



# FROM THE BOATHOUSE

E-newsletter

*"In some men, the need of unbroken country, primitive conditions and intimate contact with the earth is a deeply rooted cancer gnawing forever at the illusion of contentment with things as they are."*

- Sigurd Olson

## Weather at Bearskin Lake:

**Highs 10F. Low 2, Northwest Wind 20 mph. Cold! Scattered flurries.**

## ONLINE Registration Available NOW

It's true, though Menogyn only got electricity in the late '70's and internet this decade, we are not like Luddites in our philosophy. "Rustic yes, but first class." We now use Camp Brain camp management software and have just installed and worked out the online registration feature. We wanted to get this right so now it is time for YOU our beloved parents and campers to **try it out and give us feedback**. Our goal is to make it simple for you to use and effective for us to get the information we need to do the best job with your campers.

If you are planning to register for the lottery **December 12th**, it is now quicker and easier than ever. We do ask to register online a day early **if possible, by December 11th**, to give our admin staff a little time to get all the registrations to us for the actual lottery on Monday the 15th. We appreciate your registration of course anyway you want to give it to us, by mail, fax, scanned and sent by email, in person (Always our favorite!) and now online. So many choices to register, so little time.....If you ever have any questions whatsoever about registering your camper **call the 612 822-2267** number and you will get a friendly, helpful person who cares about your time. They can easily transfer your call to Mo or Paul too if you have any special concerns.

## COOL New Outdoor School

Do you know someone who is looking for a high school with a progressive approach to education? **River's Edge Academy (REA)** is the first Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound School in the Twin Cities and provides a fantastic opportunity to learn through experience! Students will participate in field work, service learning and overnight expeditions.

River's Edge Academy, in partnership with parents and community, prepares urban high school students for their further education and career, by challenging them with rigorous academics, innovative projects and an interdisciplinary, environment-focused curriculum. REA is a green school where environmental stewardship is taught and practiced! The high school is located in St. Paul and only accepting 120 applications for 9th, 10th and 11th grade.

For more information please check out the website at

[www.riversedgeacademy.org](http://www.riversedgeacademy.org) or contact the Director, Meghan at 651-894-3357.

### 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.



### Camp Address

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Grand Marais, MN 55604  
Phone: 218.388.4497

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Loretto, MN 55357  
Phone: 763.479.1146  
Fax: 612.823.2482

[www.CampMenogyn.org](http://www.CampMenogyn.org)

Email us at: [info@campmenogyn.org](mailto:info@campmenogyn.org)

### *Menogyn 2009 Y Partners Fundraising Campaign Update*

## **Menogyn Y Partners— Help kids grow strong through a Menogyn wilderness Experience**

If you have already pledged to contribute to Menogyn's Y Partner's Campaign this year, THANK YOU! If not, it is easier now than ever. That's right, you can now donate to your favorite little wilderness camp ONLINE. Just when you thought it was safe to escape the phone calls every November, now you cannot hide from us even on the WEB! Actually though, it is a response to requests from you, our beloved supporters. We are currently at 60% of our goal of \$147,000 with over \$84,000 raised already.

Please help us financially assist campers, train our staff and purchase equipment for another summer of safe, fun and enriching wilderness travel with the Menogyn Magic. And of course, now you can do it in your pajamas at four in the morning if you wish.



[http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page\\_24.htm](http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page_24.htm)

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## **MENOGYN Lottery Deadline December 12th**

This is simply to give you the **best chance to get the trip session you need** for your summer schedule. Almost everyone gets their session in this format. It is important though to **put a second choice** on the form so we can get you registered and, if needed, on the wait list for your first choice. We will let everyone know what trip they are confirmed for by December 17th. We will still be taking registration in open enrollment afterwards no worries. If you have any questions please call Mo or Paul in the camp center at 763 479-1146. Remember, Nor'wester and Hommes, Femmes, Wahkaneé and Waputik Long Trips 30-50 days are not included in the lottery.



*Get here anyway you can!*

## Winter Reunion December 19th, 6:30pm

Join us for the annual Menogyn Reunion at the **Bloomington REI Store**. Each year we gather and celebrate our community members, share any news and show hundreds of slides from the adventures from last summer and our Fall, winter and Spring Programs. Everyone is welcome, campers, parents, staff, alumni, volunteers, volunteer Nurses and Doctors (and roofers and labourers!) This is a great time to catch up with your Menogyn friends and trail counselors.

There will be light food and beverages and a couple of awards even.

**If you have pictures from your trips please send them to Mo** at the winter office so she can get them into the show. The MESS group and any other interested folks can help set up and plan the event. Again, ring, email, fax or Facebook Mo!



Good Friends Reunite at the Menogyn Reunion Last Year

## Wintercamp is December 27-30

**Wintercamp** happens December 27-30, 2008 and is known as **the best four days of the year**. We make a big, huge batch of our famous hot chocolate. Campers can cross-country ski, snowshoe and weather permitting, dogsled on the trails around Bearskin. Our wonderful sled dogs live on site during the winter and are just coming to camp for the season at Christmastime. Many campers choose to go on an overnight and may even dig a snow Quinzhee to sleep in. Some campers choose to sleep in our cabins and do day or half day trips. The winter wilderness at Menogyn is stunning in its beauty and inspiration. This program is for all campers 12-18 years old. \$260 includes round trip transportation from REI Bloomington. Spots are limited. Please call Paul or Mo with any questions at 763 479-1146. Click on this link to get more information and a registration form.



<http://www.campmenogyn.org/index.asp?pageID=33>



## Winter Family Camp President's Day Weekend

**February 13-16**

President's Day Family Weekend includes DOGSLEDDING, skiing and snowshoeing opportunities as well as lounging around our lodge by the fire, building Quinzhees (snow huts), sledding, stargazing, or just simply listening to the absolute silence with your loved ones.

[http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page\\_36.htm](http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page_36.htm)

## MENOGYN Tuck Shop ONLINE

...Well, Almost. But what could be better than an organic cotton visor with the MENOGYN name proudly displayed up front for a Christmas gift this year? Or perhaps a practical fleece hoodie or a Menogyn organic T-Shirt? That's right, nothing. In an essence to fight shallow materialism and unuseable gifts that fast become big laughs at white elephant parties, Menogyn put several of our Tuck Shop items on this page of our website. Choose the items and quantities you like, add a shipping address and credit card number and either call or email it all to Mo. There will be a small shipping fee for mailing or we can arrange a strategic drop off somewhere in the Twin Cities area no charge. Go to this link at our news page and scroll to the bottom for available items.

[http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page\\_19.htm](http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page_19.htm)

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The Fleece Hoodie Parade of  
Kate Schousen's 11-day canoe group

## Don Shelby BWCA Story—30 Years

Don Shelby, the WCCO anchor and staunch wilderness supporter AND father of Menogyn camper and staff member Lacy, created this nice piece on the BWCA.

<http://wcco.com/local/bwca.anniversary.ely.2.861030.html>



*The timeless practice of portaging between the lakes  
in the BWCA*

## The Wilderness Puzzler

**Last month's puzzler was, Completely left out...on purpose...yeah, that's what happened.**

**This month's Wilderness Puzzler is,** "Who was the former Menogyn camp director that was heavily involved in the beginnings of true protection and preservation of the boundary Waters Canoe Area?"

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

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-Paul, Mo, and Steve.