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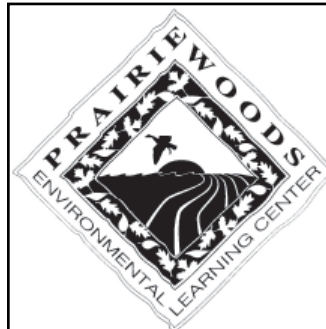
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"MWA Hall of Famer"- Roger Strand!

Roger Strand, Prairie Woods Trustee, was recently honored as an inductee of the Minnesota Waterfowl Hall of Fame Class of 2012. Congratulations Roger! It is hard to imagine anyone who would be more deserving of recognition for work in advancing conservation and environmental stewardship in our region.

Roger has hosted Prairie Pothole Days at his Stoney Ridge Farm for 30 years and has inspired thousands of people, young and old alike, to get involved in conservation and outdoor pursuits.

Come to Earth Day 2012 at Prairie Woods, check out Roger's wood duck exhibit and get an autograph from Prairie Woods' very own Hall of Famer!



Roger Strand

***Family of Bill Johnson donates fire ring area at
Prairie Woods Farm Site.***

Thanks to the family and friends of Bill Johnson, a new fire ring at the Prairie Woods farm site area will soon provide a place for fellowship, friendship and fun for years to come. Bill, a long time board member and champion of Prairie Woods, passed away suddenly last fall. Bill enjoyed many bonfires with friends and family during his life and it didn't take long for Bill's wife DeeDee and daughters, Jamie and Jennifer, to come up with the idea of a fire ring and seating area as a memorial gift to Prairie Woods in honor of Bill. The fire ring area was designed and will be constructed by a long time friend of Bill's, Stacy Fladeboe of Stacy's Nursery Inc. of Willmar.

A special thank you to DeeDee and all of Bill's family and friends for this generous gift to the present and future generations who will be warmed by memories made around a bonfire at Prairie Woods.

The Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale is BACK!!!

After taking a year off, we are bringing back the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale on Saturday, June 16 from 8 to 1. Some really nice contributions have given us an early start. Check out some of these items: aluminum swim raft in very good condition; 14' aluminum fishing boat w/ 15hp Johnson motor and trailer; a two-person kayak, XXXLarge duffel bag, commemorative knife set, PFDs, hunting and fishing equipment, binoculars, archery equipment, and more to come! Lots of great stuff!!! All proceeds support youth and family programs at Prairie Woods. Feel great about reclaiming some of the space in your garage by donating items for the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale. Please call us if you have items to donate.

Upcoming Events at Prairie Woods

Earth Day 2012.....Saturday, April 21 (8am-1pm)
Bernicks Outdoor Classroom Dedication.....Friday, May 18
JJM Victory Run- 5K & 1mile coursesSaturday, June 16 (9am start)
Pre-registration is encouraged.
Recycled Outdoor Gear SaleSaturday, June 16 (8am-1pm)
Please call 320-354-5894 if you wish to donate outdoor equipment
4th Annual 3D-60 Archery EventAugust 11 & 12 at the Prairie Woods Farm Site
Little Crow & Swift County Archers
An Evening of Music Under the Prairie StarsFriday, Sept. 7, 2012





Notes from the Executive Director

by Dave Pederson, Executive Director

Greetings Everyone and Happy Spring!

Following a winter that never really showed up, we seem to be jumping into an early spring. As I write this on March 19th, the temps have been in the 70's, the ice went off the Crow River yesterday and many of the trees are already budding out.

This was the first winter ever that Prairie Woods did not have sufficient snow to groom ski trails throughout the entire ski season. I have decided that I am done grieving for the ski season that never came and I am getting excited to slide a boat into the water.

As thousands of kids know, spring is a great time of year to visit Prairie Woods. In this newsletter you will learn of some the great opportunities for you to participate in the life of Prairie Woods, either through signing up for programs, becoming a volunteer or contributing gifts to help us continue our work.

Upcoming events at Prairie Woods which you won't want to miss include our annual Earth Day event, the JJM Victory Run, the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale and the dedication of our new Bernicks Outdoor Classroom. Also, the Prairie Stars planning committee is already hard at work preparing for another stellar Evening of Music Under the Prairie Stars scheduled for September. Please put these events on your calendar now and plan to join us for some great fun and fundraising to get kids connected with the great outdoors.

As usual, we have more news than newsletter space but please read-on and enjoy learning about some of the accomplishments from the last several months and our plans for a great spring and summer season ahead at Prairie Woods!

