

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I CONTACT LONG LAKE?

Long Lake Conservation Center:

Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 218-768-4653

Email: info@longlakecc.org

Students are strongly encouraged to NOT bring cell phones and adults are encouraged to limit their cell phone use to break times only. Depending on your cell phone provider, service may be limited on campus and/or out in the field. If you need to make a call to work or home, there is a landline available.

WHAT IS THE LODGING LIKE?

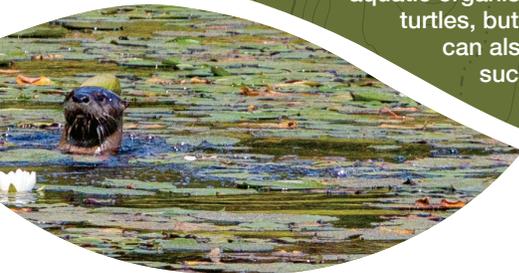
Our center is home to two large lodge buildings housing dormitory style rooms for guests: the Marcum House and North Star Lodge. Rooms have eight twin beds (bunk style), a vanity with two sinks, and private bathroom and shower. Rooms are designed for youth. Each lodge offers accessible rooms, large meeting spaces, roaring fireplaces, and modern amenities.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

Please make sure to be prepared for outdoor weather conditions. Bring layers! Programs will go on rain or shine! See the packing list for details on what to bring and what not to bring!

NATURE FACT

Long Lake's otters eat a variety of small aquatic organisms such as fish, and turtles, but did you know that they can also catch terrestrial mammals such as chipmunks, mice, and young rabbits?



WHAT IS THIS TRIP ALL ABOUT?



The Long Lake Nature School Adventure is a hands-on, inquiry based, and learner-centered environmental education program. Our knowledgeable staff invite students to be scientists and guide them to explore, to observe, to learn skills, and make new discoveries in nature!

Our curriculum not only focuses on messages on the importance of wise use of resources for future generations, but emphasizes how conservation makes life better TODAY.

Life is better when you tap and collect maple sap and produce your own maple syrup. Life is better when the dinner table is filled with vegetables from your garden, and fish you caught yourself. Life is better when you gaze into an endless ceiling of stars and ponder how big, yet how small we really are. Life is better when you take time to walk through the woods, listen to a loon call, watch a butterfly flutter about, or simply stare into the eye of a lake and let the stress of life wash away. Life is better when we are truly connected with our world.



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PARENTS, FAMILY AND OTHER CHILDREN

- Whether a child is coming as part of a Homeschool Group, or an individual family, each child should have an adult who is responsible for them during the trip. This could be a group leader, parent/guardian or an adult sibling.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend.
- Adults are welcome to attend all classes and activities, but it is NOT required. Relax and read a book if you want. We've got you.

WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?

During your stay, hot meals are served family-style three times a day. Homemade, kid-friendly foods like spaghetti, turkey, pancakes, and cinnamon rolls will keep you energized throughout the adventures! **LONG LAKE IS A PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE CAMPUS!**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING ON THE TRIP?

Your trip is customized for your group based on the season and what's happening in nature! Most of these activities will take place outside.

WHERE IS LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER?

Long Lake is your destination for discovery! Our campus is located on the private Long Lake. Surrounded by 760 acres of deciduous forest, dotted with northern pines, and bordered by ancient bogs, Long Lake is filled with adventures! On the map, we are located in the heart of Aitkin County, south of Palisade, between McGregor and Aitkin.

On the Minnesota state map, Long Lake is about:
1 hour East of Brainerd, 1 hour West of Duluth, & 2 ½ hours North of the Twin Cities

NATURE FACT

Did you know that there are 17 different types of bumblebees that can be found in the state of Minnesota, including the endangered Rusty Patch Bumblebee, Minnesota's official state bee.



LONG LAKE'S HISTORY



Long Lake Conservation Center opened in 1963 and welcomed classes in the summer of 1965, making it the first Environmental Education Center in Minnesota.

The idea came from James T. Marcum, an Aitkin County DNR Officer. He thought it better to educate the public about wise use of resources than to write tickets for conservation violations.

A portion of the land and a building (now the Administration Building), was donated to Aitkin County from the Kiwanis Club of Minneapolis. The School House was built a few years later. The Dining Hall and North Star Lodge were completed in the early 1990s.

Though buildings may be different, Marcum's mission of public service through Environmental Education is unchanged.

