

FROM THE BOATHOUSE

E-newsletter

“A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”

-Greek Proverb

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 65F. Low 48, West Wind between 10-15 mph. Partly Cloudy and Showers.

Welcome Center Rises at Last

The Welcome Center rose from the dirt last week as Steve Anderson, Menogyn’s beloved caretaker (Site Manager for you modern types), members of Crown Construction and Tom Healy assembled pieces cut and shaped by volunteers in April. Huge white pine sections, some 10” x 14”, were meticulously cut at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais. This is our fourth structure at camp which uses the timber frame construction method, which shows that we have been very happy with it. The structures are solid, easily adaptable to the need, make better use of wood than log structures and can be insulated especially well. For extra credit, they can be disassembled and rebuilt in a different location if you need to, though I wouldn’t want to do that!



The Welcome Center timber frame structure is assembled on the parking lot or Massie’s Landing, side of the lake.

This structure will be particularly unique as it takes framing into some interesting dimensions. Since this will be the space where many folks come up to camp for the first time will see (our summer campers will still go to the camper dock), we want that dimension to be one of transition. The point between leaving the normal, convenient and relatively civilized and joining the WILD LIFE. As in what Thoreau called “wildness” that humans need so desperately in their lives. As our world gets more complex, as demonstrated so thoroughly by the lending practices of some of our large financial institutions, a place like Menogyn is needed by people exponentially more. Our goal is for this structure to welcome them and help them ease into the wildness they are walking towards.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER...



Aaaahh, the end of the portage



The Nisimaha group has a break high in the alpine country of the North Cascades, Washington

"The experiences I had on trail, in camp and with Menogyn campers and staff have shaped me for the better."

- 2008 Camper



An awesome group has an awesome time in an awesome place in the BWCA



Climbing on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior and Tettegouche State Park



Tentative (But pretty firm) Menogyn Dates 2009

For all your planning needs!

8C0		6/16-23	Yes that's right, an extra session due to the calendar being whack.	
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		7/4-14		
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 0	E0	6/16-23		
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 Health Officer Weeks

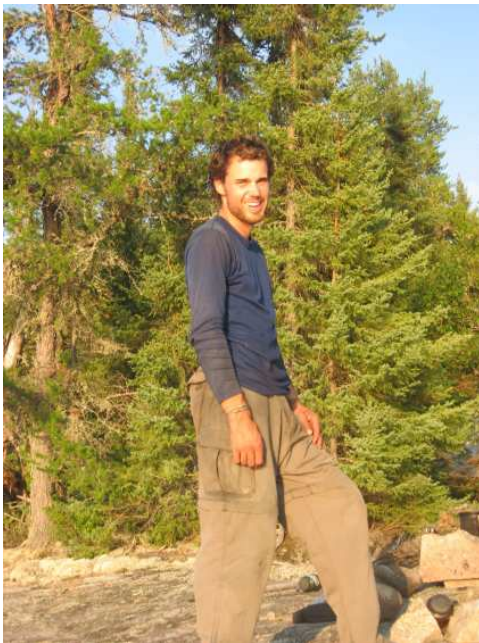
6/21-28	7/26-8/2	8/16-23
6/28-7/5	8/2-9	8/23- 30
7/5- 12	8/9-16	
7/12-19		
7/19-26		

MEA and Wintercamp Beckons

Fall is a time to go outside in a thick sweater and do one better than all those GAP and Target ads. Head to Menogyn and USE it. All the MEA Oct 16-19 and Wintercamp, Dec 27-30 information is on the website so sign on up for relaxing yet exhilarating wilderness experiences soon while spots last. Go to

www.CampMenogyn.org

And click on MEA and Wintercamp.



Staff Focus: Craig Schimnich

Craig came to Menogyn five years ago from St Cloud. He has led so many different trips he could take anyone camping with one hand behind his back in his sleep. Craig has taken countless canoe trips from the BWCA to the Back River in Nunavut, he took our campers to the Absoroka/Beartooth Wilderness and he knows his way around bears, moose, musk ox and caribou. He is just finishing up Nursing School at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Besides being one of the nicest guys in the world who has really made an impression on his campers, Craig is definitely one of the guys. He even landed the hand of our wonderful staff member Maureen Martin and they are now engaged to be married!

The Wilderness Puzzler

Last month's puzzler was, "What little known European traveler explored as far as modern day Kansas in the 1500's?" The answer, after several folks came close and only one nailed it, is Francisco Vasquez de Coronado. Though Cabeza de Vaca went before him in a rather nobler adventure and is less known so I took that too. For a good read try Tony Horwitz's "A Voyage Long and Strange" about 100 years of America's mostly lost history during the 1500's.

This month's Puzzler is, "What prolific, competent and friendly arctic explorer lives among us in Grand Marais, MN?" **The answer can only be found in the next....**



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-Paul, Mo, Marie, Dana and Steve. Hey, the whole YMCA!