Redesigned Website

Over the years we’ve been very lucky to have a wonderful volunteer, Nancy Chick, help design and continuously update our website. Her long hours and ability to quickly update our site have been appreciated more than we could ever show her. Thanks Nancy! However, due to tightening schedules and ever advancing technologies, we’ve (Nancy and Hunt Hill) decided to hire Tice Technologies to redesign our website.

After a few months and a lot of hours, we are happy to announce that our new website is up and running. A few new features include: a calendar of events for each month (this can be found under Experience Hunt Hill), photo galleries, an online form to register for information or to get onto our email lists, an interactive map, a Publications link (under About Hunt Hill) where you can download our newsletters, program guide, camp information, flyers for upcoming programs and so much more! Please be sure to check it out at www.hunthill.org!

Some of the new features on the website will allow us to save money by printing and mailing out less materials. So, starting this issue, people will be able to read our newsletter online! To find the newsletters, go to www.hunthill.org. At the top of the page, click on ‘About Hunt Hill.’ On the right hand side of the ‘About Hunt Hill’ page, click on the ‘Publications’ tab. Newsletters are located on the publications page.

If you would like email reminders when a new newsletter is posted or would like to continue receiving a paper copy of our newsletter please contact Karen at info@hunthill.org or call 715 635 6543.

Quick Hint for the new website: To find a topic in a hurry, just scroll to the bottom of the website to find a list of all the pages available on our site. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to email Nikki at program@hunthill.org.
Ramblings from the Hill

Greetings from Hunt Hill –

Just reciting a list of the recent accomplishments at Hunt Hill doesn’t tell the whole story of how our summer went this year. A slow start had us worried a bit; but it changed over to an enthusiastic rally, and finished strongly with the innovative programs introduced this year.

Early on, our summer 2009 week-long overnight (residential) camps really took a hit. The reality of a poor economy, and the resulting lack of sign-ups, forced us to cancel the Swedish Immersion Camp, then our Adult Ecology week, and finally two of the three weeks of Spanish Immersion.

Outstanding day camp sign-ups (including two new weeks of day camps in August), plus the “Eco-Adventures,” “Grand Adventures,” “Dinner & A Movie,” and “Grill-At-the-Hill” programs all helped to fill the void. But just as important were the big Cakes-At-the-Lake programs and a new, second University of Wisconsin - Green Bay Upward Bound program with about 45 campers and staff at Hunt Hill for five days.

These Upward Bound programs encourage high school students from around the upper mid-west to continue their education beyond high school. And while they’re at Hunt Hill we have an opportunity to help connect them to nature more closely. Most of them are from metropolitan areas and have never had an opportunity to spend any time in an outdoor setting like Hunt Hill.

Their experiences at Hunt Hill have many times been dramatically life changing, and wonderful for our staff to witness.

I have often wished that every Friend of Hunt Hill could listen to their stories in their own words and see the tears as they pack up to leave camp. They arrive - skeptical about being in the “wilderness” with all the darkness, and bugs, and strange sounds at night; and a week later they’re “veterans” of the big woods and so sad to be leaving.

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20th Reunion of Past Friends of Hunt Hill
Board of Directors

As the great novelist William Faulkner once observed, “The past is not dead. It’s not even passed.”

This now classic adage came to mind Saturday evening, June 19, 2009 at a dinner gathering of current and past Friends of Hunt Hill Board members of the old “Audubon Camp of Wisconsin” near Sarona, Wisconsin. During a very enlightening round table discussion during and after the meal, all were reminded that life and times at the camp were not always easy. The economic pressures of the 1970’s and 80’s brought crises that challenged and threatened camp administrators and board members with extinction of the facility. Challenges that, although the camp is on much firmer footing economically today, remain quite alive in the minds of today’s Hunt Hill staff and supporters.

In 1954, Frances Andrews donated the family farm home, barn, cabins, and property called Hunt Hill on

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the south end of Big Devil’s Lake in Washburn County to the National Audubon Society. The understanding coming with the gift was that the camp would be preserved to serve as a permanent education and nature appreciation center for future generations, with an emphasis on participation maximally by children and young families. This facility was called Audubon Camp of Wisconsin at Hunt Hill. Ed Brigham brought his young family, including daughter Jennifer and son Mark, on assignment for the National Audubon Society to manage the facility near Sarona.

