes Hompe, Dan Tepfer, Diane Maurice, Bob Meyerson, Dale Flickinger Plumbing & Heating, Farm Credit Services, Empire Plumbing & Heating, Willmar Car Connection, Charles & Marjorie Dickman Family, University of MN School of Electrical Engineering, Home Depot, Floor to Ceiling Store, Foreign Service Imports, NL-S Ag. Dept., Lake Country Fireplace and the Center for Small Towns at UM Morris.

Upcoming Events at Prairie Woods

4th Annual Fundraiser at the Farm Site: An Evening of Music "Under the Prairie Stars" Fundraising Event
Fri., Sept 9, 2011- Call 320-354-5894 to reserve your tickets.

Fall Open HouseSat. September 17, 2011 1-4pm

Halloween HauntFriday, October 28th 6-9pm



*Notes from the Executive Director*

by Dave Pederson, Executive Director

Sorry, if I caused any alarm by the tongue-in-cheek headlines on page one, but some days it seems that if we don't have a sense of humor we just don't have any sense at all.

As usual, the media has been filled with a whole host of social, economic and environmental woes including government shutdowns, terrorism and the latest pipeline or tanker spill. Some days I feel like I need to check back to the front page to see whether I am reading real news or perhaps the Onion, or National Lampoon. On the Prairie Woods home front we too have been challenged by budget cuts, government shutdowns, etc. and it is no joke. These are times of adversity but they are also times of great purpose for Prairie Woods.

Prairie Woods strives to offer programs that are both relevant and responsive to the local and global issues of our time. Our mission to promote an individual and shared commitment to the responsible use, management and preservation of our natural resources seems to grow more important with each newscast.

This newsletter shares good news from Prairie Woods and describes how we are trying to live sensibly in a world that often seems to make no sense at all. Our YES! teams are continuing to do great things in communities throughout our region and the project is expanding. Project Eco-Voyageur has been traveling about the region getting hundreds of kids out on to the water to learn about local environmental issues. Thousands of kids are learning team work and building self-confidence in our challenge course programs. We recently completed two week-long Forkhorn Camps. Generous partners such as Willmar Area Community Foundation, United Way, Bernick's Family Foundation and many private donors have continued to fuel progress and programs at Prairie Woods.... and there is more.

So, please enjoy your read through the latest good news from Prairie Woods and thanks for taking time to stay in touch. Thanks for all that you do to support the work of Prairie Woods!

Sincerely,
Dave



THANKS UNITED WAY OF WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA!

United Way of West Central Minnesota has announced that grants totaling \$5250 will be awarded to Prairie Woods to support youth and family programs in 2011-2012. United Way funding has helped thousands of kids each year to participate in challenge course, time travel and environmental education programs at Prairie Woods for over a decade. United Way has also helped to arrange community service work days at Prairie Woods and this year sent an ADVANCE group to assist with set up for the annual Earth Day event. Thanks, United Way of West Central Minnesota.

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 w/ ski rentals in the Trailhead on winter weekends
- Sew costumes for Time Travel

Call Dave at 320-354-5894 if you would like to volunteer!

Prairie Woods- A Natural Choice for Weddings, Receptions, Family Reunions, and Corporate Retreats.

*Paddle into the Park a big success!* -from EE Coordinator Kory Klebe

In the month of June, PWELC teamed up with Sibley State park to offer guided tours of Lake Andrew in our 34' Montreal Style Voyageur canoe.

Over 150 people were able to paddle on Lake Andrew in the big canoe on three consecutive Saturdays in June thanks to a unique collaboration between Sibley State Park and Prairie Woods ELC. A DNR Gateway Grant provided funding for Prairie Woods to bring the big canoe to Sibley State Park where park naturalists and Prairie Woods staff provided four big canoe programs each day.

The program attracted many families with young children and several "non-traditional" park user groups recruited by United Way agencies including a Women's Shelter House, and a girl's group home. All sessions were filled and park staff reported having a waiting list. Ages ranged from 3 to 83 years old and participants consistently rated the experience as either very good or excellent. Many of the participants were canoeing for the first time and none of the participants had previously been in a voyageur canoe.



We want to thank Dick Clayton and Gary Bullemer, Sibley State Park staff, for helping to set up this partnership between the park and Prairie Woods. We look forward to more collaborative efforts in the future.

