

FROM THE BOATHOUSE

E-newsletter

“Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.”

-Vesta M. Kelly

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 Sunny. Highs 73F. Low 55, E Wind between 5-10 mph. Showers Likely.

The Rendezvous and Canoe-a-thon

We had a really nice Rendezvous and Canoe-a-thon this past weekend. Friends, alumni, campers and staff were all here for a fun, festive and fabulous outdoor experience.



Fun for all ages at the Rendezvous.

campers AND those campers with a touch of gray!

We had canoe races, day trips to Rose Falls and the Duncan, Rose and Daniel’s loop and even a contra dance on Saturday night. The food was wholesome and the fellowship sincere and there were even a few songs sung completely in tune—a rare treat!

Since we had guests from the '50's there was a skit called "Little Nell" from that era performed by the Engages to the delight of Bob Bogen and his brother "Bogey".

The Menogyn Board met on Sunday morning out at Chapel Point and all came away with that loving feeling we all have from time at camp.

We are looking forward to having even more folks come up in future Rendezvous' as the time is right for younger



Breakthrough St Paul Returns to Menogyn

This marks the second year of Breakthrough St Paul, a nationwide school success program focused on 8th and 9th graders, collaborating with Menogyn for a BWCA trip. A girls and a boys group came up with their respective student teacher to experience the wilderness with Menogyn. These kids are selected to be in BSP for their talent and desire to go to college. This collaboration is to support the growth and ability to persevere during new challenges.



The Breakthrough St Paul Boys on Trail

“Michelle Hesterberg,
together with her friend
Laura, a Widji camper,
raised money as a
senior project ... to
help get the BSP group
collaboration started. .”



A beautiful day in the BWCA for the Breakthrough St Paul boys group.

BSP Group Comes to Menogyn

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The BSP kids are coming thanks to NFL Alumni funding and the beginning of a Menogyn Endowment fund just for them that was started by a Menogyn long tripper in 2006. Michelle Hesterberg, together with her friend Laura, a Widji voyager, raised money as a senior project at Mounds Park Academy to help get the BSP group collaboration started. They raised over \$2,000 in the first few months. Since then the fund has grown to over \$8,000. We are excited to bring it up to the \$10,000 required for a named Menogyn Endowment fund by the end of this year.

It is important to note that 80% of BSP youth are free or Reduced Lunch eligible and come from very diverse backgrounds mostly from the inner city twin cities area.



Groups packing up for trail on the Boat House dock, which has just recently emerged from Bearskin Lake

The summer is in full swing with two 8-day Voyage Nouveau sessions completed already and the first session Nor'westers back from trail.

We are looking forward to our largest opening day yet on Aug 5th. Two VERY large busses!



Prehistoric Bug Changes into Pest Eating Dragonfly

The weather has become warm and more settled with the odd storm to liven things up. The lady slippers have begun to fade and the dragon flies are out en mass collecting on the promise of many mosquitoes. Several groups this week were able to watch dragonfly nymphs morph into adults. Trail Staffer Cameron Field took these photos on his trip with the Breakthrough St Paul guys.



An age old process is observed on trail

Still Room in Labour Day Family Camp

This Family Camp weekend Aug 29–Sept 1 is known for it’s fine, settled weather, relaxed atmosphere and that subtle hint of fall in the air. The sumac leaves are red and falling on the boardwalk, the evening comes earlier and meteor showers are frequent. If you are able to get organized before then for school, work and all you do for the school year, the weekend is a great time to relax with family and restore your chi before entering the fray. Come join us. We may even have the new Welcome Center finished on the parking lot side of the lake. The registration is on our website at http://www.campmenogyn.org/pages/page_32.htm we hope to see you up here.

The Wilderness Puzzler

Last month’s puzzler was, “When was the last time a Menogyn group went to the Coppermine River in the Northwest Territories?” The answer is this is the first time!

This month’s Puzzler is, “What is the name of the predominant fire fighting plane up here in the Northwoods?”

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

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-Paul, Mo, Marie, and Steve,



Asher with his ten thousandth captured frog