Thank you for being a partner with Prairie Woods!

Sincerely,
Dave



“WE’RE WINNING!”

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY UPDATE-

Every morning when I arrive at Prairie Woods I check out the “scoreboard” a.k.a. the utility meters. I am pleased to announce that Prairie Woods is winning in our efforts to shrink our carbon footprint along with our utility bills. The close of 2011 marked the first full year in which Prairie Woods achieved our goal of operating our main campus with (net)100% renewable energy. We even generated a surplus of 1320 kilowatt hours of electricity. 2012 is shaping up to be another record breaking year. As of March 15th Prairie Woods was 5000 kilowatt hours ahead of the previous year.

In the years to come we will continue to practice careful use of energy and increase our ability to utilize solar heating. We can't help asking “what if?” when we look around our region and see literally millions of square feet of solar thermal potential on walls and roofs which is virtually untapped. What if our schools, businesses, farms and private homes could reduce their heating bills and use of fossil fuels by 25-50%?

“If it is..... it is possible.” If it can be done at Prairie Woods it can be done elsewhere.

Thanks for considering green energy options for your own home, school or business.

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

EARTH DAY 2012- APRIL 21ST 8AM-1PM

Everything from **A**lternative Energy to **Z**ebra mussels. Enjoy Tricia and the Toonies Enviro Show & a free-will Pancake Breakfast.

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, strangers and even people you don't really like to enjoy a morning of learning, fun and food at Prairie Woods on Earth Day.

RAFFLE TICKETS!!

When you buy a Prairie Woods Raffle Ticket there is a chance that you will win a prize, but it is certain that you will make a difference for thousands of kids who come to Prairie Woods each year. Prairie Woods will hold two raffles this year. The first raffle (drawing on June 8th) will help support the annual wheelchair accessible deer hunt and youth programs at Prairie Woods. The second raffle to support youth programs will culminate with a drawing at the Prairie Stars event on September 7th. Please contact the Prairie Woods office or a Prairie Woods board member to purchase raffle tickets.



Spring Has Sprung! -from EE Coordinator Kory Klebe

Last year at this time I was thanking you for welcoming me to Minnesota with a wonderful winter. I got to spend countless hours driving the trail groomer in circles around Prairie Woods. I met and talked to hundreds of people as I rented skis and snowshoes to them because that was the only way you could explore Prairie Woods last winter. This winter.....not so much. No ski rentals, no snowshoe rentals, not even one lap in the groomer (Dave made one lap after the Feb 28th snow- I think he did it just so he could say he did). Although with the small muskrat huts last fall, a weather lore indicator of low snow levels, I should have seen it coming.

I guess if you combine the last two winters, you could say that I have experienced an average MN winter. Now with the Red Wing Blackbirds starting to show back up on the cattails in the sloughs around PWELC it is time to start thinking about spring. As we start to gear up for spring programs I would like to share some thoughts from Kathy Lutz – one of our fabulous instructors.

Kathy says that she knows the “totally awesome things we teach the kids” only scratch the surface of all there is to know. Our hope is that in “scratching this surface” and doing it well, the impact and impression we make on the kids gives them an appreciation and insatiable appetite for the world around them. This is evident in a story she tells of a young boy that was in an archery class with his 6th grade classmates:

“From the beginning of the class, I noticed him as a child who said nothing, talked with nobody, no one speaking to him, no emotion on his face or in his small frame, seemingly to be without joy or confidence. But, as I explain to the students in the beginning of class, a person does not need to excel in sports or school to be good at archery all they have to do is be patient, focus, and try hard. He was not the best in his shot, but he did well. He was proud of himself. He succeeded. He was not embarrassed in front of his peers. On the way out of the barn in route to his next class, he stopped and said to me, ‘I did a good job! I hit the target! I love bow and arrow!’ His teacher waited until he left the barn then told me, ‘Those were the first words he had spoken all day. Thank you.’”

So this spring come out to Prairie Woods and “scratch the surface.” Meet our amazing staff and be a part of our fantastic programs.

EVERYONE OUTSIDE!!

IT’S TIME TO GET OUT ON THE WATER!

You can get out on the water with our full moon canoes on the Florida Slough or tour area lakes with us this summer in our 34 foot Voyageur Canoe. Check out the community education offering on the back of the Earth Day insert.

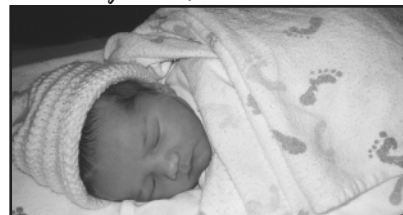


BABY PICTURES!

