

Summer Camp: Hands-On Learning Exploration

Looking for a fun-filled camping experience for your children or grandkids? MooseWood offers an engaging outdoor nature experience through hands-on exploration and activities. Camp will take place on Marquette's uniquely diverse Presque Isle Park.

Beginning June 14th and August 2nd, Summer Camp 2011 will offer exciting experiences to participants ages three and one-half to 13 years. Camp age guidelines have been set with the intention of keeping them age appropriate and not mixing kids of widely varying abilities and attention spans. We are open to the in between kids who lean toward older and younger groups.

Morning sessions will include: **Musikgarten, Hunting the Beasts of Presque Isle With Your Camera, Roughing It Easy and Bog, Beach and Forest.** Registration fees are \$55 for members and \$65 for not-yet-members. The Musikgarten camp includes an optional \$35 material fee (music CD, booklet and activity cards). All sessions will be held for two to three hours depending on the camp. Please refer to the application included in this newsletter for specific times and dates. Healthy snacks will be donated by the Marquette Food Co-op of Marquette.

New this year is Musikgarten taught by musician and teacher, Corinne Rockow. Musikgarten is a music and movement program designed to build attention and self-expression. Activities include singing, focused listening, storytelling and more! This program is limited to 10 participants. Hunting the Beasts of Presque Isle with Your Camera and Roughing It Easy are also new this year while the favorite Bog, Beach and Forest is always sure to please.

Additional registration forms can be found at www.moosewood.org, the Nature Center, Peter White Public Library, the Marquette Food Co-op or call (906) 228-6250 for more information.

Coaster II Sails for MooseWood Nature Center

Superior Odyssey of Marquette will once again sail the Coaster II to raise money to benefit the programs and exhibits at MooseWood. The sail will take place on **Saturday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m.** with special guest, Karl Bohnak. It is a true Lake Superior sailing adventure that should not be missed.

The sail is open to all voyagers in the community. Reservations are required for this afternoon sail. A minimum donation of \$100 per adult or \$75 per youth is being asked for this fund-raiser. Passengers will meet at the Mattson Park Lower Harbor in Marquette.

Niko Economides purchased the Coaster II four years ago. New sails, shipmates stove along with a complete interior rebuild made from solid mahogany, cherry, oak and pine have brought her closer to her original design and a more comfortable sail for her passengers.

The sail would not be complete without lunch and the enjoyable weather stories told by Karl Bohnak. A delicious lunch of "Thick as Fog" pea soup and homemade bread will be served donated by BabyCakes of Marquette. Bohnak, author of *So Cold A Sky, Upper Michigan Weather Stories*, will share some of his most notable and notorious weather stories of the past. Severe weather has excited him since he was a boy of seven. A book signing opportunity will take place



The Coaster II sails with a four-man crew and six passengers.

during the sail. To order your copy of Bohnak's book, visit www.upweatherhistory.com.

To make reservations for your voyage, call (906) 228-6250 or email info@moosewood.org. Additional information on the sail can be found at www.superiorodyssey.com or call (906) 361-3668.



Summer 2011

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Summer Hours

Sat. and Sun. 12-4 p.m.
Closed Monday-Friday

Starting June 16
Thursday-Sunday 12-4 p.m.

Children's Book Author Visits MooseWood

Wendy Anderson Halperin, award winning illustrator, will be visiting MooseWood on June 19th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Explore the natural world with Wendy as she shares her love and enthusiasm for drawing.

Anderson Halperin grew up in an environment with never-ending "fuel" for her curiosity and creativity. She has studied painting and anatomy at Syracuse University, Pratt Institute and under the tutelage of David Hardy.

A published author of children's and young adult books, Anderson Halperin's books are numerous. Among them are *Thank You God for Everything*, *The Full Belly Bowl*, *Hunting the White Cow* and *In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen*. Her books have been translated into languages such as Dutch, Japanese and Tswana.

Presently, Anderson Halperin is a teacher training educators, librarians and attends conferences and workshops. She lives in Michigan with her family.

To learn more about Wendy Anderson Halperin and her current projects and activities, please visit www.wendyhalperin.com.



Wendy Anderson Halperin has been illustrating books for 15 years.

Welcome New Members!

David and Gwen Apper Family

Papa Beard and Grandma Boo, Thum Family

Jody Lindberg Family

Linda and Jay Wagner

James and Elizabeth Mackey Family

A Very Special Thank You to the Breakfast Rotary and Kiwanis Club of Marquette

Your contribution will help us
continue to offer programming to
the greater Marquette area.

A Word from Andrew



We asked, and you answered. With our Facebook page, website, by Internet survey and by interviews with members and attendees at our programs this winter and spring we heard what you want your nature center to offer in the way of programs and topics.