Don't miss the boat! Call to sign up for the last full moon canoe of the year on September 12th from 6pm-8pm. At the last full moon canoe we didn't see a partridge in a pear tree, but we did see 5 pelicans, 4 loons, 3 deer, 2 rainbows, and 1 awesome sunset.

~ NEEDS AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Scholarship and Travel Assistance Fund Contributions (any amount will help)
- Utility tractor w/ loader (diesel)
- Used Diesel pick-up (3/4 or 1 ton) for plowing snow
- 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)
- Contributions to Outdoor Equipment Replacement Fund (\$10 and up)

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.

FALL IS ON THE WAY!

If you, or someone you know, would like to participate in the annual wheelchair accessible deer hunt at Prairie Woods, please give us a call. Hunt Coordinators Ryan Newville, Dave Meutzel, Mark Mertens & Crew will soon be making preparations for the hunt.

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



FORKHORN CAMPS I & II

Prairie Woods held its 3rd Forkhorn I camp July 10th -14th and its first Forkhorn II camp July 17th – 21st. They both started with a bang, literally, with thunderstorms rolling through the first nights of both camps. The campers, and staff, weathered the storms to have a couple hot fun filled weeks of MN DNR Firearm and MN DNR bow hunter safety classes with a bit of Prairie woods fun at the climbing wall, flying squirrel, and canoeing mixed in. This year we had 16 Forkhorn I campers and 9 Forkhorn II campers and they were all successful in achieving their certifications.

This summer marked the third year that Forkhorn Camps have been offered at Prairie Woods in collaboration with the MN Deer Hunters Association and the MN DNR. New this year was the Forkhorn II camp which includes bow hunter education.



Forkhorn I & II Campers each spent five days camping out at Prairie Woods and learned about hunting safety, ethics, wildlife management, survival skills, nature appreciation, camping and lots of other fun activities at Prairie Woods including canoeing and climbing. Primary instructors for the camp included Kory Klebe, Kathy Lutz and Mike Bundy, ably assisted by other Prairie Woods staff and volunteers as well as Gary Westby Intern-Hayden Tanner.

The camps were enhanced this year by visits from author Bob Erickson who donated signed copies of his book “Deer Stands and Stories” to each Forkhorn camper and staff member. Bob grew up on the Florida Sloughs near Prairie Woods and loves to share his passion for the outdoors with young people. Thanks Bob!

Look for Forkhorn Camps I & II again next summer and perhaps the addition of Forkhorn III! Check with your local chapter of MN Deer Hunters Association for potential scholarships and remember to sign up early as spots can fill fast.



YES! focuses on results, expansion -by Anne Dybsetter, YES! Coordinator

Students on the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City YES! team know about energy: the award-winning ACGC Youth Energy Summit (YES!) team continued their in-school electricity savings by converting 96 exit signs to LEDs, for an expected savings of \$1,500 per year. Meanwhile, they applied their own energy and creativity to host engaging, green educational events for 350 elementary students. And they grew fresh produce for 800+ students in their school garden . . . while also designing and constructing a composting bin (photo) to reduce their school’s solid waste stream. Whew!



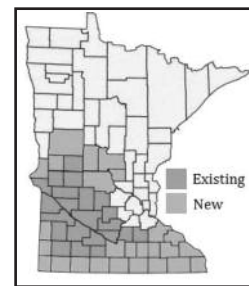
The ACGC team was just one of 18 YES! teams making a considerable difference in their schools and communities for the 2010-2011 school year. Other award winners included:

Westbrook-Walnut Grove distributed 200 home energy-saving kits with a potential savings of 75,000 kWh (and around \$7,500 in collective savings for local residents) from the CFLs alone.

Springfield produced a video about their school’s Energy Monitoring Police to win \$50,000 in technology for their school. Eden Valley-Watkins completed a solar photovoltaic system with both tracking panels and fixed panels. Lac qui Parle Valley installed solar-powered lights along a community bike trail.

A complete list of award-winning YES! team accomplishments, including demonstrations of renewable energy technology, significant energy conservation, and real-life applications of science, is available at www.youthenergysummit.org.