This winter was memorable at Prairie Woods for no snow and lots of babies! We wanted to share pictures of three beautiful “Prairie Woods’ babies” born this winter and say congratulations to the proud parents. These little ones remind us of why it is so important for each generation to pass a healthy environment on to the next generation.

Pictures: Hayden Glenn Klebe, son of Kory (EE Coordinator) and Mari Klebe; Owen Charlie Geiger, son of Luke and Allison Geiger (PWELC Trustees); and Amelia Marie Morales, daughter of Jonathan (PWELC Instructor) and Holly Morales. We would have included pictures of the parents but their smiles would not fit on the page. ☺

~ Hayden Glenn Klebe ~



~ Owen Charlie Geiger ~



~ Amelia Marie Morales ~



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

**HOME ON THE RANGE- KORY KLEBE**

It was like Christmas morning when 4 large boxes showed up at Prairie Woods in late February. What was in these boxes that had me as giddy as a school child? Gear from the Brandon Laine Ethical Sportsman Society (BLESS). Brandon Laine was a 14 year old MN boy who tragically lost his life in a hunting accident. BLESS was founded in Brandon's honor to supply gear to firearm safety classes.

The gear included Laser Ed firearms - guns that only shoot a light like a laser pointer and are used to work on sight pictures, aiming, and let students visually see where the muzzle is pointing during firearm handling exercises. There was also a tree stand and two fall arrest systems, compasses, binoculars, 2 pop-up blinds, and 10 animal silhouettes. These supplies will be used in our firearm safety classes coming up this spring and summer.

We have 2 all-day field and range days coming up. The first one will be held May 5th and the second on June 9th. These are the newest versions of MN DNR firearm safety classes. Students do all of the class work online and then come to PWELC to spend a full day going through hands-on scenarios. The scenarios include asking a landowner for permission to hunt, shoot/don't shoot situations, zones of fire, setting up a tree stand, transportation of firearms in vehicles, and tracking a wounded animal. There are also two live fire stations where participants shoot shotguns and .22 rifles.

The BLESS supplies will also be used in both of our Forkhorn Camps. The basis of Forkhorn I is the MN DNR firearm safety certification. Forkhorn II concentrates on MN DNR bow hunters safety. Forkhorn Camp is the deer camp of firearm safety classes. The classes are 5 days and 4 nights (sleeping in tents under the stars) of hands-on firearm safety with some Prairie Woods fun like climbing wall and canoeing worked in. Check out the fun we had last year by going to the Prairie Woods Facebook page and looking at the Forkhorn photo albums. If you know of a youth at least 11 years of age that is looking to get their firearm safety certification call for more information on these classes.

If you are looking for an introduction to shooting sports check out our Shooting Sports 101 class. We will cover the basics of safe firearm handling. Class will also include 3 rotations of shooting .22 rifles, shotguns and archery. Also, check out our youth shooting sports programs. We have everything from a 1st time shooting introduction class to DNR all day field and range days to a 5 day overnight firearm safety class. As always you can call and we can set up a customized program for your group.

P.S. be sure to like us on Facebook.

See you on the range.

**YES! Updates** from Anne and Shelli-Kae**YES! WINTER WORKSHOP EMPHASIZES CREATIVITY IN YOUTH**

Creatively connecting things! That was the theme for the YES! Winter Workshop held February 1 at St. John's University (SJU). And by "creatively connecting things," we mean either literally duct-taping them together or more figuratively connecting issues with opportunities. Ninety students



and coaches attended this cohort's Winter Workshop from Alexandria, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City, Dassel-Cokato, Eden Valley-Watkins, Foley, Lac qui Parle Valley, Litchfield, Minnewaska Area, New London-Spicer, Parkers Prairie, Royalton and Willmar.

Students were reminded that "creativity is just connecting things," a quote from innovator and entrepreneur, the late Steve Jobs. To illustrate this point, students were challenged to create something from everyday objects that would reduce energy consumption or result in energy sustainability. Their innovations ranged from solar-powered watering systems to pet toys as energy generators. Clearly the activity

was successful at charging creative minds!

To see the impact creativity is already having on our energy systems, students had the opportunity to see a variety of businesses and organizations. Students toured SJU's solar field, an organic farm called Dancing Bears Company, and Blattner Energy. They also heard first-hand about College of St. Benedict's (CSB) waste reduction efforts, and toured LEED-certified Kennedy Community School in St. Joseph. Another highlight was interaction with the CSB/SJU's own student-led sustainability group.

