



Youth Camp Chronicle

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Worthington, MN

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From the Camp Board

2019 is our 65th year of sending campers to use our great facility! Since 1954, the Minnesota Elks have sent over 33,000 kids to Camp – free of charge. Your state project is one of the longest running, active projects in the country. It is owned and operated by the Minnesota Elks and is truly a hands on operation. Between work weekends, recruiting, fund raising and sending kids we have over 600 active members working on camp activities and thousands more supporting it in other ways.

Every member of the Minnesota Elks Association supports the project and they should be very proud of what has been accomplished since the land was purchased in 1950. Truly the effort has made your Camp the BPOE – Best Place On Earth – for thousands of kids and has changed many lives.

Be proud of what you have done – come see for yourself what you own.

John Miller, Camp Board Chair

Camp Events

Family Camp

Thank you to Cindy and Paul Warren for organizing and hosting another upcoming family camp. Family camp is from Friday August 9-Sunday, August 11. Info is available on the youth camp web site. It's a great opportunity for members and their families to enjoy the camp we all support.

4 on the Fourth Run

The 8th Annual Four on the Fourth Fun Run will route around beautiful Markee Lake on July 4th in the morning. This family fun event will allow participants to show their patriotism while experiencing a fun run beginning and ending at beautiful Minnesota Elks Youth Camp. Runners can run for time or fun. Participants will begin and end on the beautiful camp beach. A social will follow the run on the beach. Runners of all ages are welcome. Details can be found on the youth camp web site at www.mnelksyouthcamp.org

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From Our Youth Camp Directors

Greetings MN Elks Members from Elks Camp!

It's the first week of camp, and we're excited to have 95 campers attending from the Elks Lodges in Brainerd, Owatonna, Rochester and Winona. The entire camp is absolutely beautiful and in full swing. Even though the weather has been a little cool at the start of this week, the kids are still enjoying Elks Camp and all of the activities. After a full week of training, our staff is anxious to provide an experience of a lifetime for these campers!



It continues to be our belief that the experiences and character growth of all of our campers in this short time will provide real benefits in the future for each participating community. Last year we had an attendance of almost 700 campers for the season, and we'll try again to provide service to a capacity group of campers for Elks Lodges in Minnesota. As Elks Members, we are looking forward to another fun and eventful summer, and we are very excited to have such a great start as we enter our 19th year at EC. The staff is working hard and learning so much. They are a very talented, hardworking, creative and energetic group of young people. We are very proud of our staff and think you will be impressed as the staff really can give a life changing experience for a child in just a week!

If you would like to check us out, go to mnelksyouthcamp.org or on Facebook, LIKE our page at MN Elks Youth Camp. We have numerous photos on Facebook and post updates with more photos several times each week. Families have enjoyed the ability to catch a glimpse into their camper's experience.

Each year the camp facilities continue to improve and grow, allowing us to offer new and improved opportunities for youth. The number of Elks committing time and effort to various important projects continues to grow and the camp visibly improves each season. The efforts of the men and women during the opening weekends, along with other individual lodge's projects, have helped prepare the camp for this season. Thanks to everyone involved!

There have been many new projects added to camp by Elks members during the past off-season. A special thanks goes out to the MN Elks Camp Board in helping to guide these improvements and spending so much time and effort for the camp! Some of these projects include: improvements to the beach area including a new dock, new benches and a refurbished cabana shed as well as bench tops throughout the camp. There have also been many improvements to the cabins and staff houses. The usual woodcutting, trail maintenance, raking, mowing, cleaning, painting, moving, and fixing are also very appreciated. The camp looks great and is operating because of everyone's efforts.

In addition to the numerous work projects and hours of work, donations from various lodges also help to provide much needed goods for camp operation. Thanks to various individuals and groups who donated items this year including clothing, paper goods, food items, and other needed items. All of the products help to support our camp and allow us to keep costs down.

Thanks again to all Elks members for providing this camp and all it has to offer. This is a team effort, and it cannot be successful without all of you. Thanks to the Elks Camp Board for providing the needed materials and support to make this a successful place. A special thanks goes out to the lodge recruiters who put in numerous hours searching their communities for deserving youth. Hats off to you for getting these campers to camp!

All Elks members should be proud of the service that is provided at the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp because we all truly make a difference! No matter what role you have in supporting this camp, you are important! Keep spreading the word about the Best Place On Earth!

