

BADGER STATE NEWS



Wisconsin Moose Association

December 2023





Lodges Helping Lodges

Fellow Moose Member.

Having witnessed the continued struggles of the Janesville Lodge has been a heavy weight on our hearts.

Janesville Moose Lodge continues its efforts to rebuild from the significant loss of membership since the closure of our GM plant. Trying to function and grow without a kitchen is a difficult roadblock to navigate. Additionally, the pandemic significantly reduced our member participation, from which we are still trying to recover.

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Recently, the Janesville Lodge had found itself in dire circumstances. So dire, in fact, that the Janesville Lodge was considering the necessity of having to close its doors.

...and then, a miracle happened. Not a Christmas miracle, but a *Moose miracle*.

Wisconsin Moose lodges and our Wisconsin Moose Service Center banned together to help the Janesville Lodge. Fundraisers were held across the state and the Moose Fraternity showed tremendous support for our Lodge. Donations were made by many Lodges, Moose Legions, Chapters and individual members.

To have seen what this organization can achieve in a few short weeks is inspiring. It is very humbling to be on the receiving side of such a charitable organization. Without the support of this beloved fraternity, it's likely that our lodge would not have survived through December 2023.

The money raised by our brothers and sisters of the Moose, is nothing short of amazing. Whether it is because of strength in numbers or familial spirit, your generosity has enabled our Lodge to fulfill most of our monetary debt.

On behalf of the Janesville Moose Lodge members, with humble and grateful hearts, we want to thank everyone for stepping up, spreading the word, lending a hand and helping our Lodge.

Know that we are working to find creative ways to increase membership participation as we continue to look for a new facility with a kitchen. We believe that this one amenity would immeasurably help us with opportunities for growth and self-sustainability. We will not give up.

Sincerely,

Mike and Kelly Wixom

and the Janesville Moose Lodge Membership



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TERRITORY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Moose Member,

Please check your lodge dues for expiration although your Chapter or Moose Legion dues may be current. Please know that in order for you to be admitted to the lodge home (to include attending Chapter/Moose Legion meetings) your **lodge** dues must be current. We hope that this is not the case but if it is, you can visit the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org click on the "pay dues" tab at the top of the page, contact Member Services at (630) 906-3658 and they can take your payment, or visit your lodge and submit payment directly to your Administrator. We value you as a Moose member and appreciate your continued support of our children at Mooseheart, seniors at Moosehaven, your lodge and community.

As we honor our proud past and continue to look at our bright future, we look forward to you being an active member of the fraternity.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!

Mike Rynearson

Dispensation Procedure for WOTM & LODGE Use of Hall for Event

Dispensations are vital for the success of each Moose Unit in ensuring that an event or project is done correctly with the best possible guidance provided from the WOTM, Compliance Office and Field Staff.

Since the new change on May 1, 2021, it appears that many of our lodges and chapters do not understand the correct way to submit a dispensation or what to submit. Nothing has changed as to when the chapter is planning a fundraiser that requires use of hall or property. We all know that the chapter needs to submit a dispensation to the WOTM office for approval. This dispensation does not come to the Compliance Office, but should be submitted to the WOTM office by the chapter. The dispensation submitted should be on a WOTM form with required information (minutes, flyer, etc.) provided at the same time and must be signed by the Sr. Regent and Treasurer.

Now that the lodge board has approved the chapter holding an event at the lodge, it is the duty of the lodge to submit a lodge dispensation for allowing the chapter to use lodge hall or other portions of the property etc. This lodge dispensation form must be signed by two lodge officers and submitted to the Compliance Office. Pay attention to the chapter's event and use the for that applies: WITH or WITHOUT alcohol. This form must be signed by the Administrator and President.

The best way for submitting dispensations is email as some faxes do not come through properly. It is suggested that you submit as soon as an event is planned. A dispensation should be submitted a minimum of two weeks prior, but prefer more time if possible. This time frame allows for a proper review and if any questions or more information is needed, you will be contacted by email or phone requesting the missing or needed information.

If a dispensation is submitted and you have not heard back after a week, please contact the correct office to make sure that something has not been missed or if we did not receive it. Dispensations should be submitted from the mooseunits.org email. If you must send from a private email you should cc the lodge or chapter on the submitted dispensation. See attached dispensation forms above.

Emails to submit dispensations to:

WOTM Office mking@mooseintl.org

Compliance Office micompliance@mooseintl.org

SENIOR PORTRAIT LUNCHEON & TREE LIGHTING



5:30 PM Mooseheart JV Basketball Team will face Portage Christian
7:00 PM Mooseheart Varsity Basketball Team will face Portage Christian
Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, at the High School Gym 36(C) on map

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Here is what is happening on the Mooseheart Campus for Wisconsin Senior Portrait Luncheon and Tree Lighting!

- · 8:00-11:00 am
 - Wisconsin Moose Members start arriving on campus beginning at 8 am.