Students and coaches left filled with excitement and enthusiasm to tackle the energy action projects they have started in their communities. When asked to reflect on the day, one participant said, "It was my first YES! convention and I thought it was an awesome experience and can't wait to go to the next one! I learned a lot about conserving energy that day."

Other YES! teams attended two other Winter Workshops, one in Rochester and one in Hutchinson. Currently YES! has 27 active teams across the southern half of the state, from Parkers Prairie in the north to Lac qui Parle Valley in the west and Winona in the southeast. More than 300 students are participating. YES! is made possible through partnerships with the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Southwest Initiative Foundation, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, Prairie Woods ELC and Eagle Bluff ELC.

**~ NEEDS AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- (2) 4- person eureka outfitter tents
- Tree stand ladders
- Candles to melt for fire starters
- Used Diesel pick-up (3/4 or 1 ton) for plowing snow
- Utility tractor (diesel) w/ loader
- Table and chair replacement fund (\$25/chair, \$100/table)
- Contributions for outdoor equipment replacement fund (examples: tents \$300 each, replacement skis \$100/set, ski poles \$15/set, canoe paddles \$30, pfds \$30)
- Donations of good used gear for the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale

Volunteers Needed

- Help with ongoing building & maintenance projects
 - Weekend hosts for facility rentals & special events
 - Trail Crew- work on ski and hiking trails
 - Sign making
 - Program facilitators- Challenge Course, Environmental Ed., archery, shooting range, and Time Travel.
 - Join the Prairie Stars Planning Committee.
 - Assist with newsletters, marketing or grantwriting.
- Contact the Prairie Woods office if you would like to volunteer!**

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

(please make a point of thanking these folks when you see them out in the community!)

- * Terry Myllenbeck- donated a portable clay target thrower as well as funding for a portable pellet rifle range.
- * Michael Perkins donated a large painting of a deer.
- * Dan Rauenhorst donated some really great items for the Recycled Outdoor Gear Sale including a fishing boat, swim raft and hunting gear.
- * Norm Temple donated an elk rack mount now displayed in the Westby Observatory.
- * Eleanore Pederson donated sewing material for the Time Travel programs.
- * Phil Hahn and volunteers from People First are helping to revitalize the Indian History Village.
- * John Duevel of Three Seasons & More volunteered time and materials to upgrade our solar heating system.
- * Thanks again to Lakeland Broadcasting and West Central Sanitation for donating air time to Prairie Woods through the Community Spotlight program!
- * Tom Cherveney deserves special mention for his articles in the West Central Tribune helping to publicize our renewable energy efforts at Prairie Woods. Tom does an outstanding job of raising awareness of environmental issues and opportunities in our region.
- * Thanks to Ron Adams for some great photos of Habitat Day published in the West Central Tribune.
- * Thanks to the Lakes Area Review for coverage of events at Prairie Woods!
- * A special thanks to Cheryl Glaeser and Southwest Initiative Foundation for being such great partners with the YES! program.
- * Hats off to Ryan Newville and Dave Meutzel who are already hard at work raising funds for the 2012 Special Hunt. Call the Prairie Woods office if you would like to volunteer to help with the special hunt by selling raffle tickets, building trailers, or assisting during the hunt.

Thank You!

A gift to the Prairie Woods Sustainability Endowment lives forever.

**Challenge Course Notes** Deb Anderson- Challenge Course Coordinator**SERIOUS FUN! MORE THAN WHAT YOU THINK**

My coworker and I share a joke between us. As I am the challenge course coordinator and he is the environmental education coordinator we joke about getting educated vs. coming out to do the “fun stuff” on the challenge course. I can usually get him to smile about that or at least roll his eyes at me. We have fun with it because we both know how important both programs are. We know that our educational programs are really fun and we also know that our challenge course programs are more than what you think. By participating in our challenge course programs we learn and put into practice valuable skills that are needed in society every day in almost every situation. We develop leadership skills, problem solving solutions, being able to adapt to change, team productivity, communication, trust, self confidence and more. We challenge our participants physically, emotionally and socially. We see people (of all ages) everyday that celebrate what they accomplished, that are moved to tears, that finally feel proud, that make the connection that what they do effects others, that overcame a fear, that go out of their way to make someone else feel good about themselves, etc, etc. Our challenge course is part of the “fun stuff” of Prairie Woods but it is definitely more than what you think. At Prairie Woods we take our “fun” seriously.

