

Nature Nook

WHAT: A fun weekly program for kids (ages 2-5) with an adult, for story time, an art project and a hike.



WHEN: Mondays 10:00-11:30

COST: \$5/child for members
\$8/child for non-members

Check out our upcoming books online at
www.hartleynature.org

And join us for a new adventure each week,
all year long!

Visit www.hartleynature.org for more information on giving to HNC and becoming a supporting member.

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Dates/Events to Note

- Jan 12 & 14**
Yoga in the New Year & New Yurt
 - Jan 14** Snowshoe Hike
 - Jan 25** Wild Ones
 - Jan 26** St. Louis County SWCD
Tree Planting Workshop
 - Feb 11** Candlelight Ski, Skate & Snowshoe
 - Feb 20** Winter Break camps
 - Feb 22** Wild Ones
 - Mar 9** Trout Unlimited
 - Mar 15** Summer Camp
registration opens
 - Mar 22** Wild Ones
 - Apr 13** Trout Unlimited
- SAVE THE DATE:
May 4 Wine in the Woods

Candlelight Ski, Skate & Snowshoe

Saturday • February 11 • 4-7pm

Naturalist-led snowshoe hikes

Cross-country skiing by candlelight

Ice skating on Hartley Pond

Dessert in the Yurt

Fat Tire Bike demos with Day Tripper & Continental Ski & Bike

Winter sport demos with Ski Hut

Light dinner provided by New Scenic Café from 4:30-6:30 pm

Beer tasting by Bent Paddle Brewing Company

Cost: \$10/single \$20/mbr household, \$35/non-mbr household

Reservations required as space is limited

To reserve your spot call 724.6735



Hartley Nature Center

We are a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) environmental education organization governed by a Board of Directors, supported by our members and *dedicated to inspiring lifelong connections with nature through education, play, and exploration.*

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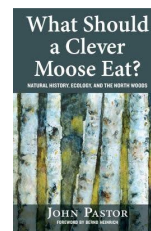
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Wild Ones at Hartley

Wednesday, January 25

6:30pm social time
presentation starting at 7pm

Presenter: John Pastor



On the fourth Wednesday of each month, the Arrowhead Chapter of Wild Ones meets at Hartley Nature Center to share information on a variety of topics related to sustainable, wildlife-supporting landscaping and healthy ecosystem promotion.

Author John Pastor will read from and discuss his new book: *What should a clever moose eat?: Natural history, ecology, and the North Woods.* Wild Ones member and UMD professor, John is a keen observer of nature. Come learn to ask natural history questions, and gain a greater understanding of and love for the North Woods and other natural places.



From the Director's Corner by Tom O'Rourke

As we reflect on 2016, we are grateful for your ongoing support, and for the opportunity to connect kids with nature. Last year we were busier than ever inspiring lifelong connections with nature through education, play, and exploration. 2016, by the numbers:

- Hartley Nature Preschool was at capacity in 2016. All told, we served 64 students and delivered over 15,000 contact hours of programming.
- Over 1,000 children participated in Hartley camps, compared with 860 the previous summer.
- Our school field trip program helped educate over 10,000 students from Duluth and the surrounding region.

When the nature center building opened in 2003, we set an organizational goal of providing 18,000 contact hours of environmental education programming annually. In 2016, we provided 48,000 contact hours across all of our program areas.

July's storm was the most memorable part of 2016 for Hartley Nature Center. The storm greatly impacted the park, as well as our program and teaching areas. While the storm recovery efforts have been costly and time-consuming, the community response was overwhelming! Thanks to all of you who offered financial and volunteer support—it is much appreciated!

Thanks for supporting the work and mission of HNC. We have some exciting projects in the works for 2017! On behalf of the staff and board of Hartley Nature Center, we wish you health and happiness in the new year.

See you on the trails, Tom

Thank You HNC Supporters

Individual:	Sponsorship
\$1,000 Shawn & Dawn Miller	\$5,000 St. Luke's
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\$5,000 William Grau & Emily Shelton (in memory of Diane Grau)	Foundation
\$10,000 Anonymous	\$2,500 Pachel Foundation (composting toilet)
\$10,000 Bob & Marree Seitz (endowment, scholarships)	\$1,500 Kohls (Howl-O-Ween)
\$10,000 Bernie Boecker	\$6,000 Wildey-Mitchell Family Foundation
	\$2,000 DSACF Fund for the Environment (composting toilet)
	\$5,000 Parks Fund (stewardship education)

2016 Sponsors:



Hartley Hikes

HNC staff-led hikes meet at Hartley Nature Center.

Cost: \$5 Mbr, \$8 Nonmbr; Kids are FREE!

Call to pre-register: 724-6735



Snowshoe Hike January 14, 1pm

Discover the fun of snowshoeing! Join a naturalist for a hike in the park where we will look for signs of wildlife and winter wonders. Bring snowshoes or rent a pair from the nature center. If there is less than 8" of snow, a winter walk will occur. All ages/experience levels welcome.

Winter Equipment Rental

Looking for something to do on those nice winter days? Try snowshoeing and cross-country skiing at Hartley.

We have skis and snowshoes available for all ages! Our snowshoes for young kids are metal bear claw style and adjust to any boot size. We also have skis for kids younger than age five. No ski boots needed they adjust to your child's boot. Rented equipment is for onsite, day use only. All equipment will be available when there is at least 8" of snow on the ground.



Daily rental rates: **Snowshoes:** FREE/Mbr \$10/Non-mbr
Skis: \$7/Mbr \$15/Non-mbr

Winter Camps at Hartley

February 20-24, 2017

(AM sessions 9-12, PM sessions 1-4)

\$130 nonmbr/\$100 mbr per session

4-5 yrs: AM Winter Art & Play
PM Wintertime Treasure

6-7 yrs: AM Frosty Forest Friends
PM Winter Wanderers

8-9 yrs: AM Snowy Scientists
PM Snow Sports Sampler

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

www.hartleynature.org/registration

Full brochure is on our website

www.hartleynature.org

Hartley Nature Preschool by Kaitlin Erpestad



Registration Open for Fall 2017-18!

Registration is open for the Hartley Nature Preschool 2017-18 full and half-day classes.

Visit www.hartleynature.org for an application and more information.

APPLICATION CALENDAR

December 15, 2016--January 31, 2017: Enrollment Applications accepted for returning families, waiting list families, and the general public. Applications must be complete and include \$50 application fee.

February 17, 2017: Class placement notification by mail on or before this date

March 1, 2017: Non-refundable deposits are due (applied to May 2018 tuition payment)

Late Applications: Applications received after January 31 will be considered in the order received.

Youth Steelhead Class

Join the Lake Superior Steelhead Association (LSSA) and Hartley Nature Center for a great opportunity to learn about and try steelhead fishing. Space still available for youth ages 12-15 to work with LSSA mentors to learn everything from equipment to

technique. Female mentors available, so female youth are encouraged to sign up! One parent/guardian needs to attend (no free equipment but adults can purchase it discounted at \$100).

Class includes:

2 classroom sessions at HNC, March 11 & 18

2 field sessions at Knife or Lester River late March/early April

\$100+ in new equipment given to youth participants

Cost is only \$50/adult & youth (scholarships available)

CALL HNC TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY, 724-6735