

FROM THE BOATHOUSE

E-newsletter

Weather at Bearskin Lake:

Cloudy with snow, high 16F, low tonight 5. NE wind 10 mph. (Feb 8)

“...when one finally arrives at the point where schedules are forgotten...and becomes completely immersed in the ancient rhythms, then one begins to live.”

— Sigurd F. Olson

Summer Fast Approaching Camper Registration Surging!

It may be cold now, but rest assured, summer is right around the corner. “It’s blows my mind,” says one Menogyn camper “before you know it, I’ll be on the trail at Menogyn!” Registration is in full swing, with some sessions already beginning to get pretty full. So don’t wait—go ahead and register TODAY! It’s easy—you can mail your registration in or do it all online at www.campmenogyn.org And don’t forget—**we have financial aid available** (see website under Summer/Scholarships). It’s going to be a great summer and YOU can be there!

Winter Camp and New Years Weekend Big Hits

Over 90 people were up at Menogyn for the four days of Winter Camp (Dec 27-30) and then over 50 hearty folks enjoyed a great New Years Weekend at camp. The whole week saw a ton of dog sledding, skiing, snow shoeing, snoccer, sardines, saunas with lake dips and lots of great times in the dining hall. New Year’s Eve festivities included a big square dance, huge bonfire and a grand Times Square style Ball Drop at midnight.



Our Purpose

To provide transformational experiences in a wilderness setting emphasizing quality, personal growth and relationships.



Our Values

YMCA Camp Menogyn promotes caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.



Summer Address

55 Menogyn Trail
Grand Marais, MN 55604
Phone: 218.388.4497

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Loretto, MN 55357
Phone: 612.822.2267
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www.CampMenogyn.org

2010 YPartners Campaign — A Grand Opportunity

Menogyn's annual YPartners Campaign has already received pledges of support totaling \$111,000 from over 340 donors. Our goal this year is to raise \$162,000 for camperships, staff development, and much needed equipment. YPartners support also keep Menogyn fees down for everyone. Without your help, Menogyn simply cannot serve all the people we do, in the way we do. If you have not yet pledged for the 2010 YPartners campaign, please go to the YPartners button at www.campmenogyn.org. And to everyone who has already pledged — a huge thank you for making a Menogyn experience possible for more young people in 2010!

"I give to Menogyn's YPartners Campaign because I know it changes lives. Menogyn meant so much to me when I was young, and now I want to be sure others can experience the wonder of Menogyn — like I did."

— A Menogyn YPartners Donor

Five (Count 'Em!) Long Trips Hitting the Trail This Summer

The great summer of 2010 will see FIVE Menogyn long trips. We will have, perhaps for the first time ever, two Waputiks Men's Backpacking groups, one led by Drew Madson and the other by Kelly Carlin. Casey O'Malley will be leading the Women's Wahnkanes Backpacking group. This summer's Femmes du Nord Canoe group will be led by Sarah Crump while the Hommes du Nord Canoe group will have Paul Andersen at the helm. All the long trip groups will soon be pouring over maps and making their plans.



Casey O'Malley



Sarah Crump



Paul Andersen



Kelly Carlin



Drew Madson

MENOGYN HOME PARTIES — NOTHING ELSE COMPARES!

Want to share the Menogyn magic with others? Know people who would appreciate learning about Menogyn? Consider hosting a Menogyn Intro Party at your home, school, church, temple or whatever. We make it easy—you generate an invitation list and we can help send invites, bring the food and of course, we show the wonderful Menogyn slide show. It's fun! Please call Mo or Doug at 763-479-1146 to set one up.



Menogyn Special Cord

Where will we find it next?

Menogyn staffer Eduardo Salgado-Diaz was recently in Gibraltar and introduced this monkey to his Menogyn Special Cord.

Got an interesting photo of Menogyn Cord or Menogyn Wear somewhere in the world? Send it to info@campmenogyn.org

WHO IS UP AT MENOGYN THIS WINTER?

Menogyn keeps cranking all winter long with over 600 people coming up for dog sledding, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Some come in groups from schools, churches or other organizations and some come for Family Camp. So who mushes the dogs, cooks the food, lifeguards the sauna and does everything else around camp? It's the Menogyn Winter Staff: Mike Jensen and Austin Danicic are coordinators, Franny Opatz and Travis Cooper are the mushers, Taylor Dzierzak is the cook, and Madeline deMahy does everything. And of course our site manager Steve Anderson is also a major player. It's a remarkable group.



Travis and Franny—Our Friendly Dog Mushers



Taylor—Master Chef

Upcoming Events:

Menogyn Information Nights

Come see slides from last summer's adventures, meet with staff and learn all about Menogyn 2010. We will have refreshments for your stomach and answers for your questions. All Info Nights are 7-8:30pm.

Thursday, February 4	Ridgedale YMCA, 12301 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka
Thursday, February 18	Southdale YMCA, 7355 York Ave South, Edina
Thursday, March 4	Elk River YMCA, 1337 Business Center Drive, Elk River
Thursday, March 18	River Valley YMCA, 3575 North Berens Road N.W., Prior Lake

Presidents Weekend Family Camp — February 12—15

A wonderful winter holiday weekend of dog sledding, skiing, snowshoeing, and of course a sauna!

Rally Day at the YMCA's: Saturday, March 6th

Come and sign up for camp, meet a representative able to speak about Day Camps and overnight camps Icaghowan, Ihduhapi, Menogyn and Warren. Obtain stuff, win friends and influence people, the whole bit! A good family event.

REI Day: Saturday, March 13

Come and meet Menogyn staff, talk and handle all sorts of gear, get any questions answered, including the meaning of life ... at the Bloomington store. 10 AM—2 PM



The Wilderness Puzzler!

Last month's puzzler was, "What U.S. President, in what year, signed the Executive Order banning low flying aircraft over the Boundary Waters?" The answer is good old President Harry Truman in 1949. (For you Presidential History buffs, it was Executive Order Number 10092.)

This month's Wilderness Puzzler is, "How many of the sled dogs at Menogyn this winter have run in the famous Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska? Special bonus question: "What are their names?"

The answer can only be found in the next....

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-Doug, Mo, Marie, Steve and the whole crew!