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Sunrise from Wolf Island, Kabetogama Lake, Voyageurs National Park
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The Future of our National Parks

The National Park Service (NPS) will mark its 100th Anniversary in 2016. Talk about the next 100 years has already begun in Washington, D.C., among Park supporters and in the media. There is concern over the current state of our national parks and our commitment to preserving our heritage for the next century.

The NPS oversees 391 sites that stand out as extraordinary places for their natural features, historical significance and recreational opportunities. Among them are 58 crown jewels, including Voyageurs, that carry the designation of national park. These places, representing our national legacy, have played a prominent role in our country's history. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "There is nothing so American as our national parks," and Pulitzer-prize winning author Wallace Stegner described our national parks as "the best idea we ever had."

The NPS and its many supporters recognize the need to bring our national parks back to the forefront of American minds to safeguard these special places for future generations. When talking with our U.S. Representatives and Senators about the funding and resource needs of Voyageurs National Park this spring, we heard resounding support for the national parks.

VNPA is committed to working with our elected officials and with you to make our Parks a national priority today and for the future.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,



Cory MacNulty
Executive Director

Park Faces Complex Funding Issues

By Greg Seitz

In the face of federal funding shortfalls, Voyageurs National Park is facing reductions in trail and campsite maintenance, visitor center staff, natural and cultural interpretation and many other services central to the Park and its mission.

A Core Operations Analysis that the Park performed last fall projected a budget shortage for fiscal year 2007 of nearly \$500,000 and greater than \$1.1 million in 2011.

That means that visitor centers that are already heavily staffed by volunteers will only need be moreso; maintenance of historic structures will be reduced; summer trails will receive less maintenance and winter trails less grooming.

At the same time the Park is dealing with those difficult decisions, other recent developments at the federal level are affecting its financial future.

As part of President Bush's 2008 budget proposal, the Park would receive an additional \$271,000, \$216,000 of which would be used for seasonal positions in maintenance, interpretation and other visitor services, and \$55,000 for fixed costs.

"We're excited about the proposal to better fund the Parks," says Cory MacNulty, executive director of VNPA. "It isn't enough to address the seriousness of the Park budget shortfalls and more needs to be done, but it's a start."

An article about the 2008 budget in the *Tower Timberjays* says that Park "Superintendent [Kate] Miller said the additional dollars would allow Voyageurs to keep visitor centers open longer and staff them with trained uniformed people. In addition, the Park will be able to offer a wider range of interpretive programming."

In August 2006, President Bush announced the Centennial Initiative. The initiative calls for \$3 billion in investment in the national parks for the National Park Service's 100th birthday in 2016. The initiative is not composed of wholly federal funds, rather calling for significant contributions from the private sector to be matched by the federal government as part of the Centennial Challenge. The House Appropriations Committee has approved \$50 million in federal funding for the program's first year, and the full House is expected to vote on the proposed funding in June.

VNPA and its members will need to actively seek attention from the federal government to make sure Voyageurs National Park receives adequate funding. A series of "Listening Sessions" that were held during March and April around the country with Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and National Park Service Director Mary Bomar to hear ideas for the Centennial Initiative did not visit any states in the upper midwest.

During April, the Park put together six proposals that could be funded by the Centennial Challenge. The proposals were then sent to the National Park Service's offices in Washington, D.C., for evaluation and prioritization.

While funding of those projects would be a boon to the Park, funding is also drastically needed for continuing maintenance, payroll and other core costs. The Park has already responded to budget shortfalls by leaving many full time positions vacant, reducing employee training and travel, eliminating the Artist-in-Residence program that produced the photo on the cover of this newsletter, and other cost-saving measures that are affecting operations.

While private funds, as those sought through the Centennial Challenge, have long been important to the success of the National Parks, they have historically funded a margin of excellence that enhance visitor services and resource protection. An increase in base operating funding for NPS is also needed to cover the core costs that are the Parks' most critical needs at this time.

The Centennial Initiative could very well lead to another successful century for the National Parks; VNPA is raising awareness in the hope of

helping the initiative achieve that success.

