



FROM THE BOATHOUSE

E-newsletter

“Loneliness is a force that can kill you if you are unprepared for it. But it will carry you beyond your own horizon if you understand how to use it to your advantage.”

-Reinhold Messner

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.



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Weather at Bearskin Lake:

Partly Cloudy. Highs 75F. Low 50, West Wind between 10-15 mph. Scattered Showers. Blue Sky and green trees

The Long Trips Return Safely

We had wonderful long trips this summer. These 50-day expeditions are the pinnacle Menogyn trip. Taylor Fay and his Hommes paddled the Coppermine River to the Arctic Ocean. They had some great stories from the varied terrain of that river and Kugluktuk, the town at the mouth of the river. Craig



Schimnich and his men traveled the Back River. This is the first year we know of that Menogyn has had two Hommes du Nord groups. Kate Schousen led her big group of backpacking Wahkanees to the Wrangell Mountains of Alaska, a favorite destination of Menogyn this past decade. Katie Klepinski and her women paddled the Back River a few days ahead of Craig's group.

All had stories of wind, sun, rain and raw physical power. Hundreds of miles were traveled and these groups worked hard for their pork tenderloin banquet at the end!



Craig's Bear Claws!



Kate's Wahkanees at the Plaque Hanging



Katie's Femmes take one last moment before meeting loved ones after their five week sojourn

**"This was by far the
hardest thing I have
ever done but I
wouldn't change any
part of it."
- Long Tripper**



Well, the bullet, the much revered and feared boat that has been hauling campers and staff at Menogyn since the late sixties, was retired this week. And look what has restored it! Steve looks pretty smug.



The Engage's after Long Trip Banquet, but alas, before dishes!

As of Aug 15 we have three Nor'westers, two Yellowstone groups, three 14 day and 11 8 and 11 day BWCA trips on trail. Summer is winding down but the moon is bright.

Tentative (But pretty firm) Menogyn Dates 2009

For all your planning needs!

WFR Course		5/26-6/3	Menogyn Whitewater Training	TBA
WFR Re-cert		6/4-6/6	KCI Whitewater Training	TBA
WWS		TBA	Rock and Backpacking Break-in	TBA
Staff Training	6/12-22			
8C1		6/25-7/1		
8C2		7/4-11		
8C3, 8B1, 8R1 Girls		7/17-24		
8C4		8/2-9		
8C5, 8B2, 8R2 Boys		8/11-18		
8C6, 8R3 boys		8/20-27		
11C1, 11R1, 11B1		8/4-14		
11C2, 11R2		7/27-8/6		
11C3, 11B2		8/20-30		
14C1, 14R1 Boys, 14C1.p		6/28-7/11		
15C2, 15R2 Boys, 15C2.p		7/17-31		
14C3, 14B1, 14C3.p		7/27-8/9		
14C4, 14R3 Girls		8/11-24		
20QC		6/25-7/14		
21QC		7/17-8/6		
20YB		8/11-8/30		
Nor'wester I	NW I	6/25-7/24		
Nor'wester II	NWII	7/27-8/27		
Long Trips		6/28-8/16 (Session Codes TBA)		
Women's Canoe WC I		7/20-24		
Family Camp	Memorial	5/22-25	Labour Day	9/4-7
Engage I	E1	6/25-7/1		
Engage II	E2	7/4-14		
Engage III	E3	7/17-31		
Engage IV	E4	8/2-9		
Engage V	E5	8/11-18		
Engage VI	E6	8/20-30		

Volunteer Nurse Weeks

6/21-28	7/26-8/2	8/16-23
6/28-7/5	8/2-9	8/23- 30
7/5- 12	8/9-16	
7/12-19		
7/19-26		

Camper Parents Collecting Funds for Dining Hall Furniture

The Dining Hall addition is completed and looks sharp. We were just looking for some furniture to be used for groups to gather and converse, sip hot chocolate and enjoy fellowship when several long trip parents started a collection to help purchase it. We are very close to having enough to buy several durable couches and chairs that we hope will last at least as long as "the Bullet". If you are interested in helping us, call or email Paul at the office. 218-388-4497



Camper Focus: Kyla Osterreich

Kyla is in the class of 2011 at Stillwater Area High school. She loves Nordic skiing, X-country running and track. During this summer she was a member of Casey O'Malley's 21-day Yellowstone backpacking trip. She says, "I love Menogyn because I really feel like I am a part of it. It's my summer home." She loves being an Engage' work camper and this year was a part of the first group of YCEP (Youth Career Exploration Program) participants. She did her YCEP mini- internship here at camp this summer while an Engage'.

Kyla reckons cleaning dishes and biffs should be an Olympic sport. If so, she would get a gold in "Liming the Biffs".

The Wilderness Puzzler

Last month's puzzler was, "What is the name of the predominant fire fighting plane up here in the Northwoods?" The answer is the CL 215. Indispensable to Canadian wildfire fighting.

This month's Puzzler is, "What little known European traveler explored as far as modern day Kansas in the 1500's?" **The answer can only be found in the next....**



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-Paul, Mo, Marie, and Steve,