



# Whereabouts

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## New Web Site



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## Check out

[www.wanderwisconsin.org](http://www.wanderwisconsin.org) and see what's new! Here are just some of the exciting features of the new site:

- Summer 2003 information available now!
- Trip descriptions with photos and web links to the parks and attractions we will visit
- Trip Leader photos and bios
- A Just for Kids section with photo galleries and cool web links

• Important Information for parents  
Have fun visiting the site. Find it and bookmark it today!

Jason Anderson  
Managing Director



## Early Bird Registration

A Summer 2003 Registration Form is included with this newsletter. All registrations received before April 1 will be given an Early Bird Discount of \$25.00 for the first trip. Registering is easy! Simply fill out the registration form and send it in with a \$50.00 deposit (which is applied toward the trip cost). Please use a different form for each camper you are registering. (You may photo copy the form as many times as you need to.) Trip descriptions and much more information can be found at [www.wanderwisconsin.org](http://www.wanderwisconsin.org)!

## Into the Outdoors

Wander Wisconsin has developed an exciting partnership with Into the Outdoors, a one-half hour TV show, which airs throughout Wisconsin, northern Minnesota, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Iowa. The Mission of Into the Outdoors is "to continue the outdoor legacy of Wisconsin and introduce it to a new generation of users, creating a solid foundation of stewards and conservationists that will appreciate our beautiful resources." We certainly liked the sound of that!

The show jumps from adventure to adventure featuring kids across Wisconsin doing fantastic things like camping, fishing, hiking, kayaking and just plain having fun... Does this sound familiar? We thought so!

You can watch this great program on Saturday mornings at 6:30am and 7:00am as well as on Sunday mornings at 7:00am on WKOW channel 27 in Madison and 10:00am Saturdays on WTTI channel 6 in Milwaukee.



And, don't forget to check out their web site at [www.intotheoutdoors.org](http://www.intotheoutdoors.org).

You may see some familiar faces on the show! Our Door County kayak trip this last August met up with the production team on Washington Island for an exciting "shoot." That episode is called "Keeping the Light" and will air March 22-23, 2003 and December 20-21, 2003.

So Wanderers, don't be surprised if you see a camera in the canoe next to yours or some familiar faces - even yours - on this cool TV show!

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## What's New for Summer 2003?

The Wander Wisconsin schedule is once again filled with traditional favorites like Devil's Lake, Willow River and Governor Dodge state parks. Taking a closer look, however, reveals some unique new trips and the return of some favorites from past summers.

For example, Pathfinders (8-10 year olds) will travel to Hartman Creek State Park in central Wisconsin the week of June 23. Their trip will include visits to Rainbow Falls Water Park, the Schmeckle Reserve in Stevens Point and two of the area's resident camps. Another option for Pathfinders is fun and adventure at the Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In in Oshkosh the week of July 28.

Explorers (10-12 year olds) will enjoy Peninsula State Park and the wonders of Door County the week of June 23. The week of July 28 is a great introduction to canoeing for our Explorers group right here on the Madison area lakes. The week of August 11 is a very new and unique



Canoeing Madison's Lakes

Wisconsin History trip which will include a trip to Old World Wisconsin where the group will live as pioneers for the day.

Voyagers (12-14 year olds), of course, have some options outside of Wisconsin like backpacking in Michigan's Porcupine Mountains July 20-25, touring the sites of South Dakota July 6-18, or heading "Out East" to New York state and Maine July 27-August 8. Closer to home is a touring trip in Chicago August 25-29.

As you're planning for this summer, remember to take a closer look at the options available...and try something new!

## Director's Message



I have been pursuing a master's degree in Experiential and Environmental Education and have less than a year remaining. My graduate cohort is made up of educators from around the area who are dedicated to offering the very best education possible in their respective settings. I am proud to be associated with every one of them.

This graduate program includes a focus on the skills necessary for outdoor leadership. The "final exam," if you will, for this portion of the program was a three-week Wilderness Institute which came in the form of an extended backpacking experience in the Wind River Range of Wyoming. Oh, the sacrifices we must make.

Our final project will consist of presenting a conference to the education community in Madison on May 3. The conference is called "Adventure, Learning, Community: The Experiential Education Journey." I remember "finals" from my years as an undergraduate, and somehow I think this will be the most memorable of them all.