**RUN WILD WITH THE JJM VICTORY RUN 2012
5K AND 1 MILE TRAIL RUN/WALK- JUNE 16**

Deb Anderson—Victory Run Coordinator

It is that time of year again that we slip on our running shoes and start getting in shape for the 7th Annual Victory Run. As the weather is getting nice early this year it does feel good to get outside and enjoy it. What better way to motivate yourself to get out and walk/run than to sign up early for the Victory Run and make that commitment. But whether you are in shape or not you can do this. The Victory Run is for walkers, runners, joggers, families, people pushing strollers, and anyone who has always wanted to try it. Although some of the frontrunners may be serious competitors, for the most part our run is not about who can cross the finish line first. It is about remembering loved ones that are gone and celebrating life with friends and family. It is about spending a little time in nature getting to see deer, birds and other wildlife along the trails and even surprising a snapping turtle or two on the way. It is a peaceful day about doing something for yourself. So call up a friend, family member, grandchild, anyone and sign up for the 7th annual Victory Run. It will be a great day! Race starts at 9am. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated and guarantees a t-shirt.



JJMVictory Run 2011



JJMVictory Run 2011

INDIAN HISTORY VILLAGE UPDATES-

Thanks to Phil Hahn and members of People First the Indian History Village at Prairie Woods is getting a needed influx of new energy. Last fall the group spent a day doing clean-up at the village site and also dismantled an Archaic Period structure which had deteriorated to the point of requiring replacement. The group will be returning this spring to construct a replacement structure as well as tidy up the village for upcoming programs.

If you are interested in helping out with construction of primitive structures at the village site please give us a call. As with all programs and facilities at Prairie Woods, nothing builds or maintains itself. We rely heavily on volunteers and contributors to help keep our programs and facilities up and running.

**FORKHORN II CAMP**

Forkhorn II is an advanced camp for youth who have graduated from Forkhorn I or have completed their firearm safety training. It goes beyond the basics and will include orienteering and bow hunting skills. Students will be certified in MN DNR bow hunter education program.

Age: 11-15 years old

Date: July 15-19

Time: Check-in Sunday @ 3pm, Check-out Thursday @ 1pm

Cost: \$355

*call Prairie Woods ELC for registration packet

THE DOZEN DEER 3D ARCHERY SHOOT

If you have a couple archery seasons under your belt or are thinking about hunting deer with a bow and arrow for the first time---This class is for you. This class is a chance to add new or develop existing deer hunting archery skills. We will talk about shooting form, judging distance, ethical shooting, and tracking deer. Then we will go out at practice the skills on 12 3D deer targets.

Grades: 5th and up

Date: Fri, July 20

Time: 9-12

Cost: \$15

*Call now to sign up for Spring Sporting Clays Leagues-
All are welcome!*

**PWELC CHALLENGE COURSE
COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS SUMMER 2012****HIGH ADVENTURE DAY CAMP**

This is it! The day camp you have been asking about and waiting for. . . High Adventure! 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 much more. Bring a bag lunch and be prepared to have LOTS of fun. Attend one session. Grades 3-7 (If an older group would be interested I will schedule a separate class. Call PWELC to arrange 320-354-5894)

Date: Tues, June 19 -OR

Thursday, July 12 -OR

Tuesday, July 31- OR

Thurs, Aug 16 -OR

Time: 9-4

Cost: \$25 per person (min of 10)

*must register for each date separately.

SPLASH BASH

This is a Wet and Wild Day Camp full of games and water activities. Bring a swim suit or an extra change of clothes, because we will play games with water, canoe on the water and take a closer look at water. A fun, educational day of laughter and learning. Bring a bag lunch and a towel.

Grades: 3-7

Date: Wed, July 25

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person (min of 8)

INVESTIGATE AND RESCUE DAY CAMP

SSHHHHH... Where did all the animals go?? Investigating where they might be and how we can rescue them, while learning about nature and about working together as a team. We might even have to rescue them from hidden places on the climbing wall. Be a hero! Help us rescue the animals. Bring a sack lunch.