 As busses and groups arrive, feel free to drive around the campus prior to 11:00 am.
- 11:00 am
 Members need to be arriving at Fieldhouse #A on map to check in for the WMA Senior Portrait
 Luncheon
- 12:30-3:00 pm
 - Members will be able to visit:
 - 1. Gift Shoppe #10 on map
 - 2. PJO #5 on map
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Members will be able to visit:

- 1. Tour "Baby Village" Juniata home #28 on map
- 2. The School #36 on map
- 3. James J. Davis home #20 on map
- 4. Farm #52 on map
- 5. MAC Center #71 on map
- 1:30 pm-3:00 pm
 - "Meet and Greet" w/Class of 2024 at the Wisconsin Home # 44 on map
- 3:30pm
 Wisconsin Tree Lighting Ceremony House of God #33 on map





- 9 Flag Plaza 10 Catalog Sales/Moose Gift Store/Archives 85 N. International Dr.
 12 Centennial Plaza
- 13 Victory Bell
- 13 Victory Bell
 32 Executive Director's Residence 260 Lake Shore Dr.
 48 New Jersey Horse Stable
 43 Water Tower
 45 Executive Director's Office/Mooseheart
 Administration 240 W. James J. Davis Dr.
 52 Farm Complex 100 Farm
 54 Judson West Horticultural Complex
- 43 Water Tower
 45 Executive Director's Office/Mooseheart
 Administration 240 W. James J. Davis Dr.
 56 Ohio Pavilion 180 N. Pilgrim St.
- 59 James J. Davis Statue
- 61 Texas Vehicle Building 310 W. Child's Dream St. 62 Facilities Management 160 W. Chancellor Ave. 64 Powerhouse 165 W. Child's Dream St. 65 Furniture Repair 210 S. Brookline Rd.

- 68 Mooseheart Cornerstone

- 26 Nursery School 225 N. Pilgrim St. 33 House of God 220 N. Pilgrim St. 34 Lake Cabin & Pavilion 305 W. Lake Circle Dr.
- 36 (A) Middle/High School 255 James J. Davis Dr.
 (B) Elementary School 95 N. Fellowship Ln.
 (C) Gymnasium/Cafeteria/Band
 46 Heilman Student Center 221 Child's Dream St.

- 57 Mooseheart Medical Center
- 60 Illinois Gymnasium 325 S. Fellowship Ln. 63 Autornotive Mechanics 195 S. Pilgrim St. 66 KaBOOM Playground 69 Kansas Birdhouse 100 Farm Rd.

- 70 Kansas/Oklahoma Petting Zoo 100 Farm Rd. 71 Mooseheart Activity Center (MAC) 150 W. James J. Davis Dr.

- 27 Allegheny 200 N. Legion Ln. 35 Maryland/Delaware/DC 110 N. Fellowship Ln.
- 39 Kentucky 140 W. Moose Rd. 41 Erie 180 Moose Rd.
- 44 Wisconsin 50 S. Pilgrim St.
- 47 Michigan 280 W. Brandon Blvd. 50 West Virginia 285 W. Brandon Brandon Blvd. 51 Canada Home 280 W. James J. Davis Dr. 55 Iowa/E. Nebraska 360 S. Felowship Ln.
- 67 Transitional Living 400 James J. Davis Dr.

- 30 Schuylkill Transitional Living 215 N. Pilgrim St 31 New Jersey 185 N. Pilgrim St.
- 37 New York 50 N. Pilgrim St. 38 Minnesota 120 W. Moose Rd.
- 40 Alabama 160 W. Moose Rd. 42 Illinois 185 W. James J. Davis Dr.
- 53 North Carolina 300 S. Fellowship Ln.
- 58 Oregon 340 S. Fellowship Ln.

SYMBOL LEGEND Tennis/Basketballl Courts Recreational Football Field Parking Lot **Basketball Courts** Fieldturf Football Field Baseball/Softball Diamonds & Track

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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the WMA.

As I'm writing this, I am thinking how the time flies from one month to another.

The Chairman of the Board Visits I'm hearing were very well attended and we thank everybody that was involved with John Sipes visits. And we are very happy with the turn outs at the dinners, and the people that went up to John and welcomed him to Wisconsin.

Then Mother Nature threw us a curve with the with the Halloween Day snow trick that she sent to most of the State. But as we the Moose always do, we got thru it and still were able to do some form of Trunk and Treat events. Mother Nature also tricked me into being in the Hospital on Halloween. But as you know me there is always a backup plan. I sat in the room as a friendly Pirate and welcomed everybody going by my door to come in and get some "Booty". [Pirate Coins, and some candy treasures.] and of course, had to talk Moose with a number of visitors.

And now Thanksgiving will be gone when you read this, and hope you did not stuff yourselves too much. For we have many things planned at our Lodges and need to get out there and show our communities what the Moose is there for. And to show people why they should join us at our Lodges.

With the Holidays approaching fast I hope you can help your Lodge with your planned community Holiday events, for the people in need. Such as the Holiday food drives, Coats, and Toy events for kids, and other local charities needing help during the Holidays.

I'm also hearing some Lodges have had some events for the WMA Presidents project of helping with donations for the "Honor Flight programs in your areas. I collected a lot of information on the "Hubs" in your vicinities, and we will be sending this out everywhere soon. If you need some info now, please contact me personally.

Again, thank you for all that you do, and especially the WMA Moose that participated in the above project and events.

I hope that you were able to join us at Mooseheart for the Annual Wisconsin Tree lighting and Senior Portrait events. If not please plan to attend next year.

I wish you, your family and your Lodges the best Holiday season.

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year from my family to yours.

Larry H. Pratt WMA President clpratt82@att.net

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HISTORIAN'S HERALD

Still looking for WMA History events, items etc.

Pictures of community events, WMA Sports that your Lodge hosted over the years, etc.

I'm trying to collect things, and ideas for the upcoming Mid-year Conference.

If you have anything please let me know.

Larry H. Pratt

WMA Historian

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Heart of the Community starts in our own neighborhood, at our own Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions. It doesn't need to be collecting food or clothing or even money. It's about giving what we already have a surplus of, such as smiles, hugs or a meal to share with someone. The everyday things we take for granted are the much needed items by many. Invite a member to sit with you at the lodge outing or dinner, or perhaps stop by a neighbor with a to go dinner or fresh baked cookies and some much needed conversation.