The ideas we discuss and study were already the basis for Wander Wisconsin trips long before my graduate education began. With the support of the American Camping Association, the Association of Experiential Education, as well as the knowledge and experience within Wisconsin Youth Company, we have been able to put a great program in place. Pursuing this degree is just the next step. The knowledge I take away will help us fine-tune aspects of the program to create a truly unforgettable, enriching and life changing experience for our campers!

A note of transition: We are currently conducting a search for a quality Trip Director for Wander Wisconsin. Dave Curtiss has moved on with his life and his skills and expertise will be missed.

*Jim Auel*



# Appalachian Memories

As we drove the last miles of what would be a nearly 2000 mile trip, many memories paraded through my mind. The nine of us had just spent twelve days exploring some amazing parts of the eastern United States and our backpacking trip had become so much more than we could have expected.

We had hiked part of the Appalachian Trail in beautiful Shenandoah National Park. While on the A.T. we stayed at a hut (a largish lean-to type structure) where we met hikers on their way from Georgia to Maine. We hiked side trails like the Cedar Run Trail - our group's favorite - and the Treyfoot Mountain Trail. In the Park we camped at two different campgrounds and saw most of the miles of Skyline drive - the

park's internal highway that crisscrosses the A.T. We slept under the stars and got a chance to enjoy some of the most beautiful night skies any of us had ever seen. We saw lots of deer, an owl (up close!) a rattlesnake, miles of bear "piles" and only seven people in the backcountry. After backpacking, our next stop was Delaware for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean where we were visited by some curious dolphins. We also checked out the beach nightlife (tiny clams, phosphorescent creatures and shy crabs), and saw a gorgeous sunrise.

The drive to and from our backpacking destination included an "Eastern Tour" through ten states and eight of their capitol cities as well as Washington D.C. We passed through Amish Country in Pennsylvania, tiny mountain communities in West Virginia, through farming towns in Indiana and fishing villages in Maryland.

The memories that will stick with me are the ones I can't list off as events. I will remember the moments when we laughed until it hurt and when we sang in loud and silly voices.



Resting on the Trail

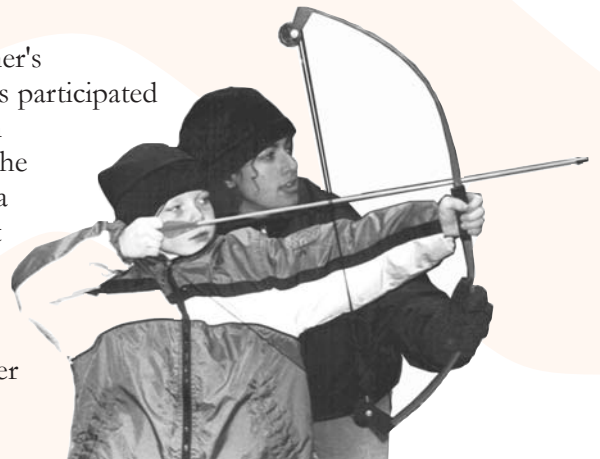
I will remember making it up the last miles of an uphill hike in the rain. I will remember that we learned new and exciting things about ourselves and each other, about being a member of a group and part of a community.

Thanks Maggie, Jerrod, LuLu, Dean, Matt, Mela, Peter and you too, Erich, for an unforgettable adventure.

