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Hello From Wander



Hi Everyone,
The fall campout was packed
with outdoor fun! We are

especially grateful to our
junior leaders for helping
make it a success. The
winter campout is coming
up. Join us at a new location
for Wander—the Central
Wisconsin Environmental
Station. Take part in all kinds
of winter fun from shelter
building to snowshoeing to
snow candles. See you on the
trail!

Dan Johnson

Winter Campout to Focus on Environment

The Wander Wisconsin
winter break trip will
be December 28-30 to
the Central Wisconsin
Environmental Station
(CWES) near Stevens
Point. The trip will focus
on the environment with
campers learning about
winter survival including
shelter-building, and tracking
and logging animals and
birds sited. They will also
learn about winter weather
by keeping track of snow
depth, wind speed and
directions and temperature
and comparing with previous
years. Campers stay in
dorm-style accommodations
in Walker Lodge. Meals are
provided by CWES. Plenty



of snow fun
is planned too including
snowshoeing, sledding,
snowman building and
making snow candles. To
learn more about CWES
visit [www.uwsp.edu/
cnr/cwes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes). Registration
materials available soon at
wisconsinyouthcompany.org.

How to Handle a Wisconsin Winter

My brother, a long time
Florida resident, sent me a
thick plush throw for my
birthday last week. The throw
is one of long line of bulky
sweaters, down comforters
and furry hats that have
come my way from him over
the years. To a Floridian,
Wisconsin must look like the
frozen north.

But we Wisconsinites are
made of tough stuff. Puffy
coats, tall boots and elbow
length mittens are practically
dress code here in the winter.
But the winters can be long
and if we aren't careful they
can become a grind: shovel,
slide, salt, repeat. Time to pull
out our secret weapon: kids.
It can be your own or maybe
you can borrow one. When
one more day of winter seems
hard to take, get out in the
snow with a kid and recapture
of the kind of fresh

fun that a Wisconsin winter
offers. Skiing, snowshoeing,
sledding, snowball fights
and just plain walking in the
snow all bring that rush of
energy you get from breathing
deeply, moving vigorously
and experiencing the snap
of winter cold. Your breath
comes out in a cloud of
steam, your nose drips and
you are there, alive and in the
moment.

The next time my brother
calls in January and asks
what the temperature is here
I'm going to tell him that I
don't care because I'm going
sledding with the neighbor
kids.

Jean Colvin
Communications Director



2011 Fall Campout Highlights

A scavenger hunt organized
by middle school age junior
leaders was the highlight of
the Wander Wisconsin fall
campout October 26-28.
Campers stayed in a lodge at
the Aldo Leopold Nature

Center near Black Earth.
Campers also visited the Tree
Farm to gather fall vegetables,
enjoyed a Halloween party
and took part in team-building
games.



Campers gathered fall vegetables at the Tree Farm and then cooked "stone" soup for dinner (left). Kids brought costumes for the Halloween party.