Give a 10 minute phone call to a friend, just to check how they are doing or maybe go to lunch. Those 10 minute calls can foster new thoughts and make many hours of smiles and new stories for days to come.

Children at the lodge love to be recognized and can be made to feel a part of it by simply helping to set tables, fill waters or even helping to put tags on donated items from the Lodge.

The most precious gift is giving of yourself. It's not the price of the package, it's the package we present to others that is priceless! Please be kind and share the wonder of you!!

A Blessed Holiday Season to you and your Families!

H O C Chairperson, Helen M. Kiefer



THANKSGIVING-JUNEAU CO. LODGE

Moose members from around the state joined forces at the Juneau Co. Moose Lodge in Mauston, WI on Thanksgiving Day to feed the community. Over 160 meals were delivered to individuals contributing to the 255 to-go meals served that day. Other local organizations from the community also got involved to help with the deliveries. Sixty-two individuals came to the lodge for dinner and fellowship and 15 additional meals were sent to a local shelter. This free meal is an annual tradition for the lodge. Overall 327 meal were served.







AROUND THE STATE

District 1 held a great Heart of Community event hosted by Janesville Lodge on November 11, 2023 with proceeds benefitting ROCK COUNTY FOSTER CARE program. Wonderful cooks make pots of soups and chili's for the cook-off. A delicious Cheeseburger Soup by Sarah Wesley took FIRST PLACE with Bernard Hibbert's Chili taking a close SECOND and Matt Boardman's Chili taking THIRD Place. For those with a sweet tooth, there were tons of delicious items for the Bake Sale. And of course, no Wisconsin Moose event happens without wonderful basket and cash raffles. We also enjoyed the DJ and wonderful voices of those who sang Karaoke! Thank you to all the wonderful cooks, bakers and those who donated and supported the Heart of Community event.

A little about the ROCK COUNTY FOSTER CARE: In Rock County, we view foster care as a support to families, not a replacement for parents. Foster care is a temporary arrangement where children live with alternate caregivers while their biological parents work towards reunification through the court system. Monetary donations are used to help with events for parenting networking, outings for families and to help with the resource room. ASSOCIATION

Donations were still rolling therefore I cannot provide the total amount raised by District 1 for ROCK COUNTY FOSTER CARE.

Fraternally,

Cheryl Ripp

District 1 President



















CHAPTER NEWS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

WOW! We really flew through November. So many wonderful College of Regents events to attend! Congratulations again to all that were honored during the month of November.

December brings with it the Tree Lighting at Mooseheart, what an AWESOME event. One trip to Mooseheart and your Moose membership will take on a whole new meaning!

I hope that each and every Chapter is on track to receive their Award of Achievement. Make sure you're using your Officer's Handbook – Checklist for a Successful Year and also keep a close eye on your membership numbers so you can be a plus one. Wouldn't it be grand if every Chapter in Wisconsin received their Award of Achievement.

I know it's a little early to be talking about this, but the way time flies I feel it's necessary to bring it up. In January we will be preparing for our nominating committee meetings. I will be sending the "Election of Chapter Officers Handbook" via email to each Chapter. Please take some time to read it and get acquainted with how this process works. Now more than ever, we need to keep our Chapters going strong and a full Board of Officers will surely be a big help!

At the start of this holiday season let's all keep in mind how blessed and fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful organization and let's encourage others to join.

Our Children at Mooseheart and our Seniors at Moosehaven and our local communities are depending on us.

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a very Merry Christmas!

In Friendship,

Karyn Johnson

Past Grand Council Member / WI WOTM Chapter Advocate / ATM























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Supporting Mooseheart Child City & School and Moosehaven City of Contentment

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MOOSE CHARITIES CHAT

Greetings from Moose Charities:

Together we make a difference!

Moose Charities exists to provide support for the communities of Mooseheart Child City and School and Moosehaven City of Contentment. When you join us in our mission you can expect acknowledgment, gratitude and recognition!

The way you give is up to you! 100% goes to the fund of your choice!

Please go to moosecharities.org to choose one of the following to make your online donation or mail your check to Moose Charities.

Donors Circle Moosehaven AAA Moosehaven City of Contentment Mooseheart Boosters

Mooseheart Child City & School

Veteran's Walk

Christmas is fast approaching. Have you included your Mooseheart Children and Moosehaven Seniors on your gift list? Mooseheart and Moosehaven Wish list is available year-round on the Moose Charities website. Please contact Moose Charities with your selection after reviewing the wish list at https://www.moosecharities.org/giving/wish-list/.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Cheryl Ripp

WMA Moose Charities Chairman

RUDOLPH RUN RECAP



Colorado Moose Rocks!	\$7,455
Montana Mighty Moose	\$5,875
Show-Me the Haven with a Heart	\$5,874
Merry Moosehaven Movers & Shakers	\$5,750
Wooden Shoes IL	\$5,244
The Goon Squad	\$5,174
Team Wixom Wisconsin	\$4,399
Sonoma Lodge	\$2,190
Woodstock Tinsel Toes	\$2,092
The Jollie Hollies	\$2,090

Laura Bliss	\$4,010
Leonie Richardson	\$3,694
Frank Vorhees	\$2,995
Pam Campbell	\$1,740
Michael Wixom	\$1,195
Amber Smith	\$1,155
Sandy Johnston	\$1,000
Thomas Richardson	\$1,000
Robert Coughlin	\$515
Harry Johnston	\$500









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WAYS TO HELP MOOSEHEART & MOOSEHAVEN-ALL YEAR LONG

Turn your Casey's Rewards points into donations to Mooseheart!