Grades: K-4

Date: Thursday, August 2

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person (min of 8)

**4th Annual West Central BowHunter
60 3-D shoot ARCHERY..... OUTDOORS.....
60-TARGETS OF 3-D ARCHERY!!!**

Little Crow Archers of Willmar, Swift County Archers of Benson and Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center invite you to come and enjoy the outdoors for our 4th Annual West Central BowHunter 60 3-D shoot. 60 3-D animal targets on over 100 beautiful acres of rolling hills, woods and grasslands of the Environmental Learning Center. We invite you to stop out and visit the West Central Bowhunter 60 3-D shoot on August 11th & 12th, 2012 . The shoot is a non-competitive and fun family-oriented event. Adult, Youth and Family rates available. Archery..... Outdoors.... Archery Fun for Everyone!

*Please join the Prairie Woods Legacy Circle
Send a gift into the future by including Prairie
Woods in your planned giving and estate plans.*

SAT. APRIL 21ST 8AM - 1PM

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PWELC COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS
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NATURE DAYS

WHAT’S THAT????? Let’s check it out! For three mornings we will explore the natural world in which we live. We will use hands on activities and games to better understand the forest, prairie, and the wetlands at Prairie Woods.

Grade: K-3 K-3
Date: June 12,13,14 July 24,25,26
Time: 8:30am-11:30am 8:30am-11:30am
Cost: \$55 for each 3 day session.

FULL MOON 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.

Grade: 4th and up
Date: Monday, June 4 Monday, July 2 Wednesday, August 1
Time: 7:30p-9:30p 7:45p-9:45p 7:00p-9:00p
Cost: \$15 per person.

*Must register for each date separately.

BIG CANOE SUNDAY CRUISE

Just out for a Sunday cruise....IN A 34 FOOT CANOE. Come help row, row, row our boat as we cruise around local lakes. We will provide the boat, life jackets, paddles, and nature interpretation. All you have to do is provide the motor.

Grade: 4th and up
Date: Sunday, June 3rd Sunday, August 5th
Where: Ringo Lake Long Lake
Access: North side South side(Co rd 25)
Time: 1:00-3:00 1:00-3:00
Cost: \$15 per person

*Must register for each date separately.



*PWELC SHOOTING RANGE COMMUNITY ED
OFFERINGS SUMMER 2012*

HOME ON THE RANGE

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Date: Sat, May 19 Sat, June 23
Time: 1:00-4:00 1:00-4:00
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Grade: 5th and up
Date: Tues, June 5th
Time: 1-5pm
Cost: \$40

FORKHORN I CAMP

Forkhorn campers will sleep in tents under the stars as they learn beginning hunter skills. This camp is designed to provide extensive hands-on instruction in basic firearm safety, shooting technique, hunter’s ethics, and wildlife ecology. MN DNR firearm safety certification is part of this camp.

Age: 12-15 years old
Date: July 8-12
Time: Check-in Sunday @ 3pm, Check-out Thursday @ 1pm
Cost: \$355
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PWELC COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS
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NATURE DAYS

WHAT’S THAT????? Let’s check it out! For three mornings we will explore the natural world in which we live. We will use hands on activities and games to better understand the forest, prairie, and the wetlands at Prairie Woods.

Grade: K-3 K-3
Date: June 12,13,14 July 24,25,26
Time: 8:30am-11:30am 8:30am-11:30am
Cost: \$55 for each 3 day session.

FULL MOON 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.

Grade: 4th and up
Date: Monday, June 4 Monday, July 2 Wednesday, August 1
Time: 7:30p-9:30p 7:45p-9:45p 7:00p-9:00p
Cost: \$15 per person.

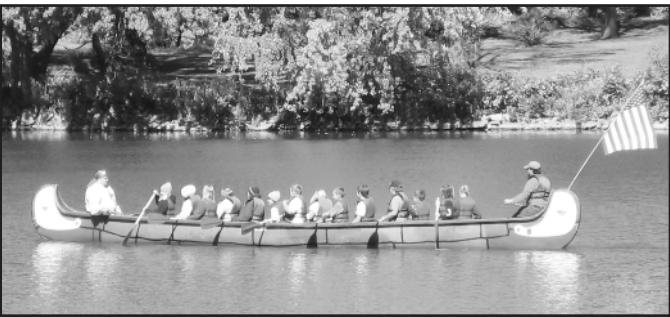
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BIG CANOE SUNDAY CRUISE

Just out for a Sunday cruise....IN A 34 FOOT CANOE. Come help row, row, row our boat as we cruise around local lakes. We will provide the boat, life jackets, paddles, and nature interpretation. All you have to do is provide the motor.

Grade: 4th and up
Date: Sunday, June 3rd Sunday, August 5th
Where: Ringo Lake Long Lake
Access: North side South side(Co rd 25)
Time: 1:00-3:00 1:00-3:00
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