



# THE HART BEAT

Quarterly Newsletter for members and friends

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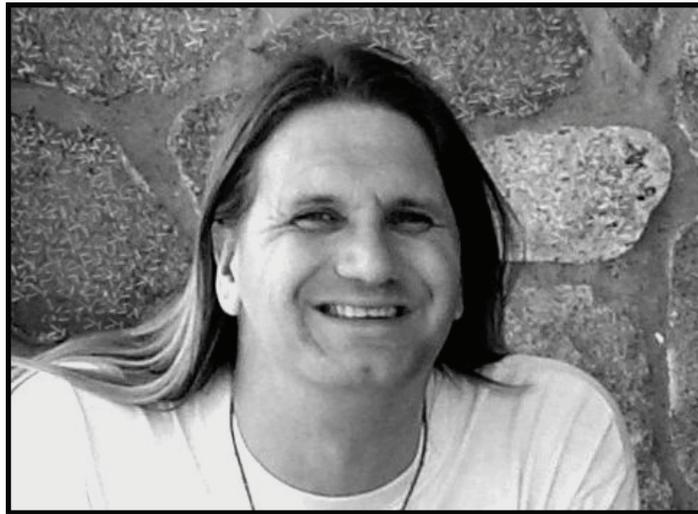
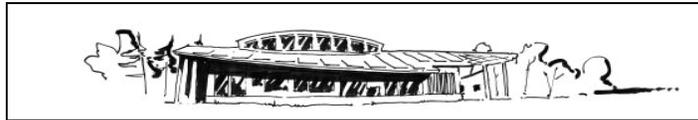
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## Say It Isn't So, Mark

Sadly folks, it is so. And the response has been "Mark? . . . Horlocker? . . . Leaving? . . . Why he's been there forever." An exaggeration to be sure, but given the public nature of Mark's position, his gregarious personality and the fact that we only opened our doors in August 2003, that response is largely understandable.

Mark Horlocker started working at Hartley Nature Center as an intern back in the winter of 2003-4 and was hired as Hartley's first-ever Public Program Coordinator shortly thereafter. Hiring was a difficult task given the wide variety of responsibilities that we had already identi-

fied – teaching, marketing, coordinating park projects, operating the snowblower, etc. How would we ever find all those skills in one person? Little did we know, we had a UMD Environment Science graduate in our midst that was also a 14-year veteran disc-jockey and a weekend warrior with carpentry and mechanical skills to boot. But what about those areas of need that we hadn't assigned or even identified yet - webmaster, editor of the newsletter, and storekeeper - who was going to step in to those roles? Why, that would be Mark, Mark and Mark of course. Simply put, we had a perfect match for "the organization," but what about the clientele?

From kids and adults alike, de-

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scriptors commonly used have been "energetic," "enthusiastic," "funny" and "a friend," from teachers its been "great field trip intros," "Awesome in the field," and from campers its been "Hey he may be really big (6'6" to be exact) but he's still just a kid like me."

Bigger than life, appreciated by the clientele and loved by the staff, we wish you nothing but the best Mark !

Mark is currently working for the Duluth Transit Authority and yes if you're lucky you will see him "behind the wheel."

-Pete Gravett



## Welcome Brett!

Hartley Nature Center welcomes Brett Amundson as our new public program coordinator! Check back in our next newsletter where we will have the full scoop on Brett...

## Summer EE Interns from Near and Far

The feedback regarding the quality of Hartley's camps this summer has been excellent, but with 72 (that's right, 72!) 3 to 5-day camps over the course of the summer, there is clearly more teaching load than Joy, Mark, Pete, Lacey and even Hartley's pool of contract educators can possibly handle. As in the past, the approach has been to bring in a number of Environmental Education (EE) Interns with educational emphases in the life sciences and substantial experience working with kids. That said, the pool of applicants for our EE internship program this year was the largest and arguably the strongest ever, as is reflected by the fine team that we have on-site this summer.