Sign up for Casey's Rewards through https://www.caseys.com/rewards or on the Casey's App, available in the App Store® and Google Play™





HOW IT WORKS



Earn 10 points per \$1 spent in store or ine_lind earn 5 points for every gallon a the pump. Find and save your school right inside the app. Starting with as few as 250 points, you can turn those points into a school

Join the Kroger Community Rewards program!

~ Your rewards points can make a difference! ~



The **Kroger Community Rewards program** makes fundraising easy because your everyday shopping earns points on your Rewards Card which can be donated directly to the organization of your choice.

(Moose Charities is currently a listed organization in 129 Kroger locations. Please check with your local Kroger to see if Moose Charities is eligible to select for your Kroger Community Rewards Program.)



Drinking Coca-Cola Products Can Help Mooseheart!

INSTRUCTIONS:

From the Coca-Cola website:

- 1. Visit www.coke.com/give
- 2. Click on "Donate to Your Local School"
- 3. Search for and select "Mooseheart"
- Create a sign-in (you can sign in through Facebook, Google, or create your own username/password)
- 5. Enter your codes and Mooseheart will receive funds!

If accessing the Coca-Cola website from a mobile device:

- 1. Visit www.coke.com/give
- 2. Click on "Donate to Your Local School"
- 3. Search for and select "Mooseheart"
- Click Scan Code button (allow to use camera) then scan the code on the cap or box
- You can also enter the code manually in the Enter Code field located below the Scan Code button
- Once you're done entering your codes, Mooseheart will receive the funds which are distributed by Coke quarterly!

Support Mooseheart and Moosehaven by doing things you already do!



INSTRUCTIONS:

From the Planet Green Recycle website:

- Visit https://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/pages/pgr-free-shipping-label-form
- Fill out form, using "31534" for the Organization Program ID code (that identifies Moose Charities)
- 3. Mail in your cartridges directly to Planet Green Recycle
- 4. Moose Charities will receive a check

ALL-NEW BOX TOPS

1 Ga

Gather 4 or more used ink cartridges from your home or office.

(See list of eligible ink cartridges)

2

Retreive FREE shipping label using your Program ID Code, print, & mail.



3

Your organization receives a check.



Be sure to type in our Program ID Code: 31534 when completing the shipping form

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:













SCAN

SKIP THE SCISSORS & USE THE APP

INTRODUCING THE

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app scans your store receipt, finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!

ET THE APP



Give with Bing

Support Moose Charities, simply by searching on Bing!

INSTRUCTIONS:

From the Give with Bing website:

- 1. Visit https://www.bing.com/give/join
- If you do not already have one created, click "Join now" to create a Microsoft Rewards account
- Choose your nonprofit (No need to choose a category, just do a general search)
 - a. Search for and select either "Moose Charities,"
 - "Mooseheart," "Moosehaven," or "Moose Foundation"
- Stay signed in to your Microsoft account so you always earn points
 Search on Bing
 - a. Search, earn, and your points will automatically be donated

SPORTS PAGE

STATE POOL TOURNAMENT

The state Pool tournament was held on Saturday October 21st at the Kenosha Moose Lodge. We had 12 teams: Racine 5, Kenosha 4, Muskego 1, EKM 1, and Monroe 1.

Here is the top three places:

1st Place Muskego

2nd Place Racine "Rat Town Table Runners"

3rd Place E.K.M.

An amazing job by Kenosha Moose Lodge, Kim Schneider and her staff for a wonderful and well thought out event. Every single detail was in order, the food was AWESOME and Scott Krogh couldn't have asked for more from a hosting lodge. A special thanks as well to Kenosha member Dan Threlkeld and his girlfriend Bonnie Price for assisting Scott with the score keeping and other details.

2024 State Dartball Tournament





EKM Lodge will host the 2024 Dartball Tournament on January 20th

Check-in 9 AM, Starting at 10 am \$10.00 per Player

Min/Max of 7 players per team

Please send all entries (entry forms available online) & money to Rob Knudson @

3800 Carter St., Racine WI 53402

262-721-7813







Entry forms are now available for the 2024 Wisconsin Moose Bowling Tournament. This year's tournament will be held in Janesville at Rivers Edge Bowling Alley. Dates are March 9/10, March 16/17, March 23/24 (already filled) and April 6/7. All Moose members are invited to participate. You do not need to be in a league to bowl in the tournament. Feel free to contact me for an entry form or with any questions.

Margie Marsden, WMA Bowling Tournament Chair

jvlmoosebugle@outlook.com

608-289-5752

FRATERNAL FUNDRAISING

Ahoy there!

Fraternal Fundraising sending you warm holiday waves!

Since taking over this post in September, I've been blown away by the generosity and support from all you lovely people. And just so you know, I haven't forgotten a single one of you. I'm simply making sure all my ducks are in a row before we charge ahead.

But now, I'm on the hunt for some more fabulous volunteers to join our fundraising army. If you're a fundraising ninja and want to help change the world, I'd be thrilled to have you on board.

We're hungry for fresh ideas and helpful hands as we prepare for a thrilling spectacle of fundraising at the Spring Conference.

So, if you're ready to rock and roll, drop me a line at steph1268@yahoo.com or give me a buzz at 920-639-1988.

Let's make some magic happen!

Fraternal Fundraising Chairwoman Stephanie Aanonsen



MOOSE LEGION

Our Brother, International Moose Legion Ambassador, Tom Kronenburg, is in need of our prayers. Please keep him in your thoughts as he undergoes a major procedure this month. Tom and Julie wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to a safe, happy and healthy New Year.



