

# Engagé Application 2009

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this form and return to the Menogyn Office.

*You must be registered for a Menogyn trip to apply* to be an Engagé. [Please print clearly]

**Personal Information**

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Email _____	(used for Engagé communication from camp directors)
Address: _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Menogyn Trip Registered for: _____ Dates _____ to _____	
Have you been an Engagé before? _____	

**Session Preference**

Which **Engagé** session do you prefer to participate in? (Please refer to the schedule on the attached description.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like to do both of the above sessions, **if possible**, circle here: **BOTH\***

\*You will be notified if it is possible to do BOTH sessions.

How many summers have you gone to Menogyn? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Camp Experience? \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation** (Bloomington REI, Forest Lake, Duluth OR Parent – see registration form for more details or call us!)

**Bus to Camp (Pick-up)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bus from Camp (Drop-off)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Former Employers:** (your job experience)

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Duties</b>	<b>Reason for Leaving</b>
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Why do you want to be an Engagé at Menogyn?

List and describe any experience you've had around home, school or anywhere that would help you as a Menogyn Engagé. How do these experiences show that you are caring, respectful, responsible and honest? Examples could include: working/living with a small group, cooking, lawn-mowing, baby-sitting, etc. Use the other side, if needed. Thanks!

# "The Engagés"

## Work Camper Program at Menogyn

### A Bit of History

The "Engagés" (ón-gah-jays) were a rowdy bunch! At Fort William and Grand Portage, the trading forts of the Northwest Company, the Engagés were the workers. They were a class of laborers at the fort but were not yet a part of the management class, called the bourgeoisie. The Engagés weren't trail guides or Voyageurs (who were the laborers on the trail). The Engagés of old filled the very important role of providing needed assistance within the everyday workings of the fort. Menogyn's Engagés fill that **same** important role of assisting and making sure the everyday workings of Camp are happening! Even though the replica of Fort William and Grand Portage are museums and the days of the bourgeoisie, Voyageurs, guides and Engagés have long since passed, they're still alive and working at Menogyn!



### Engagé Life

The daily life of an Engagé at Camp Menogyn is usually filled with hard work, physical labor, fun activities and community hang-out time. Menogyn needs Engagés to help keep camp running smoothly and we greatly appreciate them! Every summer, Menogyn has a limited number of opportunities for campers to work and live in our base camp. **This program is offered to summer campers who are already registered for camp**, to assist them in paying their fees. Engagés are the key to enabling Menogyn to expand the effectiveness and quality of our program for our campers! As an Engagé you will get to know camp extremely well--from getting to know staff members and other campers *not* on your trip, to the day-to-day, behind-the-scenes workings. The program also provides leadership growth opportunities and the chance to *really* contribute to the Menogyn community through hard work, respect and the joy of community living.

### What does an Engagé really do?

Two senior staff members, called the Engagé Counselors, will run your Session. Your counselor will also live with you and the rest of the Engagés in your cabins. There are six sessions of 8, 11 or 15 workdays to choose from throughout the summer. Each session will include work, as scheduled by the Engagé counselors, and maybe a day "off" in Grand Marais.

Schedule: The workday will begin at 7:00 a.m. for kitchen work and continue until 3:30 each afternoon. There will be a break from 3:30 - 5:00 each day. This break time can be used for reading, writing, or going swimming, or simply "hanging out." Engagé's will then return to the dining hall for further instructions at 5:00 and work until dishes are done after the evening meal. Each individual Engagé will be assigned jobs and is expected to be responsible for the completion of the task (with minimum supervision) to the best of his/her ability. Engagés are expected to participate in camp life and activities along with everyone else at camp.

Areas of work may include: kitchen (cooking, cleaning, dishwashing), Trail Department (packouts, equipment repair, cleaning), maintenance (assisting the maintenance staff with dock repair, painting etc.), and camp programs (welcomes, campfires, etc.).

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\*\*\*\*\*READ CAREFULLY\*\*\*\*\*

- Engagé's must adhere to the same standards of conduct that Menogyn employees/campers do. They are expected to demonstrate maturity in action and in relationships (e.g. following through with an assignment to its completion, being considerate of others in a small group living situation).
- These standards include, but are not limited to; no use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products.
- Use of personal electronic music reproduction machines are only allowed in your cabin before lights out or on a break--this is for Engagés ONLY (i.e. Discmans or walkmans). It is not appropriate to use these devices out and around camp while you are an Engage

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Engagé Program, you **must be registered** for a canoeing, backpacking, or rock climbing adventure. The following application must be filled out and sent to the camp office and an interview will be held with the Program Director. (Out of town campers will be contacted by phone.) Applicants who have been to Menogyn previously are given the first opportunity to participate in this program.

**Sessions for Summer 2009\*\***

	Start Date	End Date	Credit to Camp Fee
Session I	June 25	July 1	\$80.00
Session II	July 4	July 14	\$110.00
Session III	July 17	July 31	\$150.00
Session IV	August 2	August 9	\$80.00
Session V	August 11	August 18	\$80.00
Session VI	August 20	August 30	\$110.00

\*\*Engagé participation is limited to two sessions. The Engagé will be credited \$10.00 per day towards their Menogyn camp fee. Bus transportation from Minneapolis to camp and back for the Engagé session will be at **no charge** – *but you MUST fill out your transportation preference on the application!*

**Questions?**

Contact the camp office for more information (763) 230-9310, we'll be happy to answer any questions!