After two weeks of intensive training and a month of teaching more than 3000 students coming for school field trips, the interns' duties have shifted primarily toward training for and teaching our ever-popular summer camps. However, it should also be noted these same interns have enabled us to do a number of things this summer that have been on our radar for quite some time. An early camp drop-off option to accommodate working parents, exhibit development, Saturday programming and canoe rental opportunities for area families are just a few of the examples of how these fine folks have strengthened our program this summer.



The exceptional crew joining us this summer includes Nicole Feralin, a sophomore Biology major at the University of Northern Michigan, who by the way is our only native Duluthian. Katie Green, a senior Integrative Biology major at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, is a Schaumburg, Illinois native. Matt Johnson, a double major in Biology and Education at UMD, is a native of St. Anthony, Minnesota. Mary Mallinger, a junior Wildlife Biology major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is a St. Paul native. Paul McDivitt, a senior Marketing major at St. Johns University focused primarily on web development and giving Hartley a presence on social networking sites like Facebook, is also teaching or helping with a number of camps this summer as well.

Thanks interns, we truly could not do all the things we do without you!

- Pete Gravett

## HNC Has a New Addition!

Come and see our new OUTDOOR CLASSROOM located in the deer enclosure. Thanks to the great work of the six environmental stewardship interns: Danielle Sorenson, Per-Gustav Swenson, Sam Levang, Mengyuan Jia, Terese Mayerle, and Ryan Murphy, with direction and encouragement by Denny Hovde, a long time dream of HNC director, Pete Gravett, has been realized.

The six week project consisted of building benches on a hillside and a stage with backboard creating a natural amphitheater which seats 150+ for teaching or meetings. The materials were cut from harvested logs which were peeled and stacked to dry when the red pines in the enclosure area were thinned. The walkways are mulched with bark from the peeled trees. The site and trail leading to it are all ADA accessible.



On your next visit check out the amphitheater; sit and watch birds, daydream or just enjoy the whisper of the pines. Come learn with us! Our outdoor classroom is always ready for the big adventures and unexpected discoveries that teach us to appreciate and understand the world around us.

-Denny Hovde

## Canoe Rentals Now Available



Hartley Nature Center now rents canoes on Hartley Pond every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$7 for members, and in-

cludes canoe, paddles, and lifejackets for the full time.

Bring your rod and tackle and go fishing, search for Painted Turtles sunning themselves on logs along the shore, count the Red-winged Blackbirds you can see and hear bouncing around on cattails, and explore the far end of the pond by the Beaver lodge and dam.

If you are interested in renting a canoe, you must pay and sign a waiver at the front desk in Hartley Nature Center before heading down to the pond. There will be a certified lifeguard at the pond while you are paddling. Mark your calendar for next Saturday and enjoy this unbelievable opportunity to see a new part of Hartley Park.

## New Exhibit at Hartley

Hi Hartley Friends! Summer has taken off at the Hartley Nature Center and I hope that everyone is enjoying theirs as much as I am enjoying mine. My name is Katie and I'm an Environmental Education Intern for the summer. During the fall, I will be returning to University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana to finish my Bachelor's degree in Integrative Biology. I am a native Chicagoan, but my summer in my adopted city of Duluth has been a blast.

My major project for this summer at the nature center has been to create a new exhibit. As some of you may have seen the theme is frogs and tadpoles. There are already a few exhibit pieces on display, but interactive frog calls, frog-habitat matching game, and fun frog fact posters are still on their way. I hope that everyone will be able to stop by the nature center and learn some new facts about our amazing amphibian friends!

-Katie Green

## Boosting our Presence on the Web



From Lady Gaga to the Duluth Police Department, it seems like just about everyone has been using Facebook but us. So we decided to join in on the fun by creating a Hartley Nature Center Facebook fan page!