MOOSE MERCHANTILE





WMA Sweatshirt	Small	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	Medium	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	Large	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	XL	\$ 30.00
WMA Sweatshirt	2XL	\$ 33.00
WMA Sweatshirt	3XL	\$ 34.00
WMA Sweatshirt	4XL	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	Small	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	Medium	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	Large	\$ 35.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	XL	\$ 36.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	2XL	\$ 40.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	3XL	\$ 44.00
WMA Hoodie Sweatshirt	4XL	\$ 45.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	Small	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	Medium	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	Large	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	XL	\$ 20.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	2XL	\$ 22.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	3XL	\$ 22.00
WMA Tie-Dyed Tee	4XL	\$ 24.00

Email your order to: merch@wismoose.org

Send a check payable to **WMA** to:

Mike Rynearson, TM, W3582 57th Street, Lyndon Station, WI 53944

Please include \$10 for shipping.

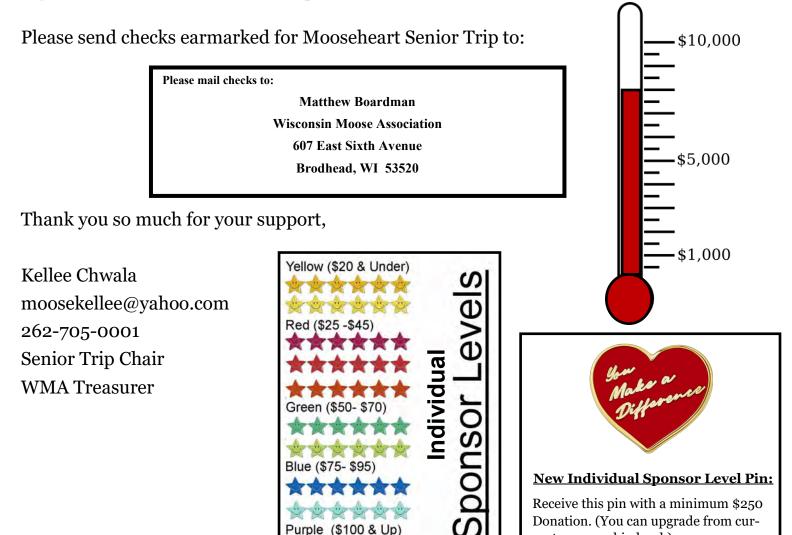
Your order will be sent upon receipt of payment.

MOOSEHEART SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Hello Moose Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions,

The WMA is so excited that the Mooseheart Seniors will be joining us in the beautiful State of Wisconsin for their Senior Class Trip! The Trip will take place April 17- 22, 2024. <u>The current proposed itinerary is as follows, but is definitely subject to change!</u> If you are near the route and have an idea for an activity or meal, please let us know. What we are requesting from you is Sponsorship. This trip will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

We would love to offer your lodge/chapter/moose legion the opportunity to be a t-shirt sponsor. For a minimum of \$100 we would love to include your unit on the shirts that the students will be wearing. We will also send you a certificate to display. Please consider helping Our Children have a Senior Trip to Remember!



Who Needs a Pin? Please contact me, to make arrangements! I will have pins available at the Senior Portrait Luncheon (12/2) and The Board Meetings (12/16), so I can get them to you or the District Presidents then!

rent sponsorship level.)

MOOSEHEART SENIOR CLASS TRIP- PROPOSED ITINERARY

April 17, 2024 (Wednesday)		
Summary of day's events	Students and chaperones will leave Mooseheart after school ends (4:00 PM), traveling in two (2) mini buses to first Wisconsin destination. No community service planned.	
Travel Driving from Mooseheart to Kenosha, Wisconsin (90 miles; 1.5 hours) Driving from Kenosha to Milwaukee area hotel (35 miles; 45 minutes)		
Breakfast	N/A	
Lunch	N/A	
Dinner	Dinner at Kenosha Moose Lodge (3003 30th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53144)	
Community Service	N/A	
Fun Activities	Mars Cheese Castle (prior to Lodge) closes at 7:00 PM?? Or some fun activity at the Lodge?	
Hotel	Milwaukee area TBD	
Other		

	April 18, 2024 (Thursday)	
Summary of day's events	Milwaukee area events, including Harley-Davidson Museum and/or other local fun activity during the day. Community service event in the evening. Stay at same hotel day before.	
Travel	Local Milwaukee area driving	
Breakfast	In Milwaukee hotel	
Lunch	Area restaurant or Moose Lodge (Milwaukee, Muskego or Racine)??	
Dinner	Dinner at the VA Fisher House after community service	
Community Service	Students to serve dinner to families of hospitalized Veterans staying at Fisher House. VA Medical Center, 5000 W National Ave bldg 150, Milwaukee, WI 53295. Coordinator: Julie Kronenburg (414-232-8125)	
Fun Activities	Options: Harley-Davidson Museum, AmFam Park tour, Milwaukee County Zoo, Miller Brewery Tour, other??	
Hotel	Milwaukee area TBD	
Other		

April 19, 2024 (Friday)		
Summary of day's events	Leave Milwaukee and travel to Sheboygan for community service event in morning. Travel to Green Bay for fun activity in the afternoon.	
Travel	Travel from Milwaukee to Sheboygan (55 miles, 1 hour) for community service event Travel to Green Bay area (65 miles: 1 hour, 10 minutes)	
Breakfast	In Milwaukee hotel	
Lunch	Sheboygan Moose Lodge (1811 Georgia Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081)	
Dinner	Marinette Moose Lodge	
Community Service	TBD - Sheboygan area in morning	
Fun Activities	Lambeau Field Tour in afternoon. Coordinator: Lee Aanonsen (920-819-2856)	
Hotel	Green Bay area TBD	
Other		