Under repeated recessionary pressures of several seasons, the Wisconsin facility was driven into an economic deficit, until the camp at Hunt Hill was closed and threatened with sales of the land and all its assets. After a shutdown lasting three years, the camp reopened in 1989 under the dedicated tutelage of the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, and the newly reopened facility was christened the Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary.

The camp’s first new executive director in 1989 was the young Jennifer Brigham who, with her husband Dan Beebe and their son Cameron, attended the June 19, 2009 reunion dinner. So vital was their belief in the importance of Hunt Hill to the proper education of young people about the study and preservation of the natural kingdom that husband Dan left secure employment in another city to assist his wife at revitalizing the facility. The old farm chicken coop served as the new administrator’s office. Another childhood camp occupant, Jennifer’s brother Mark, served as board treasurer and helped to secure the camp’s proper economic footing. Their stories underscored for all of us at that June, 2009 evening the risks that young people will take for something they really believe in.

Linnea Olesen, a past Hunt Hill board member and board president, attended as well and reminded us that such a commitment that these young persons made with their creative energies at Hunt Hill was comparable to the work of Peace Corp and Vista volunteers.

We also observed that, earlier that very June Saturday morning, a record 215 persons, many of them children, attended the increasingly popular “Cakes at the Lake” scientific presentation on eagles at Hunt Hill. One must assume that young future Hunt Hill board members, and perhaps a future executive director of the camp, sat excitedly in attendance, enthralled at the presence of such a beautiful and grand guest bird.

-Gus Stelzer, Hunt Hill Board Member

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Please Consider Hunt Hill in Your Planned Giving

Donate now for the future - a gift to the Hunt Hill Sanctuary is a smart investment that makes a difference by focusing on the pivotal time of childhood, where the payoff is forever.

Gifts to Hunt Hill directly support our environment and hands-on exhibits and programs that celebrate and encourage children’s imaginations and the power of the outdoors as a major cornerstone of learning. As a non-government, privately funded non-profit institution we must rely on the support and generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations.

Please donate today to the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in the State of Wisconsin, by contacting us at: info@hunthill.org; or phoning us at: (715)-635-6543.

Thank you for recognizing that gifts of support for children and nature are an investment in our environment, as well as our families, our community and our future.

Thank you.
2009 Annual Meeting

Join with friends, board and staff for the Friends of Hunt Hill annual meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 27. We will elect board members, review the year, look over the annual report, recognize volunteers and share a potluck dinner. Speaker and times will be announced on the website late in August.

August

Upcoming Programs

Sunday August 16-
Friday August 21

“Time of Your Life” Spanish Immersion for Adults
Week long camp perfect for all language levels, our certified instructors work with you in small groups based on your proficiency level. Learn more than the language - delve into issues affecting peoples of the Americas, songs, dances, cook Spanish recipes, socialize, hike, canoe and swim on crystal clear lakes. This year credit or CEU available through UW-BC for additional fee. Cost: $525/person. Single room additional $55. Bring a friend discount of $50. See website at www.hunthill.org for details.

Cakes at the Lake - White Deer - Jeffrey Richter
All you can eat pancake breakfast followed by a presentation by Jeff Richter, photographer for White Deer: Ghosts of the Forest. Albino whitetail deer are rare and Jeff Richter has spent time ‘hunting’ these deer with his camera and committing hundreds of images to film over many years. Great multi-generational programming and great food. Adults $6; children 5-12 $3; children under 5 are free.

Eco-Adventure #8  Advanced Family Canoeing
This second canoeing event is a daylong paddling adventure on the Namekagon River, just north of Hunt Hill. Bring a lunch and binoculars as we paddle downstream, learn a few maneuvering techniques and enjoy the wildlife and beauty of this wild and scenic river. Cost: $5/person plus additional fee if we provide canoe/transport of canoe.

Grill at the Hill with Campfire Stories
Enjoy a grilled picnic style dinner (burgers, hotdogs, hobo style vegetable medley - all made with local foods when possible), the company of neighbors and friends, plus a free environmental program! Serving starts at 5:30pm and presentations begin at 7pm. Cost: Adults $9; children 5-12/$5; children under 5/$1. RSVP helpful to prepare food.