Our Facebook fan page features tons of photos and videos that most Hartley lovers have never seen. We post event and program updates frequently so you can stay up to date on everything that's going on at Hartley. There's even a discussion board so you can communicate with other Hartley enthusiasts!

Check out the Hartley Nature Center Facebook page by clicking on the link at [hartleynature.org](http://hartleynature.org), or search "Hartley Nature Center" on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, you can become a fan of Hartley Nature Center by clicking the "like" button at the top of the page.

Once you're a fan, please don't be afraid to interact with the page. Write on the "wall," comment on posts, "like" posts, share photos of Hartley Park, and join in on popular discussions. We love to hear from you!

For you Twitter users, we also have a Twitter account. Check us out: [twitter.com/hartleynature](https://twitter.com/hartleynature) and be sure to follow us!

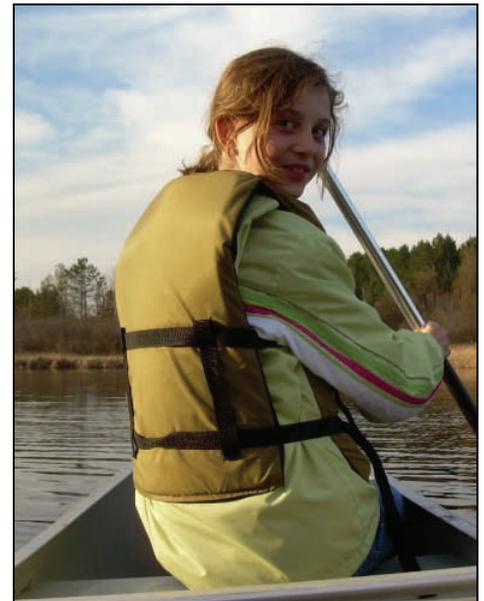
**Thanks for your support!**

-Paul McDivitt



### Want to see more photos?

Check out our online photo gallery at:  
[picasaweb.google.com/hartleynaturecenter](http://picasaweb.google.com/hartleynaturecenter).



## Critter Corner

Earlier this summer, Hartley's own Snappy the Snapping Turtle appeared on David Hoole's "Nature Matters." The topic of the section was to educate viewers on turtles wandering about in search of safe nesting spots. You can view the footage on our website at [hartleynature.org](http://hartleynature.org).

Just a few weeks earlier, Hartley employees were greeted by another Snapping Turtle while walking into work. This mossy backed female, much larger than Snappy, was laying her eggs at the edge of the HNC parking lot. We were a bit awestruck watching the turtle lay its eggs in a hole it had dug at the edge of the parking lot. We approximated this snapper's nest to be holding near 20 eggs, which will hope will hatch and emerge safely in a couple of months.

If a turtle lays its eggs in your backyard, you can cover the nest with wire mesh caging or screen to protect it from predators. It is important to either use wire that baby turtles can fit through when they emerge from the nest or make sure to remove the enclosure by late summer. Remember to be on the lookout early in the summer for moving turtles that may be in search of a safe nesting site, and to watch for the nests beginning to hatch in the fall.

-Mary Mallinger

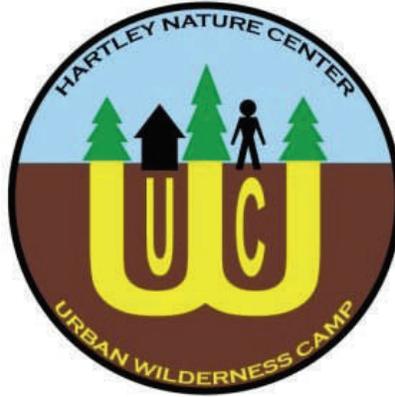
## Notes From Summer Camp....



Connor Friday, age 10, caught this 4 lb. Northern Pike at Rice Lake during a Fishing Afield camp with Pete and Nicole.



Mountain Biking II camper Leland Johnson, age 11, enjoyed the thrill of getting muddy along the trails in Hartley and Lester Parks. This is the first summer that Mountain Biking II was offered to Hartley Campers.