MOOSEHEART SENIOR CLASS TRIP- PROPOSED ITINERARY

April 20, 2024 (Saturday)			
Summary of day's events	Community service event in morning in Green Bay area, then travel to West Bend and doing something fun on the way		
Travel	Travel from Green Bay to West Bend (100 miles, 1.5 hours) for community service event.		
Breakfast	In Green Bay hotel		
Lunch	TBD		
Dinner	West Bend Moose Lodge (1721 Chestnut St, West Bend, WI 53095)		
Community Service	TBD - Green Bay in morning		
Fun Activities	TBD - EAA tour? Timber Rattlers game?		
Hotel	West Bend area hotel		
Other			

April 21, 2024 (Sunday)				
Summary of day's Community service event in West Bend in the morning, then travel to Wisconsine events area				
Travel	Travel from West Bend to Wisconsin Dells (90 miles, 2 hours) for fun activity			
Breakfast	In West Bend hotel			
Lunch	West Bend Moose Lodge (1721 Chestnut St, West Bend, WI 53095)			
Dinner	Juneau County Lodge?? Or Kalahari restaurant			
Community Service	TBD - West Bend area in morning			
Fun Activities	Carr Valley Cheese (Mauston)??, Kalahari Resort			
Hotel	Kalahari Resort			
Other				

April 22, 2024 (Monday)				
Summary of day's Heading back home to Mooseheart				
Travel	Travel from Wisconsin Dells to Janesville for lunch (90 miles, 1.5 hours). Travel from Janesville to Mooseheart (100 miles, 1.5 hours).			
Breakfast In hotel				
Lunch	Janesville Moose Lodge (418 W Milwaukee St, Janesville, WI 53548) or Beloit Moose Lodge			
Dinner	Mooseheart			
Community Service	TBD in Janesville or Beloit			
Fun Activities	Kalahari Resort in morning prior to checkout			
Hotel	N/A			
Other				

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS





Saturday, February 10, 2024 **River Falls Moose Lodge** 10:00 AM

We hear the word fraternalism a lot, but do we know what that really means?

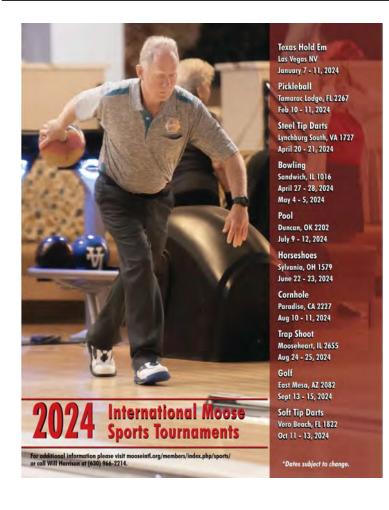
What does fraternalism mean in the Moose?

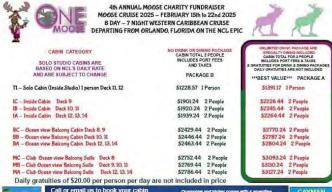
How can we, as Moose Members, be more fraternal?

Join us as we discuss these and other topics.

Please RSVP to the RF Lodge (715) 425-9152 or lodge594@mooseunits.org

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES







LIMITED AVAILABLILITY - PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FINAL PAYMENT DUE

\$250 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PER STATEROOM (2 PEOPLE)

NCL DEPOSIT PROMOTION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - DEPOSIT IS USUALLY \$500 REFUNDABLE

MOOSE CRUISE 2025 - ITINERARY

Day 1 - Feb 15th - Ship Departs Orlando/Port Canaveral FL Day 2 - Feb 16th - Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas Day 3 - Feb 17th - Cruising - Sea Day

Day 4 - Feb 18th - Ocho Rios, Jamaica 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Day 5 - Feb 19th - George Town, Cayman Islands Day 6 - Feb 20th - Cozumel, Mexico 8:00 am - 4:00 pm 10:30 am - 6:30 pm Day 7 - Feb 21st - Cruising - Sea Day Day 8 - Feb 22nd - Ship Arrives in Orlando/Port Canaveral FL

5:30 pm 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Badger State News

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters:

It is hard to believe that it is late fall and the weather is sunshine and in the 50's.

Of course that means we have started into our third quarter of the year. We need to be

diligent in keeping our membership numbers up. Get in touch with the expired members find out why they did not renew. Maybe they want to stay a member but have run into financial distress; a lodge can pay their dues for them, with their permission.

We need to find out what members want out of their membership and try to help keep them. I hear what is in it for me? Well, there is the social quarter's part, but I will always say you have the satisfaction that you are helping house, clothe, feed and educate the children at Mooseheart so they can learn to become responsible adults. You can make the difference in the life of a child. Let us not forget the seniors at Moosehaven.

Also explain about all the good the lodge is doing for your community. That gets people's attention when they find out that we give back to others.

Moose International has many tools to use for membership and some of them are free. Be sure to have some of these brochures on hand to give out to prospective and new members.

We will soon be in the Holiday Season. You can give the gift of membership with the candidate's permission.

RETENTION! RETENTION! RETENTION!.

If I can be of help, please contact me.

I will wish everyone and your family a very Merry Christmas. Always remember the "reason for the season". If you are traveling, safe travels.

