

### Hartley Nature Center

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### Hart Beat

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# The Hart Beat

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#### Dates/Events to Note

- Mar 22 Wild Ones
- Apr 13 Trout Unlimited
- Apr 26 Wild Ones
- May 4 Wine in the Woods
- May 6 Youth Outdoor Expo
- May 16 Wildflower Walk
- June 12 Summer Camp begins



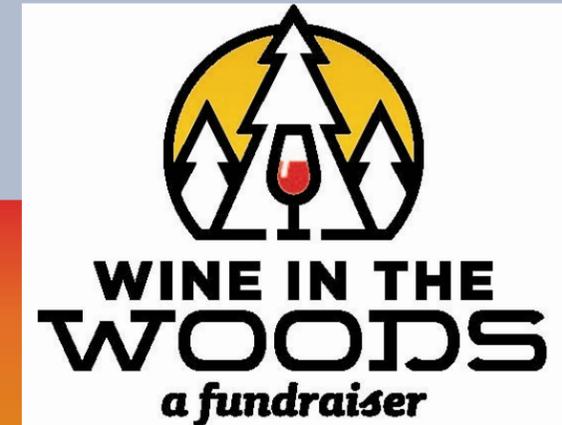
#### Hartley Summer Day Camps

Hartley day camps feature a mix of traditional summer camp activities, outdoor sports, hands-on science and teamwork with a focus on exploring our natural surroundings, no matter what the weather!

- \* Age-appropriate nature camps June 12-August 18, ages 3-12
- \* CPR/First Aid certified staff
- \* Half-day and all day options
- \* Scholarships available
- \* Early, lunch & after care options
- \* Counselor in Training program for ages 13-17

Registration is open- visit the website for more info:

[www.hartleynature.org](http://www.hartleynature.org)



Wine in the Woods  
Thursday, May 4, 2017

NORTHLAND COUNTRY CLUB

\$50

each ticket includes:

- Dinner • Drink Ticket
- Live and Silent Auction • Door Prizes

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT  
[bidpal.net/wineinthewoods](http://bidpal.net/wineinthewoods)



### Hartley Nature Center and the W.J. McCabe Duluth Chapter of

the Izaak Walton League presents:



## 2017 SPRING YOUTH

## OUTDOOR EXPO

Saturday, May 6, 9am-1pm

FREE event for youth ages 4-14

(An adult must accompany participants)

Must pre-register. Please call 724-6735

#### Activities for kids include:

Fly Tying & Casting

Bird Banding

Birdhouse Building

Laser Hunting Simulation

Archery

Demonstrations from the Duluth  
Fire Department and MN DNR

Registered youth receive a  
free 6" sub from Subway and  
Cold Stone ice cream!





### From the Director's Corner by Tom O'Rourke

I must admit, I'm scrambling to finish my newsletter article on the cusp of vacation. Tomorrow I'm flying out to Utah for a week of backpacking in the Southwest with a longtime friend. Over twenty years ago, this same friend and I took a semester away from college to explore the canyon country for the better part of three months. Now, in the busyness of middle-age, carving out a week in wild country feels like a minor miracle.

Which is one of the reasons I love and value Hartley Park. With scant time to devote to immersive wilderness travel—my favorite means of connecting with nature—my daily forays into the wild square mile of Hartley have become critical to my own physical, spiritual, and mental health. Standing in the meadow on a winter night, the sky awash in stars, is a tonic I couldn't live without.

Over the last few months, the HNC Board has been working tremendously hard planning for Hartley's future. Our collective aim is to ensure HNC has adequate staff and financial resources to meet our educational and stewardship goals, now and into the future. We are excited to share those plans with you over the next year. But right now, the canyons are calling. As always, thank you for supporting Hartley Nature Center.

-tom

*"One final paragraph of advice: do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am - a reluctant enthusiast....a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still here. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, the lovely, mysterious, and awesome space."* —Edward Abbey

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### In Search of...Interns & Intern Habitat!

#### Do you know someone who enjoys working outdoors with children?

We are searching for great Environmental Education Interns for the summer! Ideal candidates enjoy working with children. See the HNC website for details. We are also searching for housing for our interns. It is financially tough for interns to live on the small monthly stipend that our budget allows for. It is our goal to provide housing for those who need it.

We are looking to you, members and friends, in search of possible solutions to our housing need... maybe you have an idea, donation or spare room you'd like to contribute towards finding homes for our interns. Or, maybe you've considered donating a portion of your estate to Hartley Nature Center. Please contact our Director, Tom O'Rourke, if you'd like to speak with us: [director@hartleynature.org](mailto:director@hartleynature.org)



### Hartley Nature Preschool by Kaitlin Erpestad



#### Year in review:

- Number of children enrolled in HNP's third year: 92
- Total contact hours for all preschoolers (Sept-May): 35,712 hours
- Number of days we stayed inside due to cold winter weather: 0
- Number of sticks picked up off the forest floor: approximately 100,000
- Number of scholarships provided by generous HNC donors: 3
- Favorite places to play: Playscape, Fairmont forest, on the stumps and root balls in the cleared area near Old Hartley Road and the Pond, the climbing trees, Soapbox Hill
- Favorite new outdoor experience: kick sleds and ice sliding on Carolyn Hill
- Total college outreach: 1 undergraduate (20 students) & 1 graduate class visit (25 students) to learn about and observe the preschool in action; 3 practicum students (120 hours each); 7 students from the Early Childhood program doing practice lessons; 13 Environmental Education master's degree students doing observations and practice lessons
- Status of enrollment for 2017-18 preschool year: full with 92 students and a waiting list.
- Waiting list applications for 2017-18 or a future fall are available at [www.hartleynature.org](http://www.hartleynature.org).

### Butterfly Garden Volunteer Evenings

Did you know our garden is a certified Monarch waystation? Come and learn about monarchs, habitat, plants and other insects, all while helping to maintain our beautiful community space. If available, we will tag adult monarchs and release them. Come and watch metamorphosis and migration in process! Volunteers needed every first and third Tuesday each month through the summer. No cost and no experience necessary. All ages invited (children must be accompanied by an adult).



**Cost: FREE!      Tuesdays, 6-8pm      June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1 & 15**

### 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

#### Wildflower Walk

**May 16, 6 pm**

Do you know where the secret patch of bloodroot is? Can you tell the difference between an oak fern and an ostrich fern? Join Joy for a guided evening wildflower walk where we'll stroll through Hartley Park, stopping to check what's blooming or who's singing. Learn tips on how to identify plants, fun folklore tidbits and see treasures of Hartley Park.

#### Frog and Salamander Hike

**June 8, 6pm**

Discover the secret world of frogs and salamanders on this naturalist led hike. Explore the vernal ponds of Hartley and learn how to identify some of the local frogs that call this park home.

#### Beaver Hike

**June 21, 6pm**

Want to learn all about nature's engineer, the beaver? Join us as we go for a hike and investigate all of the clues left behind from Hartley's very own resident beavers and learn how their activity can impact the world around them. Please be ready to walk along uneven trails.

#### Hartley History Hike

**July 12, 6pm**

Experience the rich history of Hartley Park as we hike up to Rock Knob. Imagine what Hartley would have looked like and see what remains of the past. Be prepared to hike up hill and on uneven trails.