2011-2012 EXPANSION



This fall, YES! program partners are excited expand into new regions: YES! is now available in 48 greater Minnesota counties, from Ottertail, Todd, Douglas, Stearns, Morrison, and Benton Counties in the north to the entire southern tier of the state (see map). PWELC and Southwest Initiative Foundation are seeking up to 15 new schools or communities to field YES! teams in central, west-central and southwest Minnesota in part through funding provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission for Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The Trust Fund is a permanent fund constitutionally established by the citizens of Minnesota; currently 40% of net Minnesota State Lottery proceeds are dedicated to building the Trust Fund and ensuring future benefits for Minnesota’s environment and natural resources. In addition, partners Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center and Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation are seeking up to 10 new schools in southeastern Minnesota.



To find out how can your school or community can participate in YES!, contact Anne Dybsetter, YES! Coordinator at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, at anne.dybsetter@co.kandiyohi.mn.us or 320-212-4406. An application to participate in available at www.youthenergysummit.org/resources.

EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF YES!

As part of a YES! program review and strategic planning process led by Southwest Initiative Foundation, with funding through the McKnight Foundation, YES! partners and staff met throughout spring 2011. The resulting report will serve as a guide for current and future partners as we work toward our new vision: “YES! envisions educated and empowered youth who foster economic and environmental vitality in partnership with and for their communities.” How will we get there? By bringing to reality our new mission statement: “YES! empowers youth to partner with community to create economic and environmental vitality through hands-on learning and team-based projects.”

A gift to the Prairie Woods Sustainability Endowment lives forever.

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

- * Bob Erickson donated signed copies of his book to every participant and staff in the Forkhorn I & II Camps! Bob also donated proceeds of a book signing at the St. Cloud Public Library to Prairie Woods. Thanks, Bob!
- * Steve Hage donated items for silent auction and education programs
- * Marv Calvin donated two rain barrels for silent auction
- * SCHP donated 3 rain barrels for demonstrations at Prairie Woods
- * The Darkhouse Spearing Association donated \$350 for the purchase of two tents.
- * An anonymous donor contributed \$2000 as an underwriter for the Prairie Stars Fundraiser!
- * Staff from Home Depot assisted with construction of two new blinds for the wheelchair accessible deer hunt.
- * The Prairie Stars fundraising committee invested many hours in preparing for the upcoming Evening of Music “Under the Prairie Stars.”
- * Southwest Initiative Foundation continues to be a tremendous partner in the YES! program. Special thanks to SWIF staff Cheryl Glaeser and Becca Bell.
- * The Prairie Woods staff continues to invest tremendous energy and care in the programs and facilities at Prairie Woods.
- * Bob and Shirley Caine, Co-Chairs of the Prairie Woods West Fundraising Committee- California Division, called to announce the birth of their grandson Christopher James and also reported that their annual golf event for Prairie Woods had been another success.
- * Roger Strand continues to monitor and tend the wood duck boxes at Prairie Woods. The video camera in Box #4 treated Tree House visitors to two successful hatches this year!
- * Dave Meutzel, Ryan Newville, Larry Kleindl, Mike Anderson, Mike Gjerde, Steve Marquardt, Prairie Woods Trustees and others sold raffle tickets which helped raise \$2300 for the wheelchair accessible deer hunt and youth sporting programs.
- * Many Members of the Danielson Family contributed funds dedicated for the butterfly gardens in the farm site.
- * Gifts to the Endowment Fund were received from:
Carmen Rohne - Leroy Dahlke - Jerome and Elaine Schliep
Anonymous



The Time Travel Programs

- Teri Wermerskirchen

During the spring field trip season, hundreds of students experienced the homesteaders' life at the log cabin. With new (old)



props added, the students were pulling a plow, tilling a garden and sharpening tools in addition to other fun activities. One student wrote a Thank you saying "I can't even pick a favorite thing, I loved everything and I want to come back and do it again and again and again!" and from many we hear, "Best Field Trip Ever!"

In July, a group of true adventurers not only spent time as pioneers, but they also discovered the rigors of the life of the Voyageurs as they explored by canoe. Then, they went even further back in time to that of the Stone-Boilers where they tried their hand at throwing Atl Atls (predecessor of the bow and arrow).

It's time to sign up your groups for a Fall Time Travel program and it is not even too early to plan your Christmas event at the Log Cabin (includes making natural ornaments and sing-a-long to Christmas fiddle music). Birthday Parties are also a hit. Call 354-5894 for more information.



