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THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING AT PRAIRIE WOODS!



See page 3 for construction contributors and photos.

Check progress on the Earl B. Olson West Addition, Linder TreeHouse, and Ruth and Helen Peterson Exhibit Hall. Stay tuned for official dedication plans this autumn.

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH PRAIRIE WOODS TO PRESENT...



Maybe you've noticed: in Minnesota, there's a lot of energy behind renewable energy these days.

Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) has partnered with Prairie Woods to offer an exciting new program to "put energy into our future." The Youth Energy Summit (YES!) will bring together sixteen teams of young people, grades 8 to 12, from southwest and west-central Minnesota. The youth will spend two days focusing on energy issues at Prairie Woods. Following the Summit, a "Co-opetition" spanning the 2007-2008 school year will challenge each team to do an energy action project in their home community. In spring
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If you are a community member or educator who believes your school or organization should send a team to YES!, you may be just in time. As of publication, three slots are still available. They will be filled on a first-come basis.

Contact Jeff or Anne at 354-5894 for an official registration form.

photo: Luke Geiger

Upcoming Events at Prairie Woods

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YES! KICK-OFF EVENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7 PM PG. 4
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LOOKING FOR FALL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS? SEE PAGE 9.



STAFF PROFILE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAVE PEDERSON

by Sarina Otaibi, Environmental Education Intern

I sat down with Dave Pederson, Executive Director of Prairie Woods, to learn more about what he does. As an intern here at Prairie Woods, I was curious about how Dave got to where he is today and what a remarkable journey he had ventured through over the years.



Dave has been working here for eleven years now. He has a B.A. in Social Science from Augsburg College in Minneapolis and a Masters in Experiential Education from Mankato State University. He has a long work history but here are some of the programs he mentioned:

Michigan Expeditions, Canadian Outward Bound, and Alaska Ravens Way just to name a few that deal with outdoor

youth education. It is no surprise that ever since he was a kid, he enjoyed going on adventures and learning outdoors.

After years away from Kandiyohi County area, Dave came back and got involved with Prairie Woods from the beginning. He was founding director of the Challenge Course and Adventure Co-op. Then, in June 2003, he became the Executive Director of Prairie Woods.

He sees Prairie Woods in five years as a model of 100% renewable energy use and a full service environmental residential program, with cabins relying on sustainable energy. As I ask questions about himself and his work, he cannot help but talk about Prairie Woods and everything that relates to it. It is apparent that he loves his job. He says it is because of the diversity of his work. One day he is writing grants and the next he is outside climbing with kids. I asked him what he considers one of his biggest accomplishments, "being a good dad" to his fourteen year old girl and eleven year old boy. Well, of course!

Notes from the Executive Director

by Dave Pederson, Executive Director

Welcome to the Fall 2007 Prairie Woods *Warbler*:

Once again we have a newsletter packed with good news about progress and plans at Prairie Woods. In this issue you will learn about an exciting partnership with the Southwest Initiative Foundation to put energy into the future of our region through the Youth Energy Summit and Co-opetition. You can catch up on our building projects and plan to join us to see the progress at Fall Open House. You will also find updates on the Challenge Course, Time Travel, Youth Sporting programs and Environmental Education programs including a report on Project Eco-Voyageur. Everything that you read about is made possible by the generosity, commitment and creativity of our contributors and partners.

Our capacity for outreach has continued to grow significantly with exciting programs such as Project Eco-Voyageur and the Youth Energy Summit. Project Eco-Voyageur, made possible by gifts from Charles and Marjorie Dickman, Tebben Enterprises, Willmar Area Community Foundation and a generous grant from Northern Environmental Support Trust, has launched a program that will get over 1000 kids out on their local waters each year

for years to come. With the partnership of Southwest Initiative Foundation we will launch another great outreach initiative with the Youth Energy Summit (YES!) and Co-opetition beginning this September. YES! will engage 16 communities from our region in youth-led community action projects to reduce their carbon footprint, retain wealth through energy efficiency and conservation, and increase awareness about the issues and opportunities in the emerging renewable energy economy.

YES! This *Warbler* newsletter is full of good news about progress, programs and plans for Prairie Woods. As a member and contributor you help make it all happen. We have come to understand that there is really no such thing as a small gift. We continue to be amazed at how one person's thoughtfulness and generosity inspires others to make their own contributions and Prairie Woods' capacity for service continues to grow and thrive as a result. So please sit back and enjoy a quick read through Prairie Woods and then plan your next visit to see us.