We will be trying a new format for programming with fewer,

longer, and more in depth programs and new options for spending the day or part of it at MooseWood. We have also opened our doors to other non-profit nature based organizations such as the 4H Adventure Seekers and Save the Wild UP. We see MooseWood as a gathering place and convener for like-minded groups to join forces to make a difference. We are adjusting our membership fees to include a category for non-profits and corporate memberships.

Look for more programs aimed at reading, art and music. Watch for us to begin our renovations inside the center and out at the pond. Soon, we'll have some really meaningful outdoor volunteer service projects centering around the pool to pond conversion. It's a great time to be a part of MooseWood Nature Center!

Andrew Bek

Board Update

After five years as MooseWood's Treasurer, **Gerald Mogavero** will be leaving his position. His dedication, recommendations and business sense will be sorely missed. The Board wishes you great success and contentment in your future endeavors. Mogavero is currently "showing the ropes" to new Board member, Laura Pernice.

Laura Pernice has joined the MooseWood Board as Treasurer. She relocated to Marquette last year and is originally from downstate Kalamazoo. Pernice is currently working as the Service Manager for Wells Fargo in downtown Marquette. Laura received her B.A. at Western Michigan University where she majored in Public Relations and minored in Public History. She has an extensive background in the financial services industry and additional experience in development and grant writing.

Laura lives in Marquette with her dog, Murphy. She enjoys fly fishing, birding, reading and is an amateur genealogist.



MooseWood Pool to Pond Progresses!

After some amazing help, MooseWood has been able to put together a great plan for the Pool to Pond Project for the former Shiras Pool next to the center. With some technical assistance from Dean Premeau at Whitewater and Associates of Amasa and great engineering work from Mike Pond and Hattie Sharland of AECOM in Marquette, we have been able to create a computer aided drawing, (CAD) of the proposed work to remove the concrete and sculpt the land to produce an enlarged wetlands to the east of the pool toward the nature center. The drawing also affords the chance to see where a trail would be placed around the pond.

This CAD provides a truly important value. It allows us to produce data regarding amounts of concrete and soil to be moved and that gives us information to begin calculating the costs of that work. It also will provide engineers the opportunity to develop the proper plan and contractors a strategy to make it aesthetically pleasing and biologically successful.

Next, we were able to take the computer drawing and some ideas about what else we would like to see there and using the amazing talents of Lisa Niemi, put together a fantastic artist's view of what the pond-wetland-butterfly/hummingbird garden might look like. The artist's view will be available at MooseWood very soon. It is so exciting to have this work done so others may finally see what we hope to do. And with the donation of the amazing talents of our professionals, it is a great look!

Removing foot thick, reinforced concrete and creating a larger wetland area won't come cheap. We have started a dedicated fund through several donations, but the important work of raising the

needed money has just begun. Even though the land belongs to the City, MooseWood will plan and undertake the work with the blessings and oversight of the City. Several foundations have already been contacted as MooseWood begins the process of submitting grant proposals to plan and carry out the work ahead.



A mallard drake swims across the pool next to MooseWood.

We are planning future opportunities for members and the community to provide additional thoughts on the project's development. One recent suggestion from Teri Lockwood was to place interactive stations for children in an area near the center. So please watch for upcoming planning events and opportunities to contribute to our Pool Fund to make this great project happen!

Scott Stewart

Your Receipts Make a BIG Difference!



MooseWood wishes to extend our thanks to the Econo Foods "We Share" program. Econo donates 1% of the sum of all receipts collected by MooseWood. Thank you to everyone who support this wonderful program. Please keep those receipts coming. MooseWood recently received a check for \$777.89!

Taxidermy Donates Animal Mounts



We want to thank wildlife artists **Rich and Bonnie Ryberg of Outdoor Ventures Taxidermy** of Marquette for donating an assortment of beautifully crafted mounts, hides and skulls. Stop by the Center and see them soon.

June Events

Drawing Families into Nature:

Sunday, June 19, 1 p.m.—3 p.m.

Meet: MooseWood Nature Center

Fee: Lab fee of \$5/person or \$10/family

Audience: Ages 5 and up

Children's book author and illustrator, Wendy Anderson Halperin will teach participants how to navigate drawing native wildflowers, trees, fish and/or birds. Each person is asked to bring a box of 64 crayola crayons and a pencil. Portable art studio boxes that you can take out into nature will be available for \$3. Wendy will also have instructional videos and her children's books for sale with time for autographing and possible outside drawing with Wendy. For more information, visit www.wendyhalperin.com.



Ian Bek dresses as bee keeper for the day during the recent Busy Busy Bees program in April.

July Events

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up:

Saturday, July 9, 8:00 a.m.