It is a difficult issue for private citizens to monitor, with many constituencies lobbying for a complex web of funding. The Association will not only provide Voyageurs National Park and its supporters a voice in this crowd, but will do its best to inform its members and constituents of developments.

Please contact the Association's office if you would like to be involved.

Helping Voyageurs National Park Meet the Centennial Challenge

By Kelly Fuller

The Centennial Challenge could be an excellent opportunity for the Park to improve its facilities and increase its appeal to visitors. But to take full advantage of the Challenge, the Park needs VNPA's help.

This April, VNPA submitted comments about the Centennial Challenge to the National Park Service. Later in the month, Cory MacNulty (VNPA's Executive Director), Doug Franchot (Chair of VNPA's Board) and Kate Miller (Superintendent of Voyageurs National Park) traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with Minnesota's federal legislators and network with other national park supporters.



The three met personally with Congressmen Jim Oberstar and Tim Walz, and with the staff of Senators Amy Klobuchar and Norm Coleman, and Representatives Collin Peterson, Keith Ellison, Betty McCollum, and Jim Ramstad.

Cory MacNulty says VNPA will continue to partner with the Park to meet the Centennial Challenge.

Paddle Voyageurs National Park with VNPA



August 11-12, 2007

Enjoy a weekend adventure in Voyageurs National Park this August. Join Voyageurs National Park Association and Boreal Explorations EcoAdventures for two days of paddling and exploring, August 11-12.

Saturday morning we will depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center after a brief training session.

In order to explore as much of the Park as possible, we plan to paddle between 5 and 10 miles each day. Beginner paddlers and children aged 13 and up are welcome, but should be prepared for those distances.

The trip is \$100 per person for members (plus food cost) and \$125 per person for nonmembers (plus food cost). The price includes kayak and camping gear (except clothing, sleeping bag, and sleeping pad). Food will also be arranged. Please ask about food cost when you register.

For more information or to register, contact VNPA at vnpa@voyageurs.org or 612-333-5424. Registration deadline is August 1, but space is limited so register today!

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center Gets a Face-Lift

By Kathleen Przybylski

This summer, visitors to the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center will find an impressive array of new, professionally designed exhibits that are sure to surprise, impress and inspire.

The new exhibits focus on eagles, wetlands, geology, forests, people of the past and present, and Park stewardship. Visitors will be able to explore replicas of a beaver lodge and a bald eagle's nest. They'll have an opportunity to test their knowledge of rocks and animal sounds, and learn about the Ojibwe and fur trade history. Children will discover a special activity area designed just for them. And when they're done with the exhibits, they'll be able to watch for wildlife in the viewing area.

This is the first major redesign of the exhibits since the center opened in 1987. This project was funded by the National Park Service's recreational fee demonstration program.

The Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through September 30, 2007.



Beaver lodge exhibit (Photo courtesy of VNP)

NPS and SCSU Team Up to Conduct Research, Cultivate Young Researchers

By Cheryl Lesser

Last year the National Park Service and St. Cloud State University (SCSU) entered into a five-year agreement to support academic research that furthers the purpose and goals of Voyageurs National Park. The agreement brings students to the field, where they apply the skills they learn in class and the lab to real problems that the Park faces.

"This partnership allows us to do research that we otherwise wouldn't be able to do," says Chris Holbeck, Environmental Planning and Partnerships Specialist, who is leading the effort for the Park. Co-driving this effort is Dr. Matt Julius, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at SCSU. "Our students need hands-on research experience," says Dr. Julius, "And Chris has a laundry list of interesting, relevant projects."

In spring 2006, seven students joined Professor Julius for two weeks at the Park to collect water samples from Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake and Namakan Lake in an effort to determine what impact, if any, houseboat grey water discharge has on water in the Park. Grey water is non-sewage water, e.g., runoff from showers, sinks and decks.

One of the students, Mark Kuusisto, stayed on through the summer as an intern to complete the sampling work. A lab was set up in a VNP garage, and altogether there were more than 3,500 tests conducted. Holbeck says that had the Park had to pay for these tests on the open market, it would have cost close to \$100,000. "We got the results for a fraction of that cost," Holbeck says. But it's much more than that. It's really about the relationship. "The students get hands-on experience in Park management," he continues, "And we get a pipeline for a new generation of Park stewards."