Thanks for being a partner with Prairie Woods! *Dave*



THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING AT PRAIRIE WOODS!

Construction project is progressing rapidly this summer, in time for an autumn completion.

The Earl B. Olson West Addition, the Linder Tree House, and the Peterson Exhibit Hall have transformed the PWELC Education Building over the summer. Make plans to see this exciting addition at Open House.

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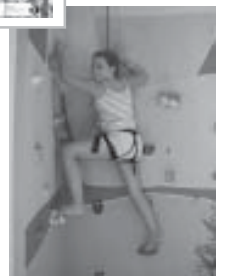
Paula Vollan



DON'T MISS PWELC'S ANNUAL *Fall Open House*

*Sunday, September 16
1 pm to 5 pm*

- ◆ Turbine Tailgate Party sponsored by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative
- ◆ View the new construction:
 - Earl B. Olson West Addition
 - Linder TreeHouse
 - Ruth and Helen Peterson Exhibit Hall
- ◆ Sample the Climbing Wall, Shooting Sports Range, Archery, and more.
- ◆ Check out the Wetland Walkway and progress on self-guided interpretive trails, including the Prairie Trail and American Indian History Trail



Sunday, September 16, 2007 1 pm to 5 pm

See WWW.PRAIRIEWOODSELC.ORG for details





Lots of NICE THINGS DONE FOR PRAIRIEWOODS... by people like you

- ◆ Ruth Peterson Estate contributed another \$1000 gift.
- ◆ Helen & Robert Ruebel gave an aluminum boat lift and roll-in dock section for the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale. Other contributors included Bob Hodapp, Jim Tetzloff, Richard Larson, Marion Lubbins, Jeff Croonquist, Eben and Marie Pederson, Morgan & Patricia Neiderheiser and more.
- ◆ The family & friends of Arline Caine Whitehead contributed over \$2500 in memorial funds to Prairie Woods.
- ◆ John and Leila Arndt contributed a butcher block table and copper boiler for the Time Travel Program.
- ◆ Deb Schmitzerle invested countless hours in developing beautiful gardens that attract birds and butterflies in the vicinity of the barn deck.
- ◆ Tebben Enterprises sold us a brush mower at a greatly reduced price.
- ◆ Prairie Woods staff gave 110%+ every day to make sure that our students and visitors enjoyed high quality programs and facilities.
- ◆ Patrick Soine, Eagle Scout candidate from New London B.S.A. Troop 228 organized a crew to assist with completion of the wetland walkway.
- ◆ Kandiyohi Power Cooperative contributed a high efficiency electric hot water heater storage tank for the new solar water heating system.
- ◆ Kandiyohi County Community Corrections STS program stained exterior siding and helped with painting and finishing of the interior of our new additions.
- ◆ Kandiyohi Power is hosting a Turbine Tailgate party at our Fall Open House to celebrate the success of our wind turbine project.
- ◆ Doug Mossberg has worked diligently to develop an informational booklet for the self-guided trail at the Indian History Village to complement the interpretive signage project donated by Gloria Benson.
- ◆ Artist Richard Harris contributed beautiful stipple artwork for the Indian History Village booklet.
- ◆ Kandiyohi County Pheasants Forever and Prairie Pothole Chapter of Minnesota Waterfowl Association each offered a 3 year pledge of \$1000 per year in support of youth sportsmen/women programs.
- ◆ Sara Jacobson and Sarina Otaibi spent their summers as EE interns at Prairie Woods. Thanks, girls!

You're Invited!!



YES! Kick-Off Event



- ◆ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
- ◆ 7 PM TO 9 PM
- ◆ AT WEAC IN WILLMAR

Music by Michael Monroe
Keynote by J. Drake Hamilton
Youth Engagement Presentation by area youth

*Learn what the energy is all about...
Public encouraged to attend. See you there!*

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JJM VICTORY RUN

by Deb Anderson

Once again, the third annual Jesse John Mithaugen Victory Run was a big success. The race was held on June 16, a beautiful Saturday morning. We had about 200 people walking, running, and cheering, all having a great time. Thanks to the many donors and sponsors who made the run possible: Bill Taunton, Chad