BERNICK'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Bernick's Family Foundation and a great community effort, we have added a picnic shelter and shade arbor at the Prairie Woods farm site. The Bernick's Outdoor Classroom will provide shade and rain shelter for youth and family programs for years to come at Prairie Woods. The shelter will also be available for special events, private parties and family reunions.

The Bernick's Outdoor Classroom is situated on the east side of the barn with pleasant views of prairie and wetlands. Partners in the project to date include: The Bernick's Family Foundation; New London-Spicer H.S. students and instructor, Jeff Gabrielson; Stacey's Nursery; Kandiyohi Power Co-op; Kandiyohi County Public Works; Greg Swenson & Sons Construction; consulting architect, Jeffery Nagel; and volunteer extraordinaire, Deb Schmitzerle.

Be sure to check out the Bernick's Outdoor Classroom at the Fall Open House.



Jeff Gabrielson, Ag Instructor at New London-Spicer High School supervised a crew of students including:
Taylor Stulen, Isaiah Ridl, Mitch Aasen, & Mitch Oman
Thanks for the great work, guys!



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 354-5894

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL ARCHERY CLUB.....Cost: \$30/person

It is lots of fun learning and practicing the skill of archery. We will be using compound bows to improve our skills. We will play games, shoot 3-d targets, do Olympic style archery, use the Native American atl-atl's, all while aiming to have a great time. Equipment will be provided.

Date: Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Ages: 11 and up.

FULL MOON CANOE.....Cost: \$30/Canoe (11 boats available)

Come with your friends or family to enjoy the solitude of a Prairie woods wetland awhile watching the sun set and the moon rise all in the same evening. Canoe, paddles, life jackets provided. Children must be at least 7 years of age and accompanied by an adult if less than 11 years old.

Date: Monday, September 12

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Ages: 7 and up

NIGHT HIKECost: \$9

Find out what goes bump in the night. During the hike we will learn how animals, including people, rely on their senses in the dark. We will also cover other topics that come up...like (hopefully) the stars.

Date: Friday, September 30

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

Ages: 11 and up

MINNESOTA VS WILD: SURVIVALCost: \$10

Minnesota winters are tough. Can you survive? This class will take you outside in the dead of winter and show you how to build a shelter, fire, and maybe find something to eat.

Date: Tuesday October 18,

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Ages: 10 and up

HALLOWEEN HAUNTCost: \$8

Talk with the creatures on the enchanted trail, carve a jack-o-lantern, and have a creepy critter painted on your face. Climb the Wall in costume. This Halloween party is most fun of the year! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Friday, October 28

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Ages: 4-12

ARTIC EXPEDETION: SNOWSHOETRACKINGCost: \$8

Artic Adventure or at least Prairie Wood's version. On snowshoes, you can explore "off the beaten path" and beyond the trails. Enjoy this magical adventure through quiet woods and hills, while watching for tracks and signs of our animal neighbors. Instruction and all equipment provided

Date: Tuesday, December 6

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Ages: 11 and up

BIRKEBEINER: CROSS COUNTRY SKIING.....Cost: \$9

While we won't be rescuing King Haakon Haakonsson IV. We will be hitting the trails to have an adventure on the skinny skis. Prairie Woods has numerous miles of groomed trails. Instruction and equipment provided.

Date: Tuesday, December 13

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Ages: 8 and up

PIRATES OF THE CARABINER CLUB\$25 per person

The same great fun as the one day Pirates of the Carabiner class but we spread this one out into 4 weekly sessions.

Mondays, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

3:30-5:00

Grades 3 and up

TO THE TOP CLUBCost \$25 per person

Join this four week club and be among a group that can say they have made it "To the Top" of the various events here at Prairie Woods. We will be doing our best to make it to the top of the indoor climbing wall, the Flying Squirrel, the Giant's Ladder and the Out door Climbing Wall. It will be a fun and rewarding time during the after-school hours.

Tuesdays, Sept 13, 20, 27, and Oct 4th

3:30-5:00

Grades 3-7

FAMILY CLIMB\$10 per climber

For families of all ages to come and climb together and spend some quality time. (Adults not required to climb) Parents, Grandparents, kids all welcome!

Oct 7, 6 to 8:00

SQUIRREL SOCIAL\$10 per person

We are going nuts at Prairie Woods so we need squirrels...Flying squirrels. Come join us at Prairie Woods 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, safety and trying our best. We will end the class with a "nutty" snack time for the squirrels!