### Exploring the Wilderness... In Our Own Backyard!

Urban Wilderness Camp, in its third summer, is up and running – or out and about, if you will. A week-long, environmental education based day camp, UWC introduces 9-12 year olds to the idea that wilderness isn't a place one needs to travel far to find. This being my first summer with UWC, I'm excited to be a part of something that is so strongly supported by area foundations and businesses. The Lake Superior Coastal Program, the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, and the Whole Foods Co-op offer generous support because they believe in the mission of the camp, they like the lessons we teach, and they share in the vision of urban wilderness.

In Duluth we are fortunate enough to have a plethora of places and resources to explore; places that make it hard to believe you are even still in the city limits, places that make adults fall in love with Duluth all over again, and kids grateful to grow up somewhere so special. This summer we spent the first two weeks getting familiar with the Fairmont Park area by swimming in and doing a stream survey of Kingsbury Creek, volunteering at the Lake Superior Zoo, biking the Munger Trail, hiking on the Superior Hiking Trail, canoeing the St. Louis River, learning about edible plants and much more. In the coming weeks there is much to look forward to as we will be exploring Canal Park/Park Point, Lester Park and Chester Park.

There is plenty of summer weather left to get out and explore some Urban Wilderness, and let yourself fall in love with Duluth all over again.

-Jamie Aspenson

## Incredible Exchange Volunteers

Summer Camp is in full swing and this summer we have had some great help with our camps. Having volunteers ready and willing to be a part of our camp is crucial for a smooth camp week.

There is a special group of 13-15 year olds in particular that deserve a lot of credit. These individuals are a part of an organization called The Incredible Exchange and is run through the local 4-H group. In exchange for volunteering 50 hours at a participating organization (Hartley included) they receive a certificate for something of their interest. Some of the certificates include a Spirit Mountain ski pass, free music lessons, and golf course passes. Some of the tasks Incredible Exchangers find themselves doing are being the caboose in line on a hike, supervising the hand-washing area, gathering supplies, cleaning up, being a friend to the campers and much more! I believe that these hard working individuals deserve their reward and more for all the work they have done for us!

### Our Incredible Exchangers for summer 2010:

Christopher Dowd  
Charlie Bray  
Aaron Roline  
Griffin Konkler  
Kelsey Tessier  
Alyssa Envall  
Fayth Yecoshenko  
Ann Kleinschmidt  
Shania Krause  
Elizabeth Daly  
Peter Sand  
Noah Golden  
Tanner Montgomery  
Courtney Plude  
Keaton Long

Two volunteers who are not a part of the Incredible Exchange Program who deserve to be recognized as well are Sarah Reisdorf and Maddy Klassen. It would be a difficult summer without you all!

-Lacey Humphrey



# THE REFRIGERMINDER

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HARTLEY NATURE CENTER



WILDFLOWER WALK - WEDNESDAY AUG 18

VOLUNTEER IN THE GARDEN - THURSDAYS 6-8 PM  
AUG. 5 & 15, SEPT. 2 & 16

HABITAT HERE - SUNDAY, AUG. 22

NATURE TRAX - SATURDAY, OCT. 2

HOWL-O-WEEN - SATURDAY, OCT. 30



Canoe Rental  
Saturdays through  
the summer  
10:00 -1:30  
\$7 for members  
\$15 non-members

Check us out online!  
Our online photo gallery:  
[picasaweb.google.com/hartleynaturecenter](http://picasaweb.google.com/hartleynaturecenter).