GRAND Adventure - Tracking and Birding
Grandparents! Bring your grandkids and find out- Is it a dog or coyote? A cat or cougar? Learn how to identify animal tracks and signs that will help you learn what you are tracking. Then off to the woods to put your new found knowledge and skills to use. Cost: $10/person or $35/family.

Mad Scientist Day Campers with Kelly Winnum
Cakes at the Lake—John Haack on Wild Rice
All you can eat pancake breakfast followed by a presentation by John Haack, UW Extension St Croix Basin Natural Resources Educator on wild rice history, gathering, and maybe even share some preparation techniques and recipes. Great multi-generational programming and great food. Adults $6; children 5-12 $3; children under 5 are free.

Eco-Adventure #9 Backpacking
If you have ever envied those hearty souls who have hiked the “big trails,” like the Appalachian or Ice Age Trail, and long to get out into the woods for an extended saunter, come to Hunt Hill and learn how it is done by an expert. A crafty veteran of the trail will share basic equipment, training, and cooking techniques that you can procure and work on over the winter to start your big hike in the future. Deadline – Registration must be received by September 14th

Dinner and a Movie “Into the Wild”
Watch the film adaptation of John Krakauer’s gripping book Into the Wild based on the real-life adventures of Christopher McCandless. Following his college graduation, McCandless left behind all associations of his prior life and traveled around the U.S before finally heading off into the Alaskan wilderness to live off the land. A discussion about McCandless’ motivations, actions and legacy will follow the movie. Dinner: Pizza, garlic bread, beverages, and movie snacks. Cost $8 per person

Friends of Hunt Hill Annual Meeting
Calling all Friends of Hunt Hill to attend the Annual Meeting. Join neighbors and friends in the dining hall, learn what has been going on at Hunt Hill, elect new Board Directors, eat good food, and enjoy a special program by a featured speaker to be announced via website later.

Eco-Adventure #10—Outdoor Photography
Are you interested in capturing the changing of the seasons and the splash of fall colors? Practice makes perfect and photography is no exception. Come and practice your skills with hands-on assistance from our educators and learn the tips that will help you get those memorable images. Bring your own camera and extra batteries …digital or film. Cost: $5 Eco-Adventure fee

Trail of Myths
Bring the family and learn and laugh through this theatrical production. You will encounter a variety of wildlife with their entertaining tales of real life in the forest. Our cast of characters is sure to captivate you! You may want to join the cast - be a volunteer critter with your family! Visitors may arrive at any time to take the guided hike along the Trail of Myths between noon and 4pm. When you have finished your hike, enjoy refreshments and crafts. A perfect activity for church, scout, and neighborhood play groups. Cost: $5/person or $15/family. Call ahead for a special price if bringing a large group.

Eco Adventure #11—Wildlife Detectives Sign Tracking
Ever wonder what those tracks were leading away from your garbage, found a pile of scat, or wondered about a hoot you heard in the night? Join Hunt Hill as we discuss how to identify animal signs then we’ll test our knowledge by hitting the trails to search for animal signs, tracks and scat. Cost: $5 Eco-Adventure fee
Eco-Adventure #12—Ice Fishing

Whether you are an experienced ice fisherman or brand new to the ‘sport’ join Hunt Hill staff as we head down to our lakes to see what’s biting. Learn how to set tip-ups, picking a location, proper bait and even drill a hole! We’ll have hot cocoa and snacks along with a warm location to warm up if needed. Cost: $5 Eco-Adventure fee

December
Saturday, December 12
1pm – 3pm

Nikki’s Musings

Wow! Its crazy that summer is already coming to an end. Where did the time go? Oh yeah, it was spent chasing around campers, singing songs and teaching them a thing or two about nature! It was a great summer! I blame most of our success on the amazing summer staff. The staff all added special characteristics to camp: Park was always doing silly things to keep the kids laughing, Elizabeth knew so many amazing camp songs, Pahoua always offered a friendly smile, Kelly kept swim time fun, and Kyle had an uncanny ability to connect with the campers!

