



Kinship Konnections

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Kinship Bike Ride May 19th

Dust off your helmets, pump up the tires and RSVP for the bike ride to Dorset for PIZZA!

This SUNDAY, May 19th

4:00 Start biking *

**5:00 FREE PIZZA at Dorset House
Ice cream treats & head home**

Bike helmets required for all riders! Let me know by Thursday if you need one and we will ask others to bring any extras they may have.

***START** from Heartland Park in **PR**, Muskie Park in **Nevis OR Dorset** itself.

Heartland Park to Dorset is about 6 miles, Muskie Park to Dorset is 4 miles. Still not sure of your endurance? You can start in Dorset and head either direction for about half as far as you want to go, then turn around and head back!

There will be a sag wagon on call. I'll give you a # when I have a volunteer!

On ARRIVAL in Dorset, you are free to visit shops, play miniature golf (news flash! Open Sunday—FREE for Kinship kids; \$4.50 for adults. 18 holes), ride more on the trail, or head directly to the Dorset House restaurant. We'll have board games available from 4:00 until pizza is served at 5 pm.

FOOD: pizza buffet with lemonade or iced tea. Then, everyone can have a free single dip cone. Lots of varieties. Yum!!!

In case of **inclement weather:** Report to the Dorset House at 4:00 pm for Board games until Pizza at 5:00! Rain or shine, snow or wind, there WILL be a group activity on Sunday, May 19th. Mentors must RSVP!

Summer Group Activities

Kamp Kinship is back!

Saturday, June 22, time to be determined

Spruce Hill Campground Rain date: Sunday, June 23

Plan to Swim, Fish, Canoe, Paddleboat, Play Volleyball, Tetherball, Basketball, Frisbee Golf, enjoy a Campfire Meal, and more!

Bring: swim suit, towel(s), sun screen, and appetite!

Get Ready for Fun Summer Swim Parties!

For elementary age kids and mentors:

Monday, July 15th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

David & Amy Andersen's: 14206 Eagle Pointe Dr, PR
Campfire dinner with S'mores!

Swimming & Yard Games

Bring: Swim Suit, Towel & appetite!

or

For middle & high schoolers and mentors:

Tuesday, July 16th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Fred & Karen Lundstrom's: 21530 County 80, Nevis
Picnic Dinner with Ice Cream Bar dessert

Swimming & Pontoon Boat Ride

Bring: Swim Suit, Towel, Life Jacket & Appetite!

Kinship Day at Evergreen Gifts & Fun Park!

Wednesday, August 7

Kinship Kids 1:30—3:00 pm (Finished grades 1-4)

Kinship Youth 5:30—7:00 pm (Finished grades 5 & up)

Or whichever time works best for kids and mentors.

FREE Wristbands for kids & mentors to unlimited activities (some age and size limits apply for specific activities) including:

Batting Cages	Bumper Boats	Laser Maze
Climbing Wall	Water Wars	Miniature Golf
Go Carts	Super Bounce	Extreme Air Jump
Outdoor maze	Power Wheels	Mineral Mining
Train Ride	Remember, Kinship Kids Say Thanks!	



Kyron and Kiley show off the face painting while working at the Kinship Fish Fry. Thanks, volunteers for helping raise \$2500 for Kinship!

ARTS & CULTURE for Kinship Kids

Thanks to a grant from Operation RoundUp of Itasca Mantrap Electric, **up to 30 Kinship mentors** can take their kids to a play at Long Lake Theatre or a musical by the Northern Light Opera this summer—and out to a nice sit-down restaurant! ***You must call or email Kinship to sign up.***

You and your mentee will be able to choose from Long Lake Theater plays:

“The Odd Couple” by Neil Simon, playing June 12 to July 13. This classic comedy features clean-freak Felix Unger and the ultimate slob, Oscar Madison as unlikely roommates.

“The Dixie Swim Club” by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, playing July 17 to August 17. Five Southern women set aside a long weekend every August to catch up, laugh, and meddle in each other’s lives. Especially appropriate for older girls.

Northern Light Opera productions:

“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” plays July 12, 13, 18, 19 at 7:30 pm and July 14 & 20 at 3 pm.

Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “Carousel” plays July 26, 27, Aug 1, 2 at 7:30 pm, July 28 & Aug 3 at 3 pm.

Those who make reservations for a performance will be given \$15 to \$20* Chamber bucks to use at local Chamber member restaurants like The Good Life Café, Bella Caffé, Companeros, Dorset House, LaPasta, Necce’s Italian, Blueberry Pines or the Y Steak House.

You could go out for lunch before a matinee performance, or dinner or dessert before or after an evening show. The idea is for you and your mentor to experience eating out at a nice sit-down restaurant, enjoying some great food and having the fun of watching a live theater performance. Bravo for the arts!

Bon appetite! Enjoy the show!

PS Call Kinship to participate!

Mileage Reimbursement for Senior Mentors

Mentors aged 55 and better could receive the following benefits IF you tell Jennifer you are interested AND are willing to provide monthly email report of Kinship miles and hours:

- Mileage reimbursement of \$.18/mile (minimum of \$3 and maximum of \$20 each month)
- Secondary insurance (accident, volunteer & auto liability)

Interested? Call Jennifer at 732-0058 and start keeping track of the number of hours you spend each month with your Kinship kid and how many miles you drive mentoring.

Don’t want the bother? Remember, if you itemize on your taxes, you can claim volunteer miles.

Community Garage Sale June 22 at Fairgrounds

The Park Rapid Lions Club (a Kinship supporter) is now accepting garage sale donations to raise funds for community projects . Please consider donating your good usable items—household goods, yard equipment, sporting goods, clean clothing, working electronics and more. Call regarding adding large consignment items too. For info on drop site call 651-808-3701 (local).



Cameron and his Kinship mentor, Fred Lundstrom, had a great catch of walleye with MN Viking, Audie Cole (far left) and GFO fishing guide, Jeremy Anderson (far right).

Other Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, June 19 ~ Kinship benefit Mini-Golf

Tournament at Evergreen Gifts & Fun Park

Saturday, June 22 ~ Park Rapids Lions Club Garage Sale at Hubbard County Fairgrounds

Saturday, August 24 ~ Kinship Amazing Chase