

LAKETRAILS

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Portage Runner - Spring - 2024

R&R Week - The Docks are back!

Our annual R&R week at Laketrails Basecamp was a tremendous success, thanks to our incredible volunteers' hard work and dedication. This year, we accomplished a series of significant projects that will enhance the camp experience for everyone.

We started by constructing a new High Dock and relocated the floating dock, providing a much-needed loading and unloading space for Huey and the outboards. The bug-infested logs on the south side of the Palace were replaced, and the railing on the Chart House ramp was also replaced.

Our volunteers didn't stop there. The large columns of the Lodge and all of the trim at the Shower House received a fresh coat of paint. Finally, they assisted in replacing the kitchen refrigerator and freezer, a crucial addition to our kitchen that will benefit both staff and campers.

Other projects that we plan to address in the future are replacing the ramp and warped trim at the Lodge. The Golden Gate will also be receiving new composite decking soon to help reduce further maintenance!

Between all of the completed and ongoing projects, we are working hard to keep the island running smoothly!



How to clean an outhouse

By Christina Efteland & Mary Cheryl Opatz

Prepare your bucket

Broom, Mop, Rag, Lime, TP too

Don't fall in the hole

Go into The Hole

Stir, Sweep, Mop, Wipe down the walls

Repeat seven times

Twin Sitties, the Hole

Marisna Village, Love Shack

Royal Lav all clean



2024 Summer is underway! Sign up now by visiting the Laketrails website!

Session 3

July 5-13

Session 5 (Middle School)

July 25 - August 2

Session 4

July 15-23

Session 6

August 5-13



LAKE TRAILS
 BASE CAMP
 ON OAK ISLAND, LAKE OF THE WOODS

Meet the Board! Janae Streufert (Krantz-Odendahl); President

Tell us about your first summer at Laketrails:

Well, admittedly, I don't actually remember my first summer at Laketrails. I was six years old when I first spent the summer on the island. However, I have fond memories of trying to walk around the island on the rocks, catching algae leeches, and meeting all the fun, wonderful people that were part of the community every year. As I grew older, I was eager to learn boating, become a camper worker, and go on trail as much as possible. I achieved my Camper Guide award on my last trip, around the Aulneau Peninsula, and was honored to come back a couple times to guest guide a Camper Worker trip and adult trip. Spending summers at camp have deeply influenced the person I am today. An appreciation and respect for Mother Earth, the importance of community, giving back, and living and loving deeply are all values I learned at Laketrails. I hope to be able to foster as many of these values as possible in my daughter.

What is your favorite destination in LOTWs?

Arrow and Chick Lakes were two of my favorite destinations growing up. I was on the second trip to ever make it into Chick Lake and I remember being up in the wee hours of the morning taking in the northern lights.

What is the Board's function?

Laketrails' Board of Trustees exists to perpetuate the mission of camp and support the Camp Director in the successful running of the camp. Some of roles include fundraising, camper recruitment, communications (Portage Runner), alumni engagement, and supporting the maintenance of buildings and grounds on the island. All Board members are volunteers and offer their time, treasure, and talent to help assure that camp is thriving.

What is your favorite camp song?

I have too many favorites! However, I always loved the energy when Joy to the World and Mountain Dew were sung.



Laketrails Fundraiser - Golf Event - Hosted by McGarry's Pub

Monday, August 12th at the Pioneer Creek Golf Course in Maple Plain. 10a Check-in - 11a shotgun start

ENTRY FEE - \$125 PER GOLFER FOR THIS FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE Your entry fee covers eighteen holes of golf with a shared cart, golf contests, prizes, and buffet dinner and prizes at McGarry's Pub. Smiles, laughter, high-fives, and fist bumps are also included as we raise funds 'fore' The Laketrails Base Camp program.

Sign up here: <https://mcgarryspub.com/2024-charity-golf-event>

PANE-FREE MEMORIAL DAY: NORWEX CLEANS UP!

Brought to you by the *Norwex Window Cloth™*

Over the Memorial Day weekend, a dedicated group of volunteers came to the island from as close as Warroad, MN, and as far as Prescott, AZ, for our annual cleanup. Their hard work had a significant impact across the island and helped prepare it for the start of summer.

All 211 windows on the island were thoroughly cleaned, bringing a new shine to our buildings. The Douglas family prepared delicious meals, keeping everyone energized and warm. The sauna underwent rigorous testing to meet strict ACA requirements, ensuring it's in top condition for our campers.

The island was thoroughly power washed, and the canoe sink was repaired and is now back in operation, ready for another season of adventure.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in making this weekend a success. Your efforts help keep Laketrails Basecamp a beautiful and welcoming place for all.