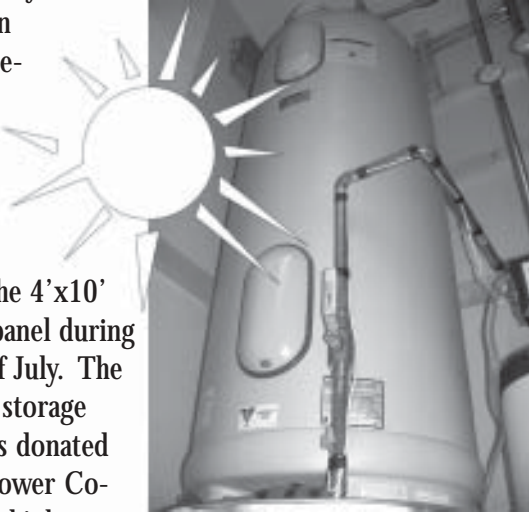
Mithaugen, North American State Bank, Rambow, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, Operation Round-up, Prairie Woods, Micki's, Belleza Salon and Spa, West Central Industries, Aquatherm, and Yellowbook. Thanks to all who participated and helped us to celebrate Jesse and celebrate life. See you all next year!



SOLAR WATER HEATER

Prairie Woods took one more step toward our 100% renewable energy goal with the recent installation of a Solar Skies hot water system

manufactured in Starbuck, Minnesota. Solar Skies, Johnson Plumbing and Bratberg Electric completed installation of the 4'x10' roof mounted panel during the last week of July. The high-efficiency storage tank (right) was donated by Kandiyohi Power Cooperative. Just think: next time you wash your hands at Prairie Woods, the warm water will be courtesy of the sun.



WILLMAR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS DOCK COMPLETION

Thanks, Willmar Area Community Foundation for funding another winning project at Prairie Woods. We were pleased to receive a \$4000 grant award from Willmar Area Community Foundation to support the completion of a floating wetland walkway and a new canoe dock. Past grants from Willmar Area Community Foundation have helped us with very successful projects such as the yurt, indoor climbing wall, challenge course equipment and Project Eco-Voyageur.



Other contributors to the dock and walkway project include Patrick Soine (Eagle Scout project), Shakopee Creek Headwaters Project, Prairie Pothole Chapter of Minnesota Waterfowl Association, and Kandiyohi County.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DICKMAN

Prairie Woods lost a great friend recently with the passing of Charles Dickman. Mr Dickman, a retired pharmacist from Hector, and his wife Marjorie are famous at Prairie Woods for generously helping to establish Project Eco-Voyageur through the donation of a 34-foot voyageur canoe (at right, with Mr. Dickman and his daughter Mary O'Malley in 2006). Each time the big canoe is launched, filled with eager kids and flag flying, it will be a reminder of the generosity and good will that the Dickmans shared with Prairie Woods. We are sincerely thankful for the generous support of Charles and Marjorie Dickman.



THE CONTINUING LEGACY OF RUTH AND HELEN PETERSON.

The unfolding history of Prairie Woods contains many stories of generosity, unselfish collaboration and vision. We recently received an additional \$1000 gift from the Ruth Peterson Estate. Ruth and Helen Peterson initially bequeathed over \$100,000 to Prairie Woods in 2004. Those funds helped Prairie Woods to establish a sustainability endowment, seeded the building project now nearing completion, and helped expand marketing efforts within a 100-mile radius. The sustainability endowment has attracted an additional \$50,000 in contributions. An initial \$10,000 investment in the building project sparked contributions of nearly \$400,000 to complete two beautiful multi-purpose additions to our education building. A small portion of the Peterson Sisters' gift allowed us to increase our service area in 2006. It is inspiring to realize that the Peterson Sisters' legacy has already contributed greatly to the work of Prairie Woods, and the effect of their gifts will continue to grow for generations to come.





Time Travel Update

by Teri Wermerskirchen

"I love being a pioneer! I wish I could stay all week!" said a young girl dressed in a pinafore and bonnet, taking part in a Time Travel at PWELC. The Time Travel program at PWELC has given folks of all ages the chance to go back to the time of the pioneers and feel what it was like to be a homesteader in this place. We can gain so much by understanding times and generations past.

This past April, over 40 people ages 18-81 took part in a Time Travel and Intergenerational Dialogue focusing on the issue of energy. One young man remarked that the younger generations will look to the older generations when searching for solutions to today's problems. Indeed all generations felt they could learn from each other.

For the hundreds of school children that take part in Time Travels, it is a chance to be a part of history and experience a different way of life--one without computer, video and TV screens, electricity or even running water.