Student taking a water sample (Photo courtesy of St. Cloud State University)

Dr. Julius and Kuusisto presented their findings at several recent conferences: George Wright Society biennial conference; ManOMin Watershed Conference; and the International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum. "Students are more motivated and engaged when they have the opportunity to put theory into practice," says Dr. Julius. "And this is the kind of experience that will make a student's resume stand out when entering the workforce."

This study had an additional, unforeseen payoff: The water samples collected throughout the summer allowed VNP staff to track the origins and spread of the spiny waterflea. The presence of spiny waterflea was confirmed in Rainy and Namakan lakes in fall 2006.

This summer, in addition to continuing houseboat grey water research, the students will research algae blooms to try to determine if and how they affect the quality of drinking and recreational water. Holbeck is looking forward to tackling another research project with Dr. Julius and his students from SCSU. "The future of the Park depends on the academic diligence and dedication of future generations," he says. "And from what I've seen from these students, we have a very bright future."

Nesting Great Horned Owls Spotted at the 2007 Birders Rendezvous

By Cheryl Lesser



Great Horned Owl (Photo by Peter Stahl)

Always one of the most popular VNP events of the year, this year's Birders Rendezvous was graced by a rare sight: two nesting great horned owls and their young. Great horned owls are the only owl species in Minnesota that is active during the day, and they were spotted on Echo Bay Trail.

The Birders Rendezvous was sponsored by VNPA, along with the International Falls, Ranier & Rainy Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau; Lake States Interpretive Association; Friends of Voyageurs National Park; and the National Park Service.

The keynote speaker this year was Jim Williams. Jim is a life-long birder and co-author of the book *Questions and Answers About Backyard Birds*. He also is a contributing writer on birds for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Jim's presentation featured his renowned photographs of the many different birds of Minnesota and Wisconsin, including the first whooping crane chicks to hatch in the eastern United States in nearly 100 years.

Two VNPA board members, Don Nightingale and Kurt Lysne, were instrumental in recruiting Jim as the keynote speaker. Don, who is also on

the Rendezvous planning committee, and Kurt, along with their wives, hosted Jim and his wife, Jude, at last year's Birders Rendezvous at their respective cabins on Crane Lake and Rainy Lake.

Voyageurs National Park is home to more than 240 species of birds, and hosts one of the greatest diversity of breeding species and wood warblers north of Mexico. Among other rare birds spotted during recent Rendezvous events were a hawk owl and bobolink.

Tour Boat Returns to Rainy Lake in 2007

By Kathleen Przybylski

Voyageurs National Park is pleased to announce the return of interpreter-led tour boat programs on Rainy Lake. The new 17-passenger pontoon boat is identical to the one that started operating last summer on Kabetogama Lake, and will provide access to the natural and cultural resources on the north side of the Park.

The Park will offer several different cruises on Rainy Lake, including one that focuses on the area's gold rush history and related geology. The gold rush history cruise will also include a stop at Little American Island where prospectors discovered gold. On each cruise, a National Park Service interpreter will bring the Park to life as visitors travel around Rainy Lake's islands and through its bays.

In addition, the Park is launching a new reservation system for both Rainy and Kabetogama tour boats in an effort to assist individuals and groups in planning their outings. The system was launched on May 9, 2007. For reservations, call 1-888-381-2873. For more details, including tour programs and fee schedules, please visit the Park Web site - www.nps.gov/voya.



Otter pontoon tour boat (Photo courtesy of VNP)

VNPA Out Making Connections and Building Bridges

VNPA Partners with the Minnesota Zoo

Voyageurs National Park Association is partnering with the Minnesota Zoo to help promote and support the newly-renovated Minnesota Trail exhibit and its key conservation and education messages regarding the importance of protecting wild animals and wild places in Minnesota.

Together we invite you to rediscover Minnesota at the Zoo's Minnesota Trail Exhibit.