In Friendship,

Renee



WISMOOSE.ORG

Hey everybody. Here is a quick update about the Association's website (https://wismoose.org).

We now have all the current information about the new officers and committee chairs online. This includes Moose Legions and Counsels of Higher Degrees within the state. We also have the current copy of the Association's newsletter available for you to download and view.

If any committees have announcements you want posted, please send me the information and any pictures you want to include.

Finally, I need your help. I'd like to learn from you how we can improve the website. Send me your thoughts. The association's website is your website. Let's make it the best we can.

Thank you,

Ron Horner

WMA Webmaster & Constant Contact Chairperson

Horner.horner@mindspring.com

STATE SNAPSHOT

Association 52 2023 - 2024

Wisconsin Moose Association Liaison Mike Rynearson

Membership		Heart of the Community	Not Rovd	Rcvd
Active Members Active Member Year End Goal	16,098 16,106	Qtr 1 due 8/15/2023 Qtr 2 due 11/15/2023	1 0	96.55% 100.00%
Goal Progress	-8	Qtr 3 due 2/15/2024 Qtr 4 due 5/15/2024	29 29	0.00%
Current Lodge Count	29			
Prior Year Lodge Count	29			
Renewals		Moose Charities Giving		
YTD Renewals Members Paid Retention Rate	6,128 4,806 78.4%	Prior Year \$101,67		01,670.02 53,589.35 0
Production		Accounts Receivable		
YTD Applications Application Goal Application Goal Progress Applications Not Enrolled Applications Prior Year Applications vs Prior Year	1,197 2,917 -1,720 46 2,176 -979	Prior Year Current Year Difference Lodges With Late Payments MI Loan	\$	36,661.87 315,997.72 -20,664.15 0
YTD Sponsors % Preferred Members	723 4.5%	Loan Balance Lodges With Loans Lodges With Late Payments	\$1	87,980.14 2 0
Three Year Active Member Trend		Awards		
Fiscal Year 2021 Fiscal Year 2022 Fiscal Year 2023	9,130 15,877 16,105	2023 Moose of the Year 2022-2023 Premier Lodge		29 8

Active Member History

	Prior Year	Current Year	Difference
May	15,589	15,946	357
Jun	15,724	16,085	361
Jul	15,659	16,042	383
Aug	15,697	16,151	454
Sep	15,709	16,207	498
Oct	15,638	16,125	487
Nov	15,659	0	0
Dec	15,669	0	0
Jan	15,652	0	0
Feb	15,772	0	0
Mar	15,872	0	0
Apr	16,105	0	0

Moose Charities Giving History

	Prior Year	Current Year	Difference
May	\$4,026.78	\$5,517.01	\$1,490.23
Jun	\$9,513.03	\$12,106.12	\$2,593.09
Jul	\$14,718.83	\$17,806.16	\$3,087.33
Aug	\$37,743.15	\$27,517.28	\$-10,225.87
Sep	\$44,377.94	\$32,576.41	\$-11,801.53
Oct	\$55,595.31	\$47,623.31	\$-7,972.00
Nov	\$54,217.21	\$53,589.35	\$-627.86
Dec	\$71,289.36	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jan	\$75,180.46	\$0.00	\$0.00
Feb	\$80,979.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Маг	\$93,906.21	\$0.00	\$0.00
Apr	\$101,670.02	\$0.00	\$0.00

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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	<u>December 2023</u>				
2	Mooseheart Senior Luncheon & Tree Lighting	Mooseheart, IL	TBA		
5	Clintonville Moose Lodge Birthday	Clintonville #1502			
8	Juneau County Moose Lodge Birthday	Juneau Co. #1913			
9	District 1 Meeting - South Central COHD Meeting to follow	Watertown #830	10:00 AM		
9	District 4 Meeting	Kaukauna #953	11:00 AM		
15	Newsletter Articles Due to Newsletter Editor	WMA			
16	WMA Executive Committee Meeting	Sheboygan #438	9:00 AM		
16	WMA State Board Meeting (Exec Committee & District Pres)	Sheboygan #438	1:00 PM		
16	WMA Full State Board Meeting(Exec/Dist Pres/Committee)	Sheboygan #438	3:00 PM		
16	WMA Christmas Party	Sheboygan #438	6:00 PM		
21	First Day of Winter				
25	Moose International Offices Closed - Merry Christmas	Moose Intl			
	<u>JANUARY 2024</u>				
1	Moose International Offices Closed - Happy New Year	Moose Intl			
1	Wisconsin Moose Association Birthday	WMA			
7-11	Moose International Texa Hold'em Tournament	Las Vegas, NV			
10	District 3 Meeting	Fond du Lac #2564	7:00 PM		
11	Sheboygan Moose Lodge Birthday	Sheboygan #438			
13	Beloit Moose Lodge Birthday	Beloit #191			
13	District 1 Meeting - South Central COHD Meeting to follow	Beloit #191	7:00 PM		
15	Newsletter Articles Due to Newsletter Editor	WMA			
15	District 2 Meeting	Muskego #1057			
20	WMA Dartball Tournament	EKM #1238	TBA		
20	District 5 Meeting	Chippewa Falls #246	10:30 AM		
20	Moose Legion 143 Meeting	Chippewa Falls #246	2:00 PM		
20	Chippewa Valley COHD Meeting	Chippewa Falls #246	4:00 PM		
21	S.E WI. Council of Higher Degrees Meeting	Muskego #1057	11:00 AM		
21	Moose Legion 31 Meeting	Muskego #1057	1:00 PM		
22	Milwaukee Moose Lodge Birthday	Milwaukee #49			
22	Capital City Moose Lodge Birthday	Capital City #2724			
23	Marinette Moose Lodge Birthday	Marinette #2327			
24	Green Bay Moose Lodge Birthday	Green Bay #801			
	Racine Moose Lodge Birthday	Racine #437	DM		
	WMA Executive Committee Meeting	Eau Claire #1408	1:00 PM		
27	WMA State Board Meeting (Exec Committee & District Pres) District 6, Moose Legion 138, Heart of the North COHD	Eau Claire #1408 Rice Lake #402	3:30 PM		
27	E.K.M. Moose Lodge Birthday	E.K.M. #1238	10:30 AM		
	End of 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024	Moose Intl			
20	FEBRUARY 2022				
	Rocker Fundraiser Begins	4 Moose Charities			
1 1	Start of 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024	Moose Intl			
3	WMA 301 Co-Ed Dart Tournament	Muskego #1057	TBA		
3 4	Janesville Moose Lodge Birthday	Janesville #197	IDA		
13	Muskego Moose Lodge Birthday	Muskego #1057			
14	District 3 Meeting	Saukville #1043	7:00 PM		
15	3rd Quarter HOC Reports Due	LCL Net	/.00 I MI		
15	Newsletter Articles Due to Newsletter Editor	WMA			
17	Moose International Pickleball Tournament	TBA			
18	Moose International Pickleball Tournament	TBA			
24	District 1 Meeting - South Central COHD Meeting to follow	Monroe #754	10:00 AM		
29	WMA Mid-Year Conference	Fond du Lac	TBA		
29	Rocker Fundraiser Ends	Moose Charities			