One family enjoyed a screen-free evening at the log cabin and discovered that grandpa knew how to roll a wagon wheel hoop with a stick. It had just rained; there was a rainbow over the golden field. Everyone clapped as Grandpa, in his pioneer vest and cap, went running down the road rolling the hoop. His grandson said, "I thought this was going to be boring, but it's been SO FUN!!"



The program would not be possible without the dedication of the volunteer facilitators and musician that make Time Travels so unique and enjoyable. Facilitators include Arlys Ousman, Arlene Gould, Ildi Sundheim, Jennifer Court, Karen Schneider, Edith Jacobson, Sophie Pederson, Eleanore Pederson, Krista Stai, Marcia Kleven, and Jerry Saetveit.

Thank you to Southwest Initiative Foundation for helping to establish this exciting and effective program. Recent donors of materials for Time Travels include Mary Merlin, the Mortensons, Arlys Ousman.

Please Consider Prairie Woods
IN YOUR ESTATE AND GIVING PLANS.

Challenge Course

by Deb Anderson

I'LL CHALLENGE YOU...

Once again, the Challenge Course has been filled with activity. We have been having a terrific summer and are looking forward to a busy fall.

We are challenging people every day here on the Challenge Course at Prairie Woods. **Today I am passing on a challenge to each of you.** Word of mouth is our best marketing tool to let others know about the opportunities at Prairie Woods. I want to challenge everyone who reads this to tell someone about the programs at Prairie Woods. Schedule a new group, invite someone to visit Prairie Woods, encourage someone to become a member. You can play a big part in making our Prairie Woods family grow.

Prairie Woods is an awesome place! Spread the word.

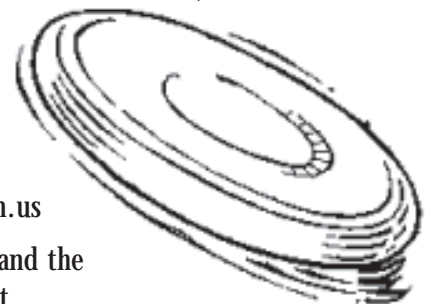
*Don't let a **lack of funds** keep those kids from experiencing PrairieWoods!*

F F F F F T *

Here's a quick, simple fundraising opportunity, (it's fun!) to help you bring a group to Prairie Woods. We have everything you need for. . . FFFFT. Make enough money to pay for your field trip, without all the fuss and bother.

Toss a disc, have fun, make a buck, come to Prairie Woods! It's that easy. (Did we mention it's fun?)

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for more information and the fundraiser template kit.

* FUN FRISBEE FUNDRAISER FOR FIELD TRIPS



Environmental Education Notebook

Grant-Funded Experiences for Students:

EcoVOYAGEUR

“Thank you for the cool experience. . . . I had lots of fun, although I got pretty wet, I had a wonderful time.”

Comments from a fourth grader at Minnewaska Area Elementary School following their EcoVoyageur program show the benefit of engaging students directly with their environments.



“That’s it?”

Comments from teachers show cost-effectiveness of providing this outreach program at only \$2 per student.

For 2007 to date, 358 students have participated in Project

EcoVoyageur (Minnewaska 4th grade, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City 5th graders [above], Hutchinson 7th graders, and Cold Spring students of various ages). Add that to the nearly 200 students who piloted the program in 2006, and that means lots of kids are exploring lakes and waterways near their own homes and schools.

Thanks to Northern Environmental Support Trust and other supporters, Project EcoVoyageur will be available to schools at the grant-supported cost through 2007. EcoVoyages are already scheduled for several dates this fall, so call us soon to reserve your spot.

Sponsors of Project Eco-Voyageur include **Northern Environmental Support Trust, Willmar Area Community Foundation, Tebben Enterprises, and Charles and Marjorie Dickman.** Contact Anne Dybsetter, EE Coordinator, at 320-354-5894 for details.

*Immersed in Learning,
Morning, Noon, and Night. . .*

ASK ABOUT MULTI-DAY, OVERNIGHT
PROGRAMS FOR GROUPS OF ALL SIZES.

SWIF AND PRAIRIE WOODS PRESENT THE YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT AND CO-OPETITION

(continued from page 1) 2008, teams will document their projects, which will then be judged by a panel of experts. Fabulous prizes will be awarded for excellence.