In between camps, the staff also worked on the program learning center displays. The area now features a slightly new layout, a lot more information and fun hands-on learning stations. Visitors are encouraged to learn more about nature through interactive displays like scat and mammal matching games, a track pit, bird nest ‘I spy’ and microscopes for close examination of select insects. In addition, visitors can now learn more about butterfly rearing, insect homes, soils, fungi and skulls. Be sure to stop by and check it out!

In addition to working on the program learning center, and creating and leading camps the staff were also involved in a few local parades. Dressed as animals, we walked Camerama, Aquafest, Musky Fest and the Bluegill fest dressed as some of our favorite forest friends! In addition to the staff, we also had some wonderful volunteers who helped us hand out flyers. If you are interested in helping with a parade next year, contact me at program@hunthill.org.

With summer coming to a close, I am gearing up for fall programs. We still have Ecoadventures, a Grand Adventure, one more Dinner and a Movie, another Grill at the Hill and school groups. Now that our new website is up, be sure to check out all the new programs under the Experience Hunt Hill link.

I guess that’s all I have for now. Thanks to the staff, participants, campers, visitors, volunteers and friends that made this summer so wonderful.
Donations

Our thanks to the following individuals and organizations whose generous contributions help make Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary a success.

Paul and Maryann Amacher  Walt Reul  Christine and Dan Rice
Mary Nelson  Kevin McMullin and  Tony Korthals and Family
Storme and Dawn Nelson  Karen Kaufman  Judy and Mark Brigham
Carlotta and Eugene Romsos  The Garden Shed  Paul Finger
Carol and Don Buckman  Katty Shack Restaurant  In Memory of Dorothy McIlquham:
Randy and Linda Poznanski  Long Lake Bait and Tackle  Kathleen Serley
Wayne and Barb Sabatke  Long Lake Woodland Crafts
William and Jan Wood  Sandy’s Reel-Em Inn
Bill and Jean Hoveland  Rollingwood Nursery

Kudos and Thanks to Hunt Hill Volunteers

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Wow! We’ve gotten so much accomplished this summer and it’s all our volunteer’s fault. First it started off with a great guy, Tony, showing up one day at Hunt Hill to ask if there was anything he could do to help us out since he was in town for the summer. Two days later and with the help of 1-3 of his friends the bog boardwalk was completely disassembled! Then, we had a wonderful youth group from Roberts volunteer a morning of hard work as they moved all the old boards out of the bog. In July UW-Green Bay’s Regional Center for Math and Science group conducted a service project during their stay here. They successfully brought down to the bog all the new boards for the new bog boardwalk. Hooray!

In addition to donations in the form of manual labor, we’ve also had people volunteer to sweat it out in lovely animal costumes for a few local parades! Last but just as important, I’d like to thank all the staff that volunteered extra time this summer. Even with their busy schedules, staff still found time to help each other out, work on extra Hunt Hill projects and take part in the parades. Thanks to everyone!

Thank you to the following who have been our faithful volunteers since the end of April, 2009:

Park Taylor  Rhona Schuebel  Nicole Nelson
Sue and Mike Schroeder  Carolyn Cleveland  Adrianna and Alissa Young
Jan Bliss  Linnea Olesen  Krissi Hoffmann
Denny, Bernie, and  Georgia Dettmers  Kodiak Koessl
Charlotte Snarski  Dawn and Storme Nelson  Sean McMahon
Carlotta and Gene Romsos  Linda Thompson  Elvina Thompson
Tim McRaith  Marilyn Vig  Linda Romsos
Gary and Arda Davis  Jodi Olmstead  Roberts United Church of Christ
Jaida Couture  Jed Nelson  Becky Knapmiller
Janine Rueter  Tonya and Christopher Jahnke  Shawn Tisdell
Sue Menzel  Taylor Page and family  Ashley Enoch
Becky Lambert  Karen Kress  Jennifer Rothe
John and Judy Neste  Tony Korthals  Terri Sabby
Lynn Lambert  David Mancini  Fresh Start-Sawyer County
Nina Harrington  Mary Thostenson (Americorps)
Amber and Judy Fischer  Sean Murphy  John Pisa
Nick Muen  Mike Mancini
Tony Lyne  Jeremy Reed
Librarian Needed

We are very fortunate to have books donated for our Hunt Hill library and to have had two volunteer librarians, Jean Rasmussen and Judy Nelson, cataloging and shelving the books. They are no longer able to do this so we are looking for folks who have the time to come spend a few afternoons putting our new books onto the shelves. Contact Nikki at program@hunthill.org or 715 635 6543 if you can help.