[Twitter.comhartleynature](https://twitter.com/hartleynature)



Click on the Facebook link at  
[www.hartleynature.org](http://www.hartleynature.org)



Homeschool  
Registration  
Begins  
Aug. 16

# Hartley Nature

## TRAX

Trail Run

2010

5k &  
10k

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

**5k - 10k - Kids Critter Races | Conquer the Rock Family Hike**

**Something for everyone to enjoy.**

**Registration & Event Information - [www.hartleynature.org/naturetrax](http://www.hartleynature.org/naturetrax)**



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Contact Race Director for questions: [www.hartleynaturetrax@charter.net](mailto:www.hartleynaturetrax@charter.net)

## Homeschool Registration

Begins August 16



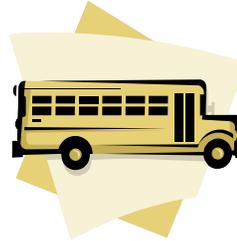
It's almost that time...time to start thinking about getting geared up for Fall.

Yes, yes... I can almost hear the collective \*sigh.\* However, with the approach of Fall comes a full schedule at Hartley, which means it's time to start thinking about getting registered, and getting excited about, all the cool and exciting classes coming up!

**You can now complete registration and health forms online to print and mail in.**

For registration forms and more information, visit our website:  
[www.hartleynature.org](http://www.hartleynature.org)

## School Field Trips



Hartley Nature Center serves school and youth groups all year long with a variety of seasonally appropriate classes, pre-K through college. Classes are two hours in length for all groups except preschool, and include offer-

ings about the environment, outdoor skills and teamwork, and sustainable technologies.

Hartley offers special rates for qualifying schools, as well as transportation scholarships for local schools, while funds last.

Check our website in September for the current Hartley Happenings 2010-2011 teacher newsletter for more details, including basic field trip information such as scheduling, costs, scholarships and incentives.



# YOUTH FALL OUTDOOR EXPO



**Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm**  
**At the Duluth Retriever Club**

**FREE EVENT**

- Trap Shooting
- Laser Shooting
- Archery
- Upland Dog Demos
- Water Dog Demos

- Waterfowl Hunting Demos
- Wetlands Ecology Education
- Hunter Safety Education
- Boat and Water Safety
- Duck and Goose Calling Demos

Conservation Partners:

- Delta Waterfowl
- Pheasants Forever
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- MN Deer Hunters Association

**FREE EVENT**

- MN Trappers Association
- MN DNR
- US Coast Guard

**Limited to the first 100 Kids 7 and older. Pre-registration required by Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mentors required for all participants. Call Darrell Spencer at 724.4226 or email [ds@leaveatrail.biz](mailto:ds@leaveatrail.biz).**



# Saturday Sprites

Monthly Saturday program for families with kids ages 2-5. Do fun things together as a family one Saturday a month from October-April.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Check our website for dates and topics to come.**

A few of the things we did last year:



- Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Ice Fishing
- Winter Camp
- Make Apple Cider
- Arts & Crafts

## Nature Nook

Weekly public program for pre-school kids ages 2-5 and an accompanying adult. Read a story, make an art project and go for a hike together!



**Every Monday 10-11:30**  
**Every Tuesday 10-11:30**

### Nature Nook Fall Book Schedule

August 2-3, 2010	It's a Hummingbird's Life	Irene Kelly
August 9-10, 2010	Mississippi Going North	Sanna Anderson Farnsworth
August 16-17, 2010	Water Dance	Thomas Locker
August 23-24, 2010	Loon Lake	Jonathon London
August 30-31, 2010	Recycle Everyday	Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
September 7, 2010	Over in the Meadow	Olive A. Wadsworth

## Hartley's Wish List:

1. 2 blenders
2. Cardboard tubes from wrapping paper
3. Glass carboy
4. Dehydrator

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, they will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



## **Howl-O-Ween!**

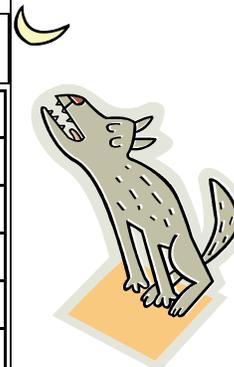
**Saturday, October 30**

For families with kids  
birth-age 8

**Crafts**  
**Treats**  
**Outdoor Critters**  
**Spooky Fun**

**Check our website for event details.**

Registration for this event is required.



