

Thank you to all the attendees of our Fall Fundraising event - Pass The Paddle - With your help, we raised \$12,329 for camp!



Welcoming Troy Douglas as our new Director!

We are excited to welcome Troy Douglas as the new Director starting with the 2025 season. As you may know, Troy is no stranger to Laketrails. He first came to Laketrails as a camper with the Eagan SSI group and over the years has held roles at camp including Camper Worker, Guide, Program Director, and Maintenance Director. Troy brings a vast amount of experience in outdoor education, K-8 teaching, working with youth, and various wilderness education programs.

Please help us welcome Troy! We are excited to have him on the island.



Looking back at a summer at Laketrails, 30 years later.

by Mike Hugo

My first ever taste of wilderness camping and canoeing came through two Laketrails trips during high school, experiences that sparked a lifelong passion for the outdoors. Today, as a software developer and father of two teenagers, I still carry the lessons learned from those early adventures. Whether navigating challenging weather or completing long portages as a team, Laketrails taught me the value of perseverance and collaboration – skills that serve me well in both my career and personal life. The sense of accomplishment from those trips continues to resonate, and I'm grateful to now share my love of the outdoors with my wife and children, carrying forward the spirit of adventure that I found at Laketrails.



2025 Camp Registration is open - [Sign up for camp now!](#)

Session 1 (FULL)	June 15-23	Register
Session 2	June 25-July 3	Register
Session 3	July 6-14	Register
Session 4	July 15-23	Register
Session 5 (Middle School)	July 24-Aug 1	Register
Session 6	Aug 4-12	Register

Meet the Board! Jack Miller; Board Secretary

Tell us about your first summer at Laketrails: My first summer at Laketrails was 2001 middle school session. We took a trip to Chick Lake and made it all the way. I distinctly recall being very proud I carried a very heavy pack the whole way. Looking back at pictures years later I was carrying the sleeping bag pack (usually the lightest pack)...

What is your favorite destination in LOTW? I always liked the hilltop campsite between Mason and Reed. Great views in all directions, and a relatively easy destination.

What is one of your favorite memories from bring on the island? It's tough to pick one, but I always liked it when Fr. Bill would do his Great Blue Heron call for everyone. It was fun to watch the new campers be surprised by the birdcall coming from the wise old man!



Spring Fundraising has begun!

by Jim Lynch

Father Bill always encouraged those connected with Laketrails to get the kids to camp regardless of their ability to pay and to have faith that the costs would be covered somehow.. Our Laketrails board is continuing to follow Father Bill's guidance. As the chairman of the fundraising committee, I am working with other board members to develop a comprehensive campaign to support Father Bill's vision. This campaign includes regular fundraising/community-building fall and spring events, enhanced grant-writing efforts, etc. Thank you all who supported the tremendously successful Pass the Paddle fall event. We welcome your ideas for a spring event. We would like this spring event to be uniquely different than Pass the Paddle. Contact me with ideas! lynchrobotics@gmail.com

Join us for the Spring Corporate Board Meeting! March 29th, 9:30a

Regular Board Meeting to follow Corporate Meeting

Location:

Hennepin County Library - Hopkins

22 11th Ave N, Hopkins, MN 55343