Suzanne Kohring  
Trip Leader

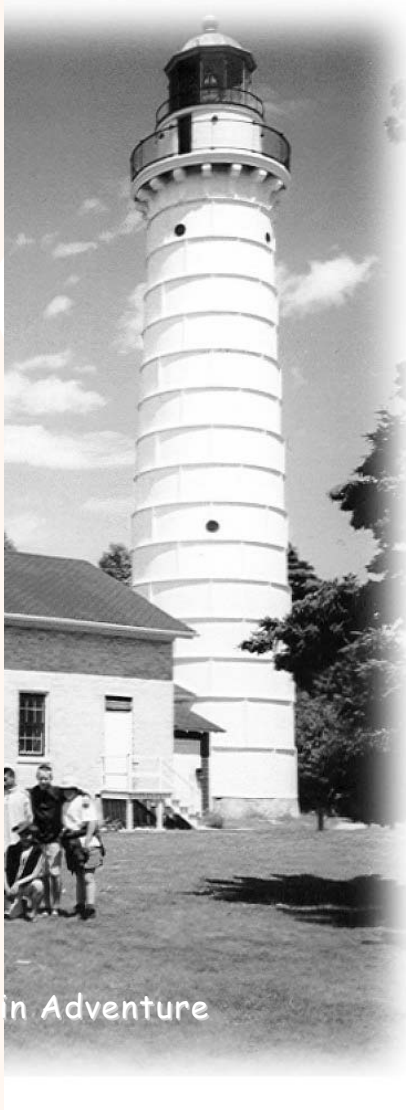
## Fall Trip a Success

This past October during Teacher's Convention Break, sixty-six campers participated in our annual trip to Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin. For many of the campers this was their first time in a camp setting, and for some the first time away from home overnight. They got to do things like trying archery for the first time, and touching animals in the nature center that they had previously only seen from a distance.



For many campers this trip was an introduction to Wander Wisconsin. Upon our return the group expressed their eagerness for more Wander Wisconsin adventures. We hope to see you all this summer!

For those of you who didn't make it to Lions Camp this time, know that this trip has become a tradition, so join the fun this fall. Contact Jason Anderson, Wander Wisconsin Director, at 276-9782 ext. 21, for more information.



In Adventure

## Summer 2003 Trip Calendar

<p><b>Week of</b> <b>June 16</b></p> <p><b>June 23</b></p> <p><b>June 30</b></p> <p><b>July 7</b></p> <p><b>July 14</b></p> <p><b>July 21</b></p> <p><b>July 28</b></p> <p><b>August 4</b></p> <p><b>August 11</b></p> <p><b>August 18</b></p> <p><b>August 25</b></p>	<p><b>Pathfinders (8-10)</b> Willow River State Park Fishing, River Tubing</p> <p><b>Hartman Creek State Park</b> Swimming, Fishing, Rainbow Falls</p> <p><b>Devil's Lake State Park</b> Riverview Park and Waterworld</p> <p><b>Wyalusing State Park</b> Introduction to Canoeing</p> <p><b>NO TRIP</b></p> <p><b>Governor Dodge State Park</b> Swimming, Fishing</p> <p><b>High Cliff State Park</b> EAA Fly-In, Airplane Exhibit</p> <p><b>Kettle Moraine State Forest</b> State Fair, Milwaukee Brewers Game</p> <p><b>Potowatomi State Park</b> Green Bay Packers, Lambeau Field</p> <p><b>Devil's Lake State Park</b> Riverview Park and Waterworld</p> <p><b>Travel Club</b> A Different Trip Each Day</p>	<p><b>Explorers (10-12)</b> Devil's Lake State Park Noah's Ark, Wisconsin Dells</p> <p><b>Peninsula State Park</b> Explore wonders of Door County</p> <p><b>NO TRIP</b></p> <p><b>Apostle Islands</b> All Girls Kayaking</p> <p><b>Governor Dodge State Park</b> Cave of the Mounds, American Players</p> <p><b>Copper Falls State Park</b> Nature Photography, Lumberjack Show</p> <p><b>Madison Lakes Canoe Trip</b> Introduction to Canoeing</p> <p><b>Black River State Forest</b> Fishing, Water Park</p> <p><b>Wisconsin History Trip</b> A Journey into Wisconsin History!</p> <p><b>Willow River State Park</b> Fishing, River Tubing</p> <p><b>Travel Club</b> A Different Trip Each Day</p>	<p><b>Voyagers (12-14)</b> Devil's Lake State Park Noah's Ark, Wisconsin Dells</p> <p><b>Peninsula State Park</b> Explore wonders of Door County</p> <p><b>NO TRIP</b></p> <p><b>South Dakota</b> Two Week Trip to Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota Attractions, Custer State Park</p> <p><b>Porcupine Mountains</b> Introduction to Backpacking</p> <p><b>New York State</b> Two Week U.S. Adventure "Out East!"</p> <p><b>Apostle Islands</b> Kayaking</p> <p><b>Willow River State Park</b> Fishing, River Tubing</p> <p><b>Chicago Tour</b> Urban Trekking, Shedd Aquarium</p>
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Contact us at 608-276-9782 or 800-238-1174 to receive the Summer 2003 Adventure Guide and Registration Packet. Summer 2002 Wander Wisconsin campers and their families will automatically receive the Adventure Guide.

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