Gifts? Think Nature Store

When trying to figure out what to give for birthdays and the holidays, think Friends of Hunt Hill Nature Store. We are open on request during the week 9am to 3pm and during or after scheduled programs. As a member you receive a 10% discount at the store—be sure to mention to the clerk that you are a member.

We have many types of nature oriented gifts for youth through adults...puzzles, jewelry, note cards, books, games, nature themed t-shirts, Hunt Hill water bottles, t-shirts and hats. There are many perfect stocking stuffer type gifts. Think ahead to your gift giving needs, shop at Hunt Hill and support our environmental education programming.

Costa Rica Eco Tour

January 2010

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary will once again be offering an eco-tour to Costa Rica in January 2010. Our tour leader will be our Spanish Immersion Camp Director Marco Mena, who comes from Costa Rica! Please plan now to join us!

This exciting opportunity – to see the natural wonders of Costa Rica; to live with a Costa Rican host family for an immersion experience in Hispanic culture, foods, and history; and to help raise funds for environmental programs at Hunt Hill – will also help us to meet the international good will and understanding part of our mission as requested by Francis Andrews.

Dates and costs will be finalized later, but our intention will be to travel during the first part of January, so teachers and students may participate. The trip will be eight days – at an estimated cost of $1900 per person, NOT including airfare.

Itinerary stops will include the following: INBIO National Park, Coffee Britt Plantation, Cartago and the beautiful Orosi Valley with its active volcanoes, Poas Volcano National Park, capital city San Jose and its main shopping square the Plaza de la Cultura, and the Manuel Antonio National Park and beach. There will be many opportunities to see tropical birds, butterflies, and flowers for all!!

To learn more contact Nikki at: program@hunthill.org or 715 635 6543
New Cooperative Y.E.S. Grant

Starting this fall, local kids will get more deeply involved through Hunt Hill in understanding how and why we need to protect our water resources.

“Y.E.S.” stands for Youth Ecology Stewardship – a cooperative grant effort between Hunt Hill, the Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Association, and the Long Lake Preservation Association. It’s aim is to expand water resource based environmental hands-on fieldtrips in Washburn County to help additional youth connect with nature; and, most importantly, give something back to our environment.

By now you may have heard about the cooperative DNR Lake Management Planning grant applied for back in February, 2009. It will attempt to more effectively use our area’s limited money and volunteer resources with matching funds from this grant.

All three volunteer organizations involved are located in Washburn County, all serve families, all share environmental ideals and concerns, and they each share many duplicate members in the others’ organizations. But they also have significantly different resources and unique areas of expertise to contribute to the grant partnership and its impact on our kids.

All of our natural resources - the very environment we’re blessed and proud to live in - are threatened by overuse, abuse, human ignorance, and the need for protection against outside threats like aquatic invasives. The key to reducing these threats will be found in our young people: educating them, involving their families, winning them over, and encouraging youth stewardship activities.

Yet many of the young families who live in this wild region year round struggle with rural poverty and income levels are among the lowest in the state. The shrinking economy, reduced school budgets, increasing transportation costs, and strained family budgets have all negatively impacted school fieldtrips and outdoor education or eliminated them entirely.

It has also become widely recognized that youth are disconnecting from nature*. These same youth will become future decision-makers, sitting on town councils and county boards that will impact land use planning. We may all suffer the consequences of poor choices affecting the quality of our land and water made by those whom, as youth, never became intimate with nature. Let’s all work towards a more positive future by helping kids understand nature now.

*See Last Child In the Woods, by Richard Louv

Please Contribute To Our Hunt Hill Endowment

The FOHHAS (Friends of the Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary) Board of Directors made a decision several years ago to start a local endowment for the benefit of the Hunt Hill Sanctuary, our members, and our visitors. It was set up so that the endowment principal is not to be spent - only the earnings. The total value of the endowment must exceed $50,000 before any money can be used. The FOHHAS Endowment was up to about $16,000; but it’s now at $11,000, as a result of the poor economy last year. So, Hunt Hill could use your help to build it back up.

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We wish we had...