Monday, Sept 26

3:30-5:00

Grades 1-6

~PIONEER BIRTHDAY PARTIES~

Looking for a unique idea for a birthday party? Why not celebrate your birthday like Laura Ingalls Wilder and other pioneer boys and girls? Dress as a pioneer and play some games that were played in the 1800s. You can even make a toy to bring home. Choose from other activities as well. Call PWELC 354-5894 to plan your Pioneer Birthday Party today!



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RUNNING WILD! JJM VICTORY RUN REPORT-

The 7th Annual JJM Victory Run drew about 140 participants who ran wild on the 5K or 1mile courses on the trails at Prairie Woods. Over 200 people showed up to enjoy running, walking or spectating on a beautiful summer morning. The Victory Run was initiated by friends and family of Jesse John Mithaugen to celebrate Jesse's life and encourage everyone to enjoy friends, family and fitness. Thanks Deb Anderson and Kay Halvorson for organizing another great event! Many thanks to North American State Bank and Rambow for helping to sponsor the 7th Annual JJM Victory Run!



FALL 2011 COMMUNITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GREAT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNT
.....\$8 PER CHILD
Appropriate for ages 4-12
Friday, October 28, 6 pm-9 pm

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.

FULL MOON CANOEING
.....\$6/person \$20 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 12, 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 Kory 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.

PIONEER GIRLS DAYCost \$10.00pp
A favorite for Laura Ingalls Wilder fans! We'll dress up as pioneers and do some fun activities at the Log Cabin just as Laura did!
Monday, October 3, 3:45-5:15pm 2-6 grades

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS-STUDENTS
.....Cost \$10.00pp
Find out what the Christmas season was like during the time of the pioneers. Come and cozy up to the Wood Stove and make ornaments and a toy over a cup of hot chocolate....
Thursday, December 1, 3:45-5:15pm
Grades 2-6

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS-FAMILY/GROUP BOOKINGS
Looking for a unique family event to celebrate the holidays? Bring your friends and family to celebrate together in the cozy cabin. Choose from various activities such as making ornaments, hot cocoa over the wood stove, Christmas caroling to beautiful fiddle music (join in with percussion instruments if you like) etc.
Call for more information 354-3594.

****Check out Prairie Woods on Facebook****
Prairie Woods- a natural choice for your next corporate or family special event.
Call Ann Phillips for facility rental details and rates

RUNNING WILD! JJM VICTORY RUN REPORT-

The 7th Annual JJM Victory Run drew about 140 participants who ran wild on the 5K or 1mile courses on the trails at Prairie Woods. Over 200 people showed up to enjoy running, walking or spectating on a beautiful summer morning. The Victory Run was initiated by friends and family of Jesse John Mithaugen to celebrate Jesse's life and encourage everyone to enjoy friends, family and fitness. Thanks Deb Anderson and Kay Halvorson for organizing another great event! Many thanks to North American State Bank and Rambow for helping to sponsor the 7th Annual JJM Victory Run!



FALL 2011 COMMUNITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GREAT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HAUNT
.....\$8 PER CHILD
Appropriate for ages 4-12
Friday, October 28, 6 pm-9 pm

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.

FULL MOON CANOEING
.....\$6/person \$20 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 12, 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 Kory 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.

PIONEER GIRLS DAYCost \$10.00pp
A favorite for Laura Ingalls Wilder fans! We'll dress up as pioneers and do some fun activities at the Log Cabin just as Laura did!
Monday, October 3, 3:45-5:15pm 2-6 grades

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS-STUDENTS
.....Cost \$10.00pp
Find out what the Christmas season was like during the time of the pioneers. Come and cozy up to the Wood Stove and make ornaments and a toy over a cup of hot chocolate....
Thursday, December 1, 3:45-5:15pm
Grades 2-6

A PIONEER CHRISTMAS-FAMILY/GROUP BOOKINGS
Looking for a unique family event to celebrate the holidays? Bring your friends and family to celebrate together in the cozy cabin. Choose from various activities such as making ornaments, hot cocoa over the wood stove, Christmas caroling to beautiful fiddle music (join in with percussion instruments if you like) etc.
Call for more information 354-3594.

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