Meet: MooseWood Nature Center, then carpool to site

Audience: Adults, teens between 12 and 17 must have adult supervision.

MooseWood volunteers will clean-up their stretch of adopted highway on M-28 near Deerton. Volunteers are required to watch a safety video before participating. Rain date, July 10.

Echo Lake Preserve Trail Hike:

Saturday, July 16, 8:45 a.m.

Meet: MooseWood Nature Center, carpooling required, departure at 9:00 a.m.

Fee: Donations accepted

Audience: Experienced hikers. Trail is about one mile long over uneven or damp terrain.

MooseWood is sponsoring a hike to the newest of the Nature Conservancy's Preserves: the Echo Lake Preserve. The 480 acre preserve located north of Marquette was donated by the J. A. Wollam Foundation and officially established in December 2010. To register, call 228-6250 or email info@moosewood.org.

Critter Feeding:

Saturday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.

Meet: MooseWood Nature Center

Fee: \$5 suggested donation appreciated

Audience: Children and families

Help take an active part in feeding the animals—snakes, turtles, and toads.

MooseWood at Blueberry Festival:

Friday, July 29, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Meet: Downtown Marquette

Audience: All welcome

Join us at the festival for fun nature themed crafts or activities!

August Events

Critter Feeding:

Saturday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.

Meet: MooseWood Nature Center

Fee: \$5 suggested donation appreciated

Audience: Children and families

Help take an active part in feeding the animals—snakes, turtles, and toads.

Laughing Whitefish Lake Preserve Interpretive Trail Hike:

Saturday, August 20, 8:45 a.m.

Meet: MooseWood Nature Center, carpooling required, departure at 9:00 a.m.

Fee: Donations accepted

Audience: Experienced hikers. Trail is about one mile long over uneven or damp terrain.

Get out and visit one of the Nature Conservancy's finest preserves in the Upper Peninsula—the Laughing Whitefish Lake Preserve. The Preserve (1,700 acres) was established following the donation of the property by the late Phyllis Reynolds. The area and Laughing Whitefish Lake were made famous by George Shiras III and his night photography of wildlife. The interpretive trail crosses and then borders the Laughing Whitefish River and finally heads up into the drier northern hardwood forest as it loops back toward the start. A small observation deck is located along the river near the outlet from the lake. To register, call 228-6250 or email info@moosewood.org.

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New Non-Profit Membership!

MooseWood is opening its doors to other non-profit nature based organizations. We see MooseWood as a gathering place and convener for like-minded groups to join forces to make a difference.

Membership is \$50 per year which includes use of the nature center as a meeting place.

Volunteers & In-Kind Contributions...Thank You!

Thill's Fish House	Nick Grinwis
Pet Stop	Mike Pond
Mares-Z-Doats	Gerald Mogavero
Outdoor Ventures	Vanessa Oliver
Taxidermy	Kevin Boylan
Trout Unlimited	Lynnea McFadden
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Morty Harwood	Niko and Jill Economides
Summer Kanninen-Hadden	Charlie Yeager
JoAnne Sved	Bob Kahl
Dawn Marsh	Chris Childs-Michael
Nikki Spicer	Hattie Sharland

Volunteer Spotlight



Vanessa Oliver hails from the small town of Spruce, MI. located in North Eastern Michigan. She is currently studying environmental conservation at Northern Michigan University.

Outside of the classroom, Oliver loves playing with her puppy and volunteering for local organizations.

"I am volunteering at MooseWood to gain experience in my desired career field, as well as to be involved in a fun, educational outlet," says Oliver.

Celebrate your child's Birthday at MooseWood Nature Center!

Parties include a one-hour themed program with additional time for gift opening.

For themes and pricing call
(906) 228-6250

Kevin Boylan is currently a student at Northern Michigan University majoring in Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management. He is involved in the campus organizations Alpha Phi Omega and the Organization for Outdoor Recreation Professionals. Boylan was heavily involved with the Boy Scouts of America while growing up and is still involved with local scouting events.



"I am volunteering at Moosewood Nature Center because it is a great place for people to enjoy and learn about nature," says Boylan.



Board Member, Sue Payant tries out a homemade yoke and buckets used to carry maple sap to the fires.



Wildlife rehabilitator, Joe Rogers presented an informative program recently in May sharing his knowledge and passion for his rescued raptors. Here, a Snowy Owl is shown.

Renew Your Membership Now for 2011!

Please join us in celebrating nature through education and action by becoming a member today or renewing your membership.

- I would like to volunteer. Please contact me at the below number or email I would like to receive the quarterly newsletters only
 I would like to receive both the monthly postcards and the newsletters I do not wish to receive mailings

Membership levels:

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