“We hope these teams will realize they can be part of transforming the ways their communities use energy,” said YES! co-coordinator Jeff Vetsch. Cheryl Glaeser, Program Specialist for SWIF, agrees. “The energy action projects will



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help the region’s schools and communities become informed about energy issues and opportunities, and

aware of the potential to capture local economic benefits through renewable energy,” said Glaeser.

Southwest Initiative Foundation has provided \$20,000 to fund YES!, in addition to staff and communications assistance and logistical support.” The Southwest Initiative Foundation believes that renewable energy brings tremendous economic opportunity for the region,” said Glaeser. “SWIF is currently developing a renewable energy awareness program that focuses on preparing the next generation to embrace careers in the renewable energy sector and to help schools and communities understand the economic and environmental benefits of renewable energy. We believe our partnership with PWELC is the best way to begin accomplishing these goals.”

“During the Summit the teams will begin to see how energy

plays a part in all aspects of their lives,” said Jeff. PWELC Executive Director Dave Pederson, who first crafted the idea of the Youth Energy Summit and Co-opetition, is looking forward to seeing the results of youth action projects across the region. Stay tuned to future issues of the *Warbler* for project reports.

YES! PARTNERS

Southwest Initiative Foundation; West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership; CURE; Clean Energy Resource Teams; Willmar Municipal Utility; Ridgewater College; Minnesota West Community & Technical College; Kandiyohi Power Cooperative; Department of Employment and Economic Development; and The Center for Small Towns.



INTERPRETIVE TRAILS TO OPEN SOON

Soon visitors to Prairie Woods will have their choice of four interpretive trails. The Prairie Trail, marked with informational signs, will follow a loop of reconstructed



prairie. On the Wetland Walkway and Woodland Trail, visitors will be guided by pamphlets. The American Indian History Village Trail,

in place since May 2006, takes visitors on a trip through time using interpretive signage and an in-depth booklet.

The project is funded in part by a National Scenic Byways Grant as part of the Glacial Ridge Trail Scenic Byway. The Glacial Ridge Byway meanders from Willmar to Alexandria, connecting sites in the range of hills known as the Alexandria Moraine. Prairie Woods joins Sibley State Park, Ordway Prairie, Glacial Lakes State Park, and many other attractions in welcoming people to enjoy the scenery of this region and learn about its history and ecology. Jennifer Lintelmann of JLDG designed the interpretive panels, and Anne Dybsetter drafted the text. Look for the interpretive trails to be open later this year!

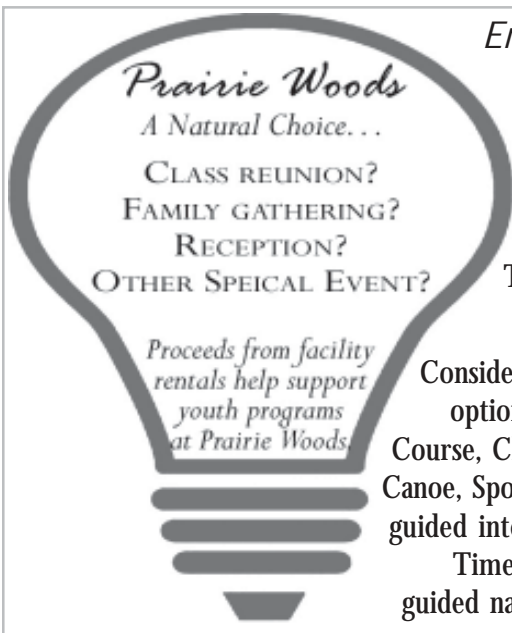
EDUCATIONAL SHOOTING RANGE

Students from Community Christian School (right) in Willmar took part in a program at the Westby Educational Shooting Sports Range this spring. Shooting sports, including riflery, sporting clays and archery, encourage discipline and responsible use of natural resources. Prairie Woods teaches ethics, safety, and natural history of game species. Schedule a program for your group at the Shooting Sports Range: call Ryan at 320-354-5894.



Giving Opportunities

- ◆ Purchase frisbees for FFFFT Fundraising project, \$10 to \$500
- ◆ Sponsor printing for American Indian History trail brochures, \$500
- ◆ Donate predator calls or 3D archery course targets, \$10 to \$700
- ◆ Flatbed trailer in good condition
- ◆ Corn bin, 1 ton
- ◆ Water tank, 200 gallon
- ◆ Student sponsorships or scholarships, \$1 to \$20 per student.
- ◆ Gifts to the Sustainability Endowment, any amount.



Enjoy a unique setting in the Westby Observatory, Earl B. Olson Addition, Linder Tree House, Barn or Yurt.