The call of the wild has never been stronger than right here, in our own back yard. Step out, keep your eyes open, and share the wonder of the new Minnesota Trail at the Minnesota Zoo, opening this July. The trail is truly a window to the North Star state, with expansive views that allow guests and animals to come within mere feet - and sometimes inches - of each other. Puma, lynx, wolverine, bald eagle, otter and beaver, these long-time residents of the trail cavort, play, rest and interact in environments reminiscent of their natural habitats. New to the trail are immersive wolf and coyote exhibits, and a northwoods lodge setting.

The Minnesota Trail re-opens July 7, 2007, at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley.



River Otter (Photo courtesy of VNP)

VNPA Takes Leadership Role in New Cross-Border Partnership

VNPA has taken a lead role in the new Heart of the Continent Partnership. At the Partnership's May 2007 meeting, VNPA's Executive Director, Cory MacNulty, was named coordinator of the newly elected steering committee.

"VNPA's leadership in the Heart of the Continent group helps advance our larger vision for Voyageurs National Park and the entire border lakes region," says MacNulty.

The Heart of the Continent Partnership is a group of 22 agencies and nonprofit organizations in the United States and Canada. It was created to foster information sharing and influence public perception of the region. The core of the Heart of the Continent includes Voyageurs National Park, Superior National Forest and its Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, Quetico Provincial Park, and other smaller parks and protected lands. Together, these locations comprise one of the largest protected areas in North America.

VNPA Offers Educational Programs to Local Schools

Over the winter, Voyageurs National Park Association brought the Park to life for hundreds of elementary school students in Saint Louis Park, Edina, and Eden Prairie.

Gregg Rutter, VNPA Membership and Development Director, gave a number of presentations to students about the border lakes country in northern Minnesota and the significance of Voyageurs National Park from the geological, cultural, and environmental perspectives. Gregg, who is completing his Master of Arts in Teaching in elementary education, delighted and engaged his audiences by dressing in traditional clothing, playing music of the voyageurs, and showing beautiful photographs of the Park. Many of the props used in the presentations were supplied by the education specialists on the Park staff



VNPA is proud to be able to provide outreach and educational programs to our youngest citizens about Minnesota's only national park!

VNPA Board members Doug Franchot and Kimberly Byrd drove from the Twin Cities to Atikoken, Ontario to represent VNPA at the spring meeting. Afterward, Byrd praised Heart of the Continent: "The partnership is refreshing and hopeful. It gets us thinking on bigger scales in space and time."

Other participants on the steering committee will be Doug Thompson (Nature Conservancy), Lisa Pattni (Superior National Forest), Robin Reilly (Quetico Provincial Park), Ron Meador (Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness), Rich Kelley (Quetico Foundation), and Adam Scott (Rainy River First Nations).

At the next Heart of the Continent meeting tentatively scheduled for early October, the partners will focus on setting goals for the group and identifying ways to attract a wider range of partners with an interest in the region.

Join the Trail Rendezvous this Fall

Help make the foot-trail system of Voyageurs National Park safer and more enjoyable by volunteering to clear trails during the weekend of September 28–30, 2007. At the same time, explore the Park, meet new people and have fun!

Crews guided by experienced National Park Service staff and volunteer leaders will clear sections of the Kab-Ash Trail on Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29. All trail work will be done with hand tools, so no prior experience is necessary.

The Trail Rendezvous is not all work and no play. Explore the Park on your own Friday evening and celebrate the group's accomplishments during a special dinner Saturday night. Join the group on Sunday morning, September 30, for an adventure in the Park.

Meals, camping and discounted lodging in Kabetogama, MN, are arranged and available for purchase for out-of-town volunteers. There is no fee for volunteering or the Saturday celebration dinner.

For more information and to register for the event, meals, or lodging, contact VNPA at vnpa@voyageurs.org or 612-333-5424. Please register by September 20.

The Volunteer Trail Rendezvous helps the Park cope with the ongoing budget crunch. Twenty-two volunteers cleared the west section of the Kab-Ash Trail at the spring 2007 Trail Rendezvous. Through their work, the trail is cleared of brush and windfalls and ready for summer visitors to enjoy.

