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## **Boy Scouts Camp at Center**

The Ashland Area Boy Scouts sponsored a Webelos Action Camp at the Center May 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Boy Scouts from Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin participated in the three-day camp-out participating in a variety of fun and educational activities such as tug-of-wars, archery, and building bird houses. As part of their service project, the Scouts donated the bird houses to the Center to help improve wildlife habitat on the Center's 180-acre property.



*Scouts display bird houses (top), learned skills to earn badges (left), and were treated to a live falcon program (bottom).*



## Town of Eileen Centennial

The Town of Eileen will celebrate its past one hundred years as a Town this year. The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center is located in the Town of Eileen and will be the site of the two-day celebration June 11-12, 2004. The Town's Centennial Committee, in cooperation with the Northern Wisconsin Heritage Connection planned the event. There will be lots of memories, photos, and stories to highlight the celebration accompanied by musical entertainment by local musicians.

Rehearsals are underway for the presentation of "And a Township Shall be there", a one-hour original musical production, which will be shown several times during the event. David Hnath, a long-time resident of the Town, wrote this production. This historical musical drama relates the many stories of this Northern Wisconsin town.



*Eileen School (circa, 1926) - Mary Hnath (Dorman), teacher.*

A PowerPoint presentation by Christy Setzke will feature old photos and historical facts about the town and its residents. Other highlights include several photo exhibits featuring scenes from the Town's past. Ethnic baked goods will be provided free-of-charge both days and a luncheon will be available on Saturday at noon. This event will show not only the Town of Eileen's history, but will provide a snapshot of the very heart of a local community – its people. For more information, call 715-685-2646.

## Join us for Kids Fishing Day!

There's really nothing to match the excitement of that first fish tugging on your line! You have to feel it for yourself!

If you want to learn about fish, where they live, how to catch them, and how to cast, come join us for "**Kid's Fishing Day**". You will get personal attention from experienced anglers and biologists, who will share their fishing tips and techniques! Give us 60 minutes and we'll teach you how to catch your first fish!

Ask mom, dad, or a friend to bring you to the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center on Saturday, June 5, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New classes begin every ten minutes. Everyone will learn about fish and how to catch them...guaranteed! This event is FREE and it's FUN!

Program participants will receive free fishing lures and other fun prizes! For more information, please contact Susan Nelson at (715) 685-9983.



This event is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Trout Unlimited, ABC Sportsman's Club, Ashland Rod & Gun Club, Mepp's, Mister Twister, Bill Lewis Lures, Berkley Trilene, Wal-Mart, Pure Fishing, Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle, Hugos Pizza, Anglers All, Friends of the Center, Pizza Pub, M&I Bank, St. Croix Rods, Excel Energy, Water Works Wonders and other interested volunteers.



## Coming Soon . . . Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit

The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center is pleased to announce the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit will be on display from June 4-20, 2004. This exhibit is hosted by the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Inc. The contest was again a success with hundreds of students competing. The winner of "Best of Show" will compete with 50 best of showpieces submitted from the rest of the United States.

The Junior Duck Stamp Contest is an arts curriculum that teaches about wetlands and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The contest is designed to incorporate scientific and wildlife management principles into a visual arts curriculum.

## Wisconsin Division of Forestry Centennial Exhibit

In celebration of the Wisconsin Division of Forestry Centennial, a "Supernatural" exhibit will be on display at the Center from June 11 – August 12, 2004. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Art Dept. in partnership with the Wisconsin Division of Forestry and the USDA-Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory developed this unique art exhibit. Art pieces fashioned from recycled wood products were developed to illustrate how wood can be reused for practical and artistic purposes. This exhibit will be housed in the Center's gallery.

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## Be a Friend

If you enjoy the Center's programs, services and events, consider becoming a "Friend of the Center". Our Friends group is actively involved in sponsoring and supporting programs, service and events at the Center. Your support of the Friends helps increase their effectiveness. In addition to supporting Center programming, a Friends membership entitles you to a 10% discount on all merchandise at the Center store. Become a Friend today!

### Annual Membership Packages

- \$15 Student Membership
- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$50 Family Membership (Immediate family members will receive benefits)

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- 10% store discount
- Invitation to member events
- Voting privileges at Friends Annual Meeting

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## Chequamegon Bay Rendezvous

The Chequamegon Bay Rendezvous is a "show & tell" rendezvous where participants recreate the Lake Superior voyageur encampments as they happened in the Chequamegon Bay region during the great fur trade era from 1650-1850. This year the Rendezvous will be celebrated on the Center grounds June 18-20, 2004. The gates will open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

This gathering brings the fur trade era to life and provides an educational and entertaining glimpse of the past. Rendezvous activities include living history dramatizations, tomahawk "hawk" knife throwing, and cannon demonstrations, muzzleloader shoot competitions and period games. Visitors are invited to wander through the camp and listen to storytelling, view cooking and tool-making techniques and talk with the families and lone wolves who make the Rendezvous a way of life.

Programs inside the Center include: Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. "Tools of the Trade" presented by Larry Luukkonen, noted historian of this era. Saturday "When Cultures Meet: An Interactive Fur Trade Program for Kids and Their Families" presented by Steve Cotheman, Director, Madeline Island Historical Museum.



Visitors can view a 34-foot voyageur canoe at the event.

Madeline Island was one of the first outposts to be settled in North America and it is believed that European explorers first set foot at the head of the Chequamegon Bay around 1654. Visitors to the Rendezvous will get a feel for what life was like for the fur traders, voyageurs, trappers, merchants, scribes and others that roamed this region prior to the establishment of the City of Ashland. Area musicians will be around the camp playing music on period instruments. For more information call 715-685-2546.

## Craft Demonstrators Wanted!

Are you a quilter, basket maker, fly tier, wood carver, snowshoe maker, or, in short, do you have a traditional skill that you would be willing to share with our visitors?

The Visitor Center is interested in local artists and crafters to demonstrate their skill during the spring through fall visitor season.



If you are interested in scheduling a demonstration or would like more information, please call Susan Nelson at 715.685.2644.

## E-mail Program

If you would like to be notified about upcoming Center programs by e-mail, just stop in to the Front Desk at the Center and fill out the form. For every public program we will e-mail the description, time, date, and place before the program is to be held.

## Check us out On-line!

Check out the Visitor Center's website for a complete listing of upcoming programs and events at [www.northerngreatlakescenter.org](http://www.northerngreatlakescenter.org).

## Tune to 1610 AM

The Center's 1610 AM radio station is updated weekly to provide you with information about Center programs and events. If you live in the Ashland or Washburn area or passing through, tune into 1610 AM to find out what is happening at the Center for the coming week.

