From the Director,

Frances Andrews said, “It is good to live with large and old trees.” This sentiment is one that I hold dear and just one of the reasons Hunt Hill is so special to me. So when we had the incredible opportunity to address a number of inadequacies and safety issues that our buildings and layout presented, it was with much reflection, review of Frances’ wishes and research that we developed our improvement plan.

Before beginning these projects, I reached out to Marjorie Savage and Mya Coursey. These women have spent over a decade researching the life of Frances Andrews. I wanted to get their impression of how Frances might have reacted to our decisions to change the landscape in order to address our issues. Their insight was clear, Frances understood the need for change (she had approved National Audubon altering the lands of Hunt Hill to create the camp in the first place), but also expected thoughtfulness in conservation of wild places.

To be thoughtful of the wild places we pledged to protect, each project that we’ve taken on has included efforts to mitigate impact on the environment and also work to protect these places. We did this in a number of ways.

When we determined that a driveway reroute was needed, we researched various routes and looked at the impact of each location. Ultimately, we settled on the route that was shortest, but did require the removal of trees. The road was designed to avoid the oldest trees. As a result of its location, we were able to bury power down the middle of the new driveway so that the overhead lines could be removed from the middle of our forest. With the overhead lines removed, we are excited to watch as the forest reestablishes itself in this once disrupted location.

When we improved our parking lots, we chose to remove trees that had extensive decay or were leaning over the current parking and posed a serious risk to participant and property safety. These same trees were cut by past Director, Storme Nelson and used for a firewood fundraiser.

The new maintenance shop was placed at the edge of the parking lot and did require some tree removal and leveling. This location allowed us to easily tap into our septic system and avoid disrupting wild land to bring power and water since we were able to bring it under the parking lot. We were also able to salvage the holding tank from the program garage (a larger one was required at the garage to handle the new system demands) to use at the shop.

Our largest project has been the program garage remodel and addition, which has had the least impact on the land. By choosing to remodel our existing building, we are able to utilize less material and prevent perfectly good materials from going to the landfill. The addition has been designed to be built on already disturbed land (a portion of the original driveway through camp) so that we have less impact on the wild lands. Finally, we tried to identify environmentally conscious materials whenever possible for the construction.

So, in the spirit of Frances Andrews’ wishes, our improved facilities have created a nearly net zero impact on the wild land while also allowing us to do an even better job at “bringing to folk an awareness of their natural surroundings which will cause them to realize the value and need of conservation of natural resources, including their spiritual and physical values to mankind.”

A HUGE thank you to Marcia Grand for her belief in Hunt Hill and incredible generosity, in honor of her husband Richard, which has allowed us to achieve so much this year.
5 NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018

1. **Record-breaking** attendance at Cakes at the Lake events.

2. **Hired** new Program Director, Sage Dunham, to start in 2019.

3. **Rerouted** driveway around camp instead of through it to improve visitor safety and fixed parking areas.

4. **Built** a new maintenance shop allowing for more work & storage space and winter use.

5. **Started** construction on the remodeling of the Program Garage thanks to an incredible donor.

6. **Grants** from Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trail Fund to add a bog sign and from the Bosch Community Fund.

7. **Completed** a new nature playscape play area for kids that utilizes only natural materials, with support of a grant from MDRT and donations.

8. **Updated** the furniture and electrical in the historic Log Cabin.

9. **Received** a $250,000 donation from a single donor for the Million Dollar Match Campaign.

10. **Special Events** with Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, Brill Area Sportsmen’s Club, Barron County Rotary, Rice Lake Elks Lodge, and The Dean’s List Big Band.
A $1,460,000 Donation

A Donor’s Gift
Since attending camp in 1982, Richard and Marcia Grand have been incredible supporters of the Friends of Hunt Hill. Recognizing many of our limitations Marcia Grand donated a total of $1,460,000, in 2018, in memory of Richard, to help us achieve the following...

New Program Center
The garage is getting a complete remodel and addition so that we can have heating/cooling, year-round bathrooms, flexible program spaces, a real sound system, and kitchenette. This will allow us to have more comfortable and accessible year-round programs for all.

Re-routed Driveway Around Camp
To address safety issues with traffic driving through camp activities, the driveway has been rerouted.

Built a Maintenance Shop
Originally located in the lower level of the garage, its location was distracting to groups when the staff worked on projects, the space was too small and also served as an inadequate and unsafe storm shelter. The new building has more space, is located away from program activities and opens up more program space in the program center.

Improved Parking Lots
Our lots were often overflowing for events and each spring, vehicles would get stuck in the lower lot. The lots are now leveled and graveled.

By the Numbers
2018 Membership Distribution
Bethany Johnson
Former Camper, and Junior Counselor

Some of my happiest memories were made at Hunt Hill, beginning with the many day camps