## Wildflower Walk



Join us for our last guided evening wildflower walk where we'll stroll through Hartley Park, stopping to check what's blooming or who's singing. Learn tips on how to identify plants, fun folklore tidbits and check out some of the treasures of Hartley Park. All ages are invited (kids please be accompanied by an adult).

**Wednesday 6-8pm  
August 18**

\$4 members, \$6 non-members  
KIDS are FREE!

Questions? Call us! 218-724-6735

## Volunteer Evenings in the Butterfly Garden

Two Thursday evenings each month we host a volunteer project within our gardens here at Hartley Nature Center and would love to have you join us! Our evenings will be spent in either our Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden or Water Garden weeding, labeling plants, spreading mulch or planting new baby plants. Come to see what's blooming in the gardens and get to know your fellow Hartley supporters. All ages are invited (kids please be accompanied by an adult). No experience necessary, just come and join us.

**Thursday, August 5, 6-8 pm  
Thursday, August 15, 6-8 pm  
Thursday, September 2, 6-8 pm  
Thursday, September 16, 6-8 pm**



## Adults Night Out

### Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.

Our weekly programs delve into a variety of topics from natural landscaping to mushroom identification to scientific studies and much more. Many programs are geared towards adults but the whole family is welcome.

**Check our website for the fall schedule.**

All programs are free for Hartley members, a \$4 goodwill donation is asked of others. These programs are presented by the Duluth Audubon Society, The Izaak Walton League and Wild Ones.

## WHO WE ARE

### Board of Directors

Bruce Munson, Chair; Amy Brooks, Vice Chair; Curt Albertson, Treasurer; Dehlia Seim, Secretary; Tim Howard, City Liaison; Becky Meyer; Kurt Lange; Aziz Faisal Al-Arfaj; Kristina Arch; Rob Marohn; John Schmidt; Dawn Bloom; Catherine Long; Tim Buck; John Paulson

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## HARTLEY NATURE CENTER

[WWW.HARTLEYNATURE.ORG](http://WWW.HARTLEYNATURE.ORG)

Plant some seeds that will continue to grow...and grow...and GROW! Giving to Hartley is a gift that continues to offer children the opportunity to grow and learn outdoors. Members are admitted to Hartley programs and events for free or at a reduced price, they get a discount in our store, receive the Hart Beat newsletter and invitations to special events.

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E-Mail (For program updates) \_\_\_\_\_

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- **\$250 Eagle - long range vision**
- **\$100 White Pine - solid support**
- **\$50 Beaver - family membership**
- **\$35 Dragonfly - individuals**
- **\$15 Seedling - full-time students**

**Please send your check payable to: Hartley Nature Center 3001 Woodland Avenue, Duluth, MN 55803 Mastercard or VISA accepted by phone, or fill out form and mail to the address above.**

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**Thank You!**

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Jim Rhude - \$3300 Butterfly Garden & Park Stewardship Intern Program  
Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation - \$11,100 in match for 3 Americorp positions  
Mary Pulford - \$1000 camp scholarship  
MN Power Foundation - \$3250 school programming  
Rotary Club 25 - \$1500 boardwalks for North Tischer Trail  
SAPPI - \$1000 Youth Outdoor Expo sponsorship



### WHY NATIVE PLANTS?

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## HABITAT HERE! A *Wild Ones* FESTIVAL

Learn to create a haven for native plants, birds and butterflies in your yard

SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2010  
10 AM-3 PM  
FREE!

### SPEAKERS

- 11:15 **Chickadee Habitat**  
by **Laura Erickson**,  
*Cornell Ornithology Lab  
Science Editor*
- 1:15 **Native Plants**  
by **Ron Bowen**,  
*President and Founder of  
Prairie Restorations*