The Trail Rendezvous events are developed through a partnership of the Kabetogama Tourism Bureau, VNPA, Voyageurs National Park, and Friends of Voyageurs National Park.



VNPA member, Peggy Franchot, and VNP staff, Russ Waldorf, take a lunch break with Indus High School students during the spring 2007 Volunteer Trail Rendezvous. Eleven Indus High School students joined other local and out-of-town volunteers in clearing trails during the event. (Photo by Dallas Fogg)

Share Your Favorite VNP Film Footage with the Nation

In preparation for his upcoming documentary on National Parks, film director Ken Burns is collecting amateur footage from park visitors to incorporate into his new film.

Slated for release on PBS in the fall of 2009, *The National Parks* will explore the idea of setting aside national parks for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone, revealing a larger story of people passing on a love for these special places from one generation to another.

If you are interested in submitting footage, please send your film by August 1, 2007 and adhere to the following criteria:

- ◆ Send only home movies in VHS or DVD from 1920–1980.
- ◆ Footage of families and tourists is preferred.
- ◆ Do not send originals; material will not be returned.
- ◆ Clearly mark the tape or disc with your name, address, phone number and e-mail (if available), so they can contact you if your footage is selected.
- ◆ Include a brief description of the film.
- ◆ Send all footage to:
Anne Harrington
WETA
2775 S. Quincy St.
Arlington, VA 22206

For more information about Ken Burns please visit www.pbs.org/kenburns.

Meet the New Members of the VNPA Board

Voyagers National Park Association members elected six new additions to the Board of Directors at the Association's annual meeting on Jan. 27. Representing both metro and outstate Minnesota, diverse professional backgrounds and unique connections to the Park and the Association, the newcomers bring a wide array of background and experience and will surely bring much to the organization during their three-year terms.



Kimberly Byrd



Burgess Eberhardt



Jo Kallemeyn



Tom Lehman



John Roth



Pete Swenson

Kimberly Byrd has been involved in the environmental field for 17 years, first as a Recycling Coordinator for Northwestern University, then as a Mercury Specialist for the Wisconsin DNR. In 2004, Kimberly received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Conservation Biology, having studied wolf management for her dissertation. She has since consulted for initiatives involving large carnivores, large scale conservation, and urban water quality. Kimberly is committed to honesty, openness, dreaming big, and finding win-win solutions to conservation challenges.

Burgess Eberhardt is an English instructor at Rainy River Community College. Before joining the college, he worked at Sedgwick CMS. He has been married for 45 years to Norma. They have two children, Krista and Carlos, and one new grandchild, Isabella. Burgess received his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Minnesota. After getting married, he and Norma moved to Polkadot, a Canadian island on Rainy Lake that has been in his family since the 1920s. Burgess and Norma continue to live on Rainy Lake, in Jackfish Bay, where they feed birds and deer, hike, ski and snowshoe. Burgess served as president of the Rainy Lake Conservancy from 2000 to 2002.

Jo Kallemeyn is a founding member and officer of the Friends of

Voyagers National Park. Becoming a member of the VNPA Board of Directors is an opportunity to facilitate further dialogue between it and the Friends and support the two organizations' common mission: Voyagers National Park. Jo has a unique perspective on the programs and issues surrounding VNP through her husband, Larry Kallemeyn, who has been the aquatic biologist at Voyagers National Park for over 25 years. Since retiring two years ago, she has enjoyed the opportunity to meet Park visitors from all over the world while volunteering at the VNP visitor centers, as well as volunteering in the Park library.

Tom Lehman is the president of Lehman Associates, LLC, a management consulting and research firm founded in 1992, addressing the needs of companies and nonprofit organizations in the areas of business planning, marketing, research and strategy development. Tom moved to Minnesota in 1980 to join Control Data Corporation to help develop online information services. The LOGIN business he helped develop was spun off in 1989 as part of the William C. Norris Institute, and he continued to manage that business and work on other Institute projects until 1992. He is a board member of the National Center for Public Productivity at Rutgers University and serves on an advisory board for the Reshare Corporation. He attended Oberlin College and holds a

Masters Degree in Urban Geography from Miami University of Ohio.