Sincerely, Joel & Kim Baumgarten Minnesota Elks Youth Camp Directors

Highlights From Camp Opening

The new dock is in, a safe beautiful addition to the waterfront. Lots of wood cut, leaves raked, painting done, cabins cleaned, flowers planted and much more. The camp was in the best shape in years when the staff arrived. Thanks to all who donated their time, talent and dollars.

Remodels continue as we continue to improve our existing buildings.

- The beach cabana was redone,
- 2 new air / heat units were installed, bathrooms sheet rocked and a new kitchen completed in Rochester
- Owatonna cabin has new flooring, windows and doors
- I-Falls house bathrooms were redone
- HRS house has a new shower/tub unit
- Mankato house has new blinds
- Winona house now has Wi-Fi

Many improvements were made this past opener to make things more comfortable for the staff. Thank you to all that put in their time and energy on these various projects.



This and That...

Scholarships

We hope to award scholarships again to our staff for their college expenses. Last year we were able to award over \$10,000 and are hoping to do it again. Donations are welcome to this fund.

Youth Camp Raffle

Raffle tickets are available now. Each Lodge has received their allotment. The proceeds from the raffle go towards the camper fees during the local Lodge sessions.

Troops Week

Troops Week is close to fully funded. We will be sending 80 troops kids this summer. Thanks to all for the \$75/donation per camper. We moved registration for Troops Week to an online registration process making it easier for kids to get registered.



Minnesota Elks Youth Camp – Roasting Your Marshmallow For 65 Years



Yes, we are returning to Camp! Minnesota Elks North cordially invites you to the 2019 Elks Mid-Year Conference to be held in partnership with the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp and Breezy Point Resort.

Founded in 1954, the Youth Camp is turning 65. Mark your calendars for October 17 to 20, 2019, and plan to attend. All 6 lodges from the North are busy planning a lot of fun events. If you were there last year, you know what a great time we had. We encourage “Jumping In With Both Feet” and invite you to come back to camp and invite a member to come along that has never experienced the camp.

Meetings will be held at the Breezy Point Conference Center on Friday and Saturday. The Youth Camp Basket Auction will take place in the meeting room, as well as the Youth Camp Drawing on Saturday. Friday will be our day to be at the camp, rain or shine. After the meeting on Friday, you will be on your own for lunch and hope that you patronize some of the local bars and restaurants in the area. Then, it will be off to camp for some fun events. We will be having a bar open from 1 to 8 p.m. and will have donation pricing, just like last year. We will hold the Flag Raising at 1:30 p.m. We will have bonfires in the fire pits and stations set up so you can make your own s’more(s). Camp Directors will be available to give tours of the camp, not to mention: mini golf; a bocce tournament; and, bean bags. We will be hosting a wine and beer tasting event that we hope you partake in. Elks from International Falls will be frying up some fish to go along with your beer and we will have some truffles to sample with your wine. We will finish up the day with our Friday Dinner in the dining hall. Then, it will be back to the Breezy Inn. While at Breezy Point, we will have some designated areas at the Breezy Inn for people to meet and socialize - BYOB and maybe a snack to share. Meet up with old friends ~ and make some new ones.

We have designed a special convention shirt and it is available in both a long and a short sleeved option. Color is military green. You can order your shirt right on your registration form. Please order your shirts prior to coming to the conference and you can pick them up when you register. A limited number will be available for sale at the conference, but pre-ordering and pre-paying guarantees you to have one of these unique shirts to wear.

Packets will be distributed at the Worthington Convention. Please be sure to pay attention to the deadline dates, as well as who to make checks payable to and where to mail or email stuff. Advertising in the Conference Booklet is being headed up by Mike Koenigsberg of Eveleth Lodge #1161. Ads are to be mailed or emailed to him. Payment should be sent to him as well, however, checks need to be made payable to Duluth Elks Lodge #133. Becky Radika of Hibbing #1022 will be heading up Registration. Registration Forms are to be mailed or emailed to her. Payment should be sent along with your Registration Form, however, checks need to be made payable to Duluth Elks Lodge #133. The packet also includes a flyer with hotel information. Follow the directions on the sheet and you should not have any problems. Please pay particular attention to the Room Deposit/Cancellation Policy.

Can you believe that the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp has been “Roasting Your Marshmallow For 65 Years?” MN North thinks this calls for a celebration and we are very excited to be hosting the Mid-Year Conference and having a special day at the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp. We think turning 65 is “Kindofa Big Deal.” Hopkins paved the way and MN Elks North is happy that we can take you back to camp . . .

Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to seeing you in October!