Consider adding exciting options: Challenge Course, Climbing Wall, Big Canoe, Sporting Clays, self-guided interpretive trails, Time Travel or guided naturalist walks.

Looking for a Stunning View?

Don't miss the Butterfly Garden in vibrant living color. Come to Prairie Woods Farm Site to enjoy the summer greenery and abundant butterflies and birds. Thanks to Deb Schmitzerle, descendant of the Danielson family that originally home-



steaded the Prairie Woods property, for the labor behind the beautiful garden.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 354-5894

Family, Adult, and All-Age Programs

Birding Extravaganza (all ages, families welcome)
Join PWELC staff and volunteers as part of the Great Minnesota River Birding Day. In small groups, we'll explore Prairie Woods' campus in search of as many bird species as we can find. Beginning and experienced birders welcome. Binoculars available.

- ◆ Saturday, September 15, 7 am to 11 am
- ◆ Free

Canoe Cruise (7 years to adult)
Celebrate the end of summer with a canoeing adventure in a peaceful pond. All equipment and introductory instruction provided. Children must be at least 7, and accompanied by an adult.

- ◆ Thursday, September 27, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- ◆ \$6/person

Kids Events & Activities

Big Bird Bash (ages 4 to 12 years)
This party is for the birds! Bird food, bird songs, bird searches, and more! If you wish, join an adult in Prairie Woods' Birding Extravaganza starting at 7 am, then come to the Big Bird Bash to celebrate our feathered neighbors.

- ◆ Saturday, September 15, 10 am to 12 pm
- ◆ \$6/child

Great Annual Halloween Haunt (ages 4 to 12, with adult)
Wander 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.

- ◆ Saturday, October 27, 6 pm to 9 pm
- ◆ \$8/child

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Re-enact historical dramas, spending time with kids in 1888, or research local history for Time Travel programs.
- ◆ Build & paint notice boards and signs for special events.
- ◆ Host and help at special events.
- ◆ Assist with newsletters and mailings.
- ◆ Help with prairie restoration and maintenance.

Clubs for Students

Climbing Club (3rd through 8th grades)
Kids climbing the walls? Here's your answer. A healthy after school activity that will have the kids climbing, meeting new friends and using up that energy. They'll learn about climbing, safety, belaying and much more while playing climbing games and having lots of fun.

- ◆ Mondays: September 10, 17, and 24, and October 1
- ◆ 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- ◆ \$30 per student

Youth Sporting Clays (Ages 12 and up)
Great opportunity to improve your ability and learn new skills with NRA and 4-H certified instructors. Each session we will shoot a round of sporting clays, which is 25 targets. Register as a group or individually. We will provide shells, clay targets, shotguns and instruction at the Westby Shooting Range. (You may bring your own firearms.)

- ◆ Mondays: September 10, 17, and 24, and October 1
- ◆ 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- ◆ \$60 per student

Archery Club (Ages 10 and up)
Learn the basics of shooting bow and arrow, using compound bows. We teach Olympic-style target archery techniques and the basics of 3-D archery. Get tips on form, accuracy, and ranging distance. We will also play archery games. Equipment will be provided, or bring your own.

- ◆ Tuesdays: September 11, 18, 25, and October 2
- ◆ 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- ◆ \$30 per student

Adventure Club (3rd - 6th grades)
Explore a variety of fun outdoor activities you've always wanted to try. Play new outdoor games, and take the opportunity to canoe, rock climb, and do other nature activities led by Prairie Woods staff.

- ◆ Thursdays, September 27, October 4, 11, and 18
- ◆ 3:45 to 5:30 pm
- ◆ \$30 per student



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WHY BE A MEMBER?

- ◆ Know you are supporting programs you believe in at an organization that is important to your community.
- ◆ Receive information and invitations to special events at PrairieWoods.
- ◆ Benefit from discounts on equipment rentals and programs.
- ◆ Continue to receive the *Warbler* newsletter three times a year.

*Thank you for
your support.*

Join Us!

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- New Member
- Renewing Member

SUPPORTER'S MEMBERSHIP

- Individual Membership \$25.00
- Family Membership \$40.00
- Organization/Business Membership ... Please call for rates.
- I / we are interested in volunteering at Prairie Woods.

BENEFACTOR'S MEMBERSHIP

- \$100 to \$499
- \$500 to \$999
- \$1000

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Please enclose payment to Prairie Woods ELC, and send to:

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