

# The "Friends of Long Lake" Link



## LLCC Receives Grant from Valspar Paint

*-Youth Group Volunteers travel from Illinois to help paint Marcum House*

As most of you may remember, the Marcum House got a huge makeover a couple of years ago. Since then, the new siding has needed to be painted to match the existing siding. As funds were not available to buy the paint right away, a grant was sought.

The staff at LLCC was excited when they found out that Valspar presented the center with a grant of enough paint to finish the job.

Volunteers to apply the paint came from near and far. In addition to local Friends of Long Lake, a youth mission group from Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Mt. Zion, Illinois; traveled up here to LLCC to spend a week applying the paint to the Marcum House. While here, they enjoyed the activities that LLCC had to offer them; Nature trails, swimming, canoeing, and so forth. It was a win-win for both the youth group and Long Lake.

The results of their efforts is now in the look of the freshly painted Marcum House building. A big Thank You goes out to all of these



youth and to Valspar Paint for their donation.

Stop by the Center to see the final touches on the building and plan to take a hike around the lake or down to the bog while you are here. We also have a family of Loons on the Lake again this year.

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## Family Fun Days Take Off

In addition to the summer camps this summer, the Friends of Long Lake are hosting two Family Fun Days. The first was held on June 13th and the second will be held on August 1st.

Only a few people came out for the activities on June 13th, noting that advertising is the biggest problem in getting a large turnout. Those that came enjoyed a walk out in the bog...on a boarded walkway which kept everyone's feet dry. Many flowers, including some Lady Slippers, were still in bloom. Following that, guests had a picnic lunch where they roasted their own hot dogs over a campfire. After lunch they visited several of the buildings to see the many animal mounts housed on the campus. As it began to rain, the hike in the woods was forgone.

The next Family Fun Day will be August 1st. The Friends are planning to include a GPS class and some canoeing as part of the activities for the day. Another hotdog roast over a campfire is also planned. The day is free, but registration is requested in order to plan for volunteer help and food quantities.

## Non-Golfers Welcome at 4th Annual LLCF Fundraiser!

I hear it a lot, "I don't golf," when recruiting participants for the LLCF Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet Fundraiser. It is great to get lots of golfers out on the course, but now, the dining area can seat over 200 people. The new Club House at Minnesota National has all the modern conveniences for the banquet side of this year's event.

The menu this year holds a choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Bienville. The Friends have a great presentation planned with several activities for the evening. If you're a golfer or if you are not, please plan on coming out on August 14th to give your support to Long Lake Conservation Foundation and the Center. The presentation will focus on what Long Lake is all about and it's mission. Learn more about the impact Long Lake makes on students and adults in Minnesota and in our local area.

To register or find out more information, please call 800-450-5522 or check the web at [www.llcc.org](http://www.llcc.org) or email to [carol@llcc.org](mailto:carol@llcc.org). I look forward to seeing you there!



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## Mark your Calendars... Events at Long Lake:

### Upcoming LLCF Friends of Long Lake Volunteer meetings:

Tuesday, July 14, at 40 Club in Aitkin, 7:00 pm (Golf Event Preparation)

Thursday, July 30, at LLCC, 7:00 pm (Golf Event Preparation & Fun Day Planning)

Thursday, August 13, at LLCC/Minnesota National (Golf Event setup)

**Family Fun Day** - hosted by the Friends of Long Lake - August 1st - 11 am-2:30 pm

## 4th Annual LLCF Golf Tournament & Banquet— August 14, 2009

Registration form at [www.llcc.org](http://www.llcc.org) or by calling the center at 800-450-5522

**Senior Day at LLCC** - August 18, 2009 - 11 am until 2 pm (Transportation Donated by Reichert Bus Service!)

**MAS Astronomers Star Party**—Open to non-members—August 21-23, 2009

**Fall Photographers Retreat**—October 2-4, 2009. Details on-line at [www.llcc.org](http://www.llcc.org).

More Information on these events can be found at: [www.llcc.org](http://www.llcc.org)

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