MACHINERY
*Walk behind trail trimmer
Skid steer/bobcat

KITCHEN
Full size sheet pans
Electric meat slicer
Extra large grill for pancake breakfasts
*Sources for unbleached paper products
Rectangular, flannel back vinyl tablecloths

PROGRAM SUPPLIES
*Kayaks—1 & 2 person
*Kayak paddles
Ponchos
Snowshoes—assorted sizes
Volleyballs
GPS system—6 of the same
Display cabinets for Learning Center
Adult Lifejackets
*Telephone poles or landscape timbers, 4x4s, 4x6s
*DVD player

TOOLS
Loppers, pruning shears
Shovels
Deepwell sockets
*2 ton floor jack
Wood clamps
Pipe Clamps
Pick axe
Belt sander
Drill bits
Heavy tined garden rakes
Drill press
Table saw
Hole saws—all sizes
18V battery operated drill

BUILDINGS
New 9V batteries
*Compact fluorescent bulbs (75 or 100 watts)
Wooden porch swing
New/new condition area rugs- 6x9 or 9x12
Queen and/or full mattress covers/pads

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Frances Andrews (the original donor of Hunt Hill), in her wisdom, set aside $250,000 in an endowment at the National Audubon Society when she donated the Hunt Hill property, and an unknown amount at the Minneapolis Foundation when she died. Both were to help prepare for the future of Hunt Hill. Still, her investments only paid 32% of our annual operating costs in 2008.

Now you can make a difference!
Demonstrate your love of nature by setting a wonderful example
Unspoiled natural resources, rare plants and animals; and peaceful, quiet sanctuaries like Hunt Hill need to be protected
New generations of our children and grandchildren should experience the peace of connecting with nature. Strengthen our financial independence and well-being, and help us be less subject to economic pressures beyond our control.
Contributions, large or small, to our endowment in the past have primarily come from individuals in the form of bequests in wills, cash donations, life insurance additional beneficiaries, stock gifts, honoraria of friends or family, or memorials for loved ones. Contributions to our non-profit organization are tax deductible. Estate planning with your tax advisor, attorney, or accountant may result in other savings for you.
Would you please consider making Hunt Hill one of your future beneficiaries? If you have questions, please contact us. Thank you for your consideration.
It’s never too late to change a life.
Major Improvements At Hunt Hill This Summer

This has been a busy spring and summer full of improvements at Hunt Hill including: the Bog Boardwalk, the Farmhouse reroofing, the Long Dorm painting and wallpaper borders, the Coop foundation, new furniture in the cabins, the camp artwork protection efforts, the Showerhouse crawlspace steps, a new donated van, and the all of the many improvements in the Program Learning Center. Please check them out on your next visit.

As of this newsletter deadline the educational Bog Boardwalk on Lower Twin Lake (not Dory’s Bog) was about 50% rebuilt with new white oak lumber donated by Walt Reul and with labor from a crew of about a dozen volunteers and Hunt Hill staff. (See photos)

The Farmhouse Camp Office has been re-roofed and made more bat-proof! There is also a new front door on the Farmhouse. This leaves the east side porch remodeling and the exterior cedar siding as the only major repairs yet needed at the Farmhouse.

Earlier this summer Colette re-painted the interior of every room in Long Dorm, with some help from Larry and a few others moving furniture in and out of rooms, and washing the ceilings and walls. The new colors in each room along with new wallpaper borders completes the much-needed upgrades of the dorms.

A big thanks goes to Carolyn Cleveland who got all of the camp artwork (over 25 pieces) evaluated, re-matted, and re-framed – an outstanding and also much-needed effort to highlight and protect Hunt Hill’s wildlife art collection.

The Coop’s broken up concrete foundation, the Showerhouse bulging concrete block stairway wall, and the heaved concrete floor in the Program Learning Center were all safely repaired.

Don and Carol Buckman, of Shell Lake donated a like-new silver Caravan to Hunt Hill with only 16,000 miles on the odometer! What a wonderful gift to help transport our campers – thank you Don and Carol!

Finally, in the Program Learning Center we have a new snack counter area, a new storage room, a new summer program staff office, new nature displays, more space for Cakes-At-the-Lake programs, and some wonderful interactive displays by our 2009 summer staff for all our visitors – young and old alike.