John M. Roth is an attorney in private practice, specializing in business law as it relates to the creative fields (arts, entertainment and publishing). He is an adjunct professor at St. Mary's University Graduate School for Arts Administration. John is a Trustee for Life for Minnesota Citizens for the Arts and a board member of Highpoint Center for Printmaking, the Foundation for the Exhibition of Photography and the Earnest C. Oberholtzer Foundation. He is an avid art collector and reader.

Pete Swenson grew up in North Oaks and first gained an appreciation for the outdoors as a child exploring the woods, lakes and trails. He attended Moundsview High School and graduated from St. Olaf College in 1993 with a degree in Economics. After living in Boston for nine years, Pete returned to Minnesota four years ago. He first came to know the unique nature of the Park when his family camped in it during the 1980s. His family has owned a cabin on the east end of Namakan Lake for 4 years. They try to spend as much time there as possible, though he says it's never enough. Pete is a self-employed healthcare consultant and lives with his wife, Kathleen, and daughters Caroline (5), Anna (3), and son William (1) in Deephaven.

Lee Barthel Named Honorary Board Member

Lee Barthel, a long-time supporter of VNPA and a multi-term member of the Board of Directors, was named an Honorary Director at the January meeting. Lee has been involved with VNPA almost since the organization's inception in 1965 and has been a tireless volunteer on many fronts. Most recently, she was chair of the Membership committee and a member of the Events committee, where she organized many successful events, recruited volunteers and saw each task through from beginning to end. Her efforts are greatly appreciated and the organization owes her a true debt of gratitude.

Farewell to Ryan Johnson and Lisa Gardner-Springer:

As exciting as it is to welcome new members of the Board of Directors, the meeting also marked the end of the terms of Ryan Johnson and Lisa Gardner-Springer. Both individuals have been instrumental in the Association's success in recent years. Ryan served as Secretary for the Board and chaired the Policy committee. Lisa provided invaluable support as a member of the Membership and Development committees. The Association thanks both of you for your service!



Cory MacNulty, Lisa Gardner-Springer, Lee Barthel, and Doug Franchot

News from Friends of VNP

Friends of Voyageurs National Park Honor Grim, Hilke and Przybylski

At the Friends of Voyageurs National Park Beaver Club Dinner held at the Arrowhead Lodge Jan. 27, Lee Grim, Bob Hilke and Kathleen Przybylski were awarded Beaver Club medals to recognize their contributions to the Friends of Voyageurs National Park and to Voyageurs National Park.

- ◆ Lee Grim has performed a study of eagles as a seasonal biologist at the Park for more than 30 years.
- ◆ Bob Hilke and his wife, Mary, are lifelong stewards of the Park, have been members of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park since its inception and were owners and operators of the "Pride of Rainy Lake" tour boat for several years.
- ◆ Kathleen Przybylski, Voyageurs National Park Chief of Interpretation, has served as liaison with the Friends of Voyageurs National Park for many years. She has been instrumental in preparing Voyageurs National Park management plans and coordinating interpretive programs to meet visitor needs.

The first Beaver Club was instituted in Montreal in the year 1785 by voyageurs who had wintered in the "Indian Country" and had been in the Indian trade from their youth. Upon admission into the club, each member had a gold medal made, engraved with his name and the date of his first visit to Indian country, and wore it on a blue ribbon.

Today, replicas of those medals are given by the Friends of Voyageurs National Park as a way to recognize people who have made contributions to Voyageurs National Park and the Friends of Voyageurs National Park. The Friends of Voyageurs National



Kathleen Przybylski, Lee Grim and Bob Hilke (Photo courtesy of Friends of VNP)

Park hold Beaver Club dinners every other year to celebrate the spirit of those voyageurs of long ago and to celebrate wintering in the north.

This year's program featured Bob Hilke's telling of the 1960s adventure he had accompanying 80-year-old Earnest Oberholtzer on a canoe trip north to retrace part of Oberholtzer's 1912 trip north to Hudson Bay. A short annual meeting preceded the program led by Friends president, Jo Kallemeyn, who outlined the projects the Friends have selected to support at Voyageurs National Park in 2007.

