

Deck moved to #13

One of the projects for this fall was moving Cabin #10's deck (which wasn't being used) over to #13. The platform that was being used as an entry was plunked there years ago when we used to live there, and has finally been replaced.

To move the deck, a large i-beam was strapped to the top. Then a bobcat on each end (Mike and Jim) picked up the beam and slowly, strategically drove it across the yard into place... all without dropping it or hitting anything!

Other projects from this fall included re-shingling #5's roof and painting the 3 white cabins down by the lake.



The old deck from #10 is now in its new place with a new railing and steps on the front of #13 "The Porcupine".

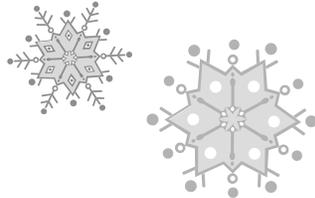
2012 CABIN OPENINGS

May 11-16	Cabin #4
May 11-19	Cabin #8, 11
May 15-24	Cabin #3, 7, 8
May 19-24	Cabin #13
May 19-26	Cabin #12
August 4-11	Cabin #11
August 11-18	Cabin #11
Aug. 25-Sept. 1	Cabin #2, 4, 7, 8
Sept. 1-8	Cabin #7, 8
Sept. 4-8	Cabin #6
Sept. 8-15	Cabin #1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11
Sept. 15-22	Cabin #7
Sept. 22-29	Cabin #2, 5, 7, 8, 11

Currently, there are no openings during June or July.

If you would like a week that is not available, the best time to call or email is from January 16 (after deposits are due) until around mid-February or March, in case we get some cancellations. We can also add your name to our waiting list for a particular week.

Our cabin openings are updated on our website:
www.woodlandresort.net
 or email us at wdland@arvig.net



Shingobee Connection Trail nearing completion

Highway 371/200 from the "Y" to Walker is now decorated with the Shingobee Connection Trail. Work on this trail took place during September, October and November. The purpose of the trail is to connect the Paul Bunyan Trail in Hackensack to Walker. The Heartland Trail also connects to Walker from Park Rapids and north to Cass Lake.

The trail is close to completion, with a section closed approaching Pumphouse Bay, where a bridge will be constructed. Portions of the trail run right along Leech Lake. Fencing in several areas provides safety where the trail is close to the highway, intersections, or areas where there is a steeper grade.



(above) Dirt was hauled and retaining walls were built along the trail section between the highway and Shingobee Bay.

(below) Fencing is being installed where there is a steep grade toward a pond.



The channel under the highway leading from Pumphouse Bay to Walker Bay will have a pedestrian/bike bridge built across it to allow the trail to continue.



Merry Christmas!

Warm wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy Christmas and New Year!

Mike, Kelly, Cara, Jessica & Jeffrey

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." MATTHEW 1:21



THE KIDS

Jeffrey turned 9 this fall and is in 3rd grade. This year, Jeffrey joined flag football. He fun playing and wants to try it again next year. He is also hoping to play basketball this winter and maybe baseball in the spring if we can fit it in the schedule. He still loves to play computer games and the wii in his spare time.

This summer Jeffrey tried waterskiing a few times. He managed to get up for about 5 seconds! Hopefully next summer he'll get up to stay. Then we might be able to pull all the kids at the same time!

Jeffrey hit another milestone... just the other day we woke up a little late to get ready for school. He came out of his room and said, "I got dressed, put my shoes on and made my bed." (Still hard to believe!)



Jeffrey fished almost every day this summer. Here's a nice bullhead he caught.

Jessica is 10 this year and likes to spend time with her friends whenever she can. When she's not with them, she's on the phone with them. They like to act goofy and do girl stuff and talk, talk, talk.

Jessica tried tennis lessons this year, which she enjoyed. She also dances in Just For Kix each week and is looking forward to the performances. This summer she tried waterskiing and got up right away!

Her Girl Scout troop of 13 girls is only meeting once a month this year and working on earning most of the council patches. They traveled to the Twin Cities this fall for a fun weekend. We visited the Science Museum, Sever's Corn Maze, saw "Hair Spray" at Chanhassen Dinner Theater and the Mall of America. It was so nice taking a bus!

In her spare time, Jessica still likes to hang out in her room doing artwork and playing. She has a whole bunk designated just for her barbies. Her goldfish, Swimmy, is doing great and getting even bigger! She feeds him everyday and leaves instructions for someone else to feed him if she's gone.

Cara is an 8th grader this year and completing her last year at Immanuel Lutheran School. She is already contemplating her move to Walker's public school next fall and all the things she will miss about being at Immanuel.

Volleyball season was a lot of fun. Cara's team took first place in their tournament this fall. She is also in her last year of confirmation classes with Pastor Bitz. Cara's dance class was given the option to join Senior Kix this year, and so she did. The new routines are even more fun and challenging and there are two competitions to attend.

Cara continues to play flute in the band and still plays guitar. She has begun practicing chimes again for our upcoming Christmas Eve service.

Cara began working at a daycare this fall and enjoys doing activities with the children. This summer Cara spent time waterskiing, where she learned to drop to one ski (and makes it look so easy!). She also spent a week at Lutheran Island Camp's horse camp and met lots of new friends. Cara loves play-



Jessica is jumping on the bouncy things at Sever's Corn Maze. We also jumped in the gigantic corn pit, saw many animals and conquered the corn maze.



Cara waterskiing this summer.

ing on her ipod, checking statuses on facebook, and dancing to Just Dance on the Wii. She has enjoyed attending the school dances this year with her friends and is looking forward to getting her driver's permit next fall... yikes!

LEECH LAKE REPORT

Summer season fish report

By Doug Schultz, DNR Large Lake Specialist
(Pilot-Independent, Nov. 23, 2011)

Following are some of the highlights from the completion of the 2011 summer field season on Leech Lake.

- Seining for the large lake survey was cancelled, due to the state government shutdown during most of July.

- Trawl catches for young-of-year walleye were below the long-term average.

- Electrofishing catch rates of young-of-year reached an all-time high. More than two-thirds of the fish sampled were 6 inches or longer. This bodes well for good survival to older age classes.

- Gill net catch rates of walleye were above average for the fifth consecutive year, and catch rates of northern pike increased to a near-record high. Catch rates of yellow perch and cisco, however, fell to below average.

- The size distributions of walleye, northern pike and yellow perch showed a considerable number of age-1 walleyes (7-11 inches).

- Fish from 14 to 22 inches comprised the majority of the walleye gill net sample.

- Most northern pike sampled were between 18 and 24 inches, with one 37-inch fish caught.

- The fishing outlook on Leech Lake continues to remain bright.

Angler creel survey results for 2011 will be summarized later this winter. As in previous years, a number of volunteers contributed significant amounts of time assisting Walker Fisheries staff with the walleye egg take at the Boy River, walleye fry stocking on Leech Lake and sampling on Leech Lake.

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Changes in Walker

Over the years, downtown Walker has had many changes in businesses. A few to look forward to next summer are the Walker General Store moving to the corner (formerly Terra Reflections) and acquiring two buildings so they can expand. Christmas Point also acquired an adjacent building and are expanding. The former Walker Art Gallery was purchased by the owners of The Olde Liberty Shoppe in Park Rapids, planning to open in May.