FULL STATE BOARD/CHAIRMEN

WMA State Meetings & Christmas Party Information

Christmas Party December 16th Party Theme - "Your Best Holiday Attire" Sheboygan Moose Family Center 1811 Georgia Ave. Sheboygan Wl. 53081

WMA Executive Board Meeting - 9:00am Meeting Attire - WMA Black Jacket / Blue Shirt with your favorite Christmas tie

WMA District Presidents Meeting -- 11:00am

Lunch - [Soup & Sandwich] by donation - Noon

Full Board Meeting ----- 3:00pm

Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktail Hour ---- 5:00 - 6:00pm

Supper ----- 6:00 - 7:00pm

Christmas Party ----- 7:00pm to ?

Music & Karaoke ----- 7:30 / 8:00pm to ?

Please RSVP by 12/8/2023 to Cindy Pratt

(920) 467-8436 please leave message if no answer

Or e-mail her at prattcindy78@yahoo.com

If you would like to partake in the gift exchange, please bring a gift at \$20.00 value.

The gifts would be for same sex. Man for a Man, and Woman for Woman.

During the Board meetings there will be activities planned for Spouses.

Meal Cost = \$20.00 Boasted Chicken or Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Medley Dinner Roll Salad and Dressing Desert

Cheese and Sausage Trays for Cocktail Hour included in cost of the meal.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet 10:00am - to 1:00pm at the Sheboygan Moose Family Center \$12.00 a person Please let Don Cordell know if you plan on eating. (920) 917-0957

Sheboygan Hotels

Americann by Wyndham

2-star hotel \$103 a nite for 2 people 3664 S. Taylor Dr. Sheboygan, Wl. 53081 * (920) 208-8130

Holiday Inn Express

2-star hotel \$122 a nite for 2 people 3823 Germaine Ave. Sheboygan, WI. 53081 * (920) 451-8700

Fairfield Inn & Suites

2-star hotel \$143 a nite for 2 people 4117 S. Taylor Dr. Sheboygan, Wl. 53081 * (920) 395-2450

Grand Stay Hotel

2-star hotel \$159 a nite for 2 people 708 Niagara Ave. Sheboygan, Wl. 53081 * (920) 208-8000

WMA Board of Officers

President:

Larry Pratt

Vice Pres:

Margie Marsden

Chaplain:

Clyde Brophy

Treasurer:

Kellee Chwala

Secretary:

Matt Boardman

Jr. Past Pres:

Mike Wixom

Moose Legion Ambassador:

Tom Kronenburg

Territory Manager:

Mike Rynearson

Regional Manager:

Frank Vorhees

Have a story to submit?
Emai to:
News@wismoose.org

Please put the following <u>Annual Dates</u> on your Lodge Calendars. Please consider these dates when planning Lodge Events so as not to cause conflict.

1st Saturday in
December – Wisconsin
Senior Portrait Luncheon
and Tree Lighting

<u>1st Saturday in June</u>
Mooseheart Graduation
and Pilgrim Conferral





Smiles for Miles

Senior Class Trip Fundraiser

Grab your 2024 Commemorative Plate at your local lodgejust \$10!

MOOSE PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

We are proud of the history of this great Fraternity. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to the bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in their local communities and supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come. Working together, our future is bright.



Sponsor 1 Member

Proud Past, Bright Future lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Sponsor 25 Members Receive free basic registration for our 2024 International Moose Convention in New Orleans, LA.



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be used toward the AAA project at Moosehaven.
5 Club members will be providing equipment for the sports complex including a top of the line golf simulator. Exercise is

important for our residents and they look forward to perfecting their golf swing even in inclement weather. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Mid-Year Housing-Now Open



Mid-Year Conference is Scheduled for February 29 through March 3, 2024 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Fond du Lac. Room Block is now open. Please call the hotel directly the phone number is 920-923-1440, PRESS 9. Then ask for the WI State Moose Association block. Room Rate is set at \$118 per night. The Room block will close January 28, 2024.