Fraternally, Minnesota Elks North Conference Committee



In Memory Of / In Honor Of Donations

There is no more meaningful expression of sympathy and love than a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. Each donation is greatly appreciated and makes an immediate impact for the hundreds of children and families we serve every summer. You can make contributions in honor or memory of family members, friends, or loved ones. The Minnesota Elks Youth Camp is a 501c3 non-profit which ensures that your donation is fully tax deductible.

We currently accept donations via mail but will soon be adding the capability to do a donation online. If you'd like to make a donation in memory of, please review the information found on the youth camp web site. Thank you for supporting our camp!

Donations Wish List

- Paper goods-toilet paper, paper towels, plates, napkins, garbage bags
- Health House items-Sunscreen spf40-50, bug spray 30-40 DET, Calamine spray, Solarcaine spray, band aids, personal size toilet articles, ice packs, tums, analgesics, Sudafed, hand sanitizer
- Arts and crafts-finger paint, construction paper, glitter, glue guns and sticks, yarn, scrap book supplies, plain white t-shirts, watercolor paints, Popsicle sticks.
- Office supplies-stamps for postcards, markers, folders, clips, pens, pencils, power strips, copy paper, stapler
- Kids clothing-shorts, tshirts, sweats, shoes, underwear
- Costumes, clothing and props for skits
- Smoke and CO2 detectors
- Stearns rain jackets, ponchos
- Scholarship donations (\$)
- Troops Week donations (\$75/camper)
- Youth size white t-shirts for tie dye activities
- Life jackets



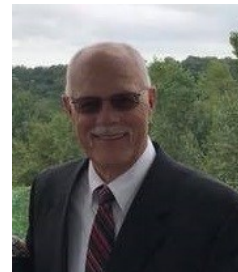
Questions regarding donations can be directed to John Miller

Camper of the Year / Recruiter of the Year

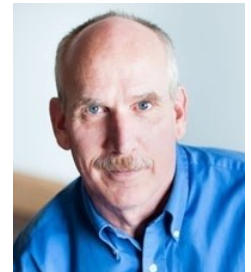
In case you missed it at the Mid Year Conference last fall, the Camp Board awarded Ron Myhre of Bemidji Lodge #1052 Camper of the Year and Mike Schatz of Hopkins Lodge #2221 Recruiter of the Year.

Ron has been actively involved for many years maintaining the camp, cutting grass, doing repairs and the like throughout opening, closing and the summer.

Mike has been the camp recruiter for Hopkins for over ten years and works hard to fill his quota each year with deserving campers. Congrats to both!



Ron Myhre



Mike Schatz

2019 Camping Schedule

Session 1: June 9th—15th

	Boys	Girls	Total
Brainerd	13	11	24
Owatonna	16	18	34
Rochester	12	12	24
Winona	13	8	21
	54	49	103

Session 2: June 16—June 22nd

	Boys	Girls	Total
Bemidji	10	8	18
Duluth	12	12	24
Eveleth	14	10	24
Fergus Falls	2	2	4
International Falls	7	7	14
Virginia	9	6	15
	54	45	99

Session 3: June 23rd—29th

	Boys	Girls	Total
Dakota	2	2	4
Faribault	6	6	12
Hopkins	11	10	21
Minneapolis	8	8	16
Red Wing	10	8	18
St. Cloud	2	2	4
Stillwater	10	8	18
Wadena	6	6	12
	55	50	105

Session 4: July 7th-13th

	Boys	Girls	Total
Alexandria	12	14	26
Hibbing	10	8	18
Mankato	12	6	18
Willmar	8	6	14
Worthington	5	7	12
Hutchinson	6	7	13
	53	48	101

All lodges will be in the first four weeks, followed by an expanded Troops Week with a few Elks kids and grandkids in week 5. Weeks 6 and 7 will be Elks kids and grandkids as before. This year all lodge and troops camper fees will remain at \$75.00. Elks kids and grandkids camper fees will be \$175 for members and \$225 for guests. More info can be found at: <http://www.mnelksyouthcamp.org>. Online registration will be required again this year. Registration opened April 1, 2019.

Any questions or lodge quota changes should be referred to a Camp Board member listed on the front page. Remember all lodge camper fees are paid by the raffle proceeds and not by the individual lodges.

Session 5: Troops Week + Elks Kids & grandkids
July 14—July 20

Session 6: Elks Kids & Grandkids Week
July 21—July 27

Session 7: Elks Kids & Grandkids Week
July 28 -August 3

Elks Family Camp: August 9—11