These projects include continuing to provide supplies for the Park visitor center children's activity centers, help with supplies and speaker costs for special interpretive programs, and supplies and prizes for the National Parks Week student poster contest.

Anyone wishing to become a member of Friends of Voyageurs National Park can find information on their Web site at

www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark/joinourfriends.htm, or contact Jo Kallemeyn at 218-286-5302.

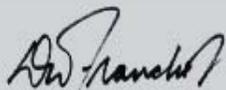
Dear Friends,

Voyageurs National Park Association has made great progress over the past year building membership, momentum, sustainability, and relationships. Thank you to all of you who have given your financial support to VNPA and our mission of “protecting and promoting the natural, recreational, and historic resources of Voyageurs National Park.”

Our executive director, Cory MacNulty, together with Gregg Rutter, Membership and Development Director, have put in place development strategies that are poised to bring us to a new level of accomplishment. Their commitment, passion, and hard work on behalf of VNPA is evident in a growing membership base, new Web site, strong relationships, thoughtful policy work, invigorated outreach and education activities, and comprehensive planning. They are leading our Association into the future of cooperation, collaboration, and support to actively engage others in our vision of ensuring an ecologically and historically significant Park where people can enjoy scenic, educational, scientific, and recreational treasures in a natural setting and in balance with the natural resources and uses of the Park, leaving it unimpaired for future generations.

Your membership support is crucial to our efforts. Please “spread the word” to your friends and colleagues about the importance of joining VNPA and protecting this very special place, Minnesota’s only National Park, for generations to come; and in this way, we can touch the future.

Warmest Regards,



Douglas W. Franchot, Board Chair

THANK YOU for your financial support of Voyageurs National Park Association! You make it possible for VNPA to accomplish all we do in support of our mission to protect and promote the natural, recreational and historic resources of Voyageurs National Park. Your membership and other forms of financial support are making a difference and are more important now than ever. Thank You!

Please contact Gregg Rutter, Membership and Development Director, at vnpa@voyageurs.org to discuss other ways of supporting VNPA, including making a gift of stock, a tax-free contribution from your IRA, donating your used vehicle, workplace giving, or planned giving. Because of you, we are making a difference and ensuring that the resources of Minnesota’s Voyageurs National Park will be here for future generations. Thank you.

We try to be as complete and accurate as possible, but if you were inadvertently left off of this list, please accept our apologies and let us know!

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Woodenfrog State Forest refectory building, Kabetogama, MN
Different topics and speakers are featured every Friday evening, 7:30–8:30 p.m.
Contact the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center for more information: 218-875-2111.

June 16–August 18 Guided Pontoon Boat and Canoe Tours
Voyageurs National Park
The Park offers guided tours by pontoon boat and canoe. See www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm or call 218-283-9821.

June 17–August 15 Discovery Walks in Voyageurs National Park
Rainy Lake Visitor Center, Voyageurs National Park
Learn about the rich natural and cultural history of Voyageurs National Park from Park guides. A beaver pond and the Rainy Lake Visitor Center grounds are featured. See www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/walks.htm or call 218-286-5258.

Aug. 11–12 Kayak Adventure in Voyageurs National Park
Rainy Lake, Voyageurs National Park
Join VNPA and Boreal Explorations EcoAdventures for two days of paddling and camping on Rainy Lake. See page 3 for details.

Aug. 18–19 Paddle Fest in Voyageurs National Park
Voyageurs National Park
Join the Park for a weekend of fun on the water with special canoe, kayak, and pontoon boat tours. Contact the Park for more details: 218-283-9821.

Sep. 28–30 Fall Voyageurs Volunteer Trail Rendezvous
Kabetogama, MN
Show your love for the Park by helping maintain its trails. Volunteer trail clearing on Friday and Saturday, followed by celebration dinner on Saturday night and adventure in the Park on Sunday. Contact VNPA by September 20 for more information and registration: vnpa@voyageurs.org or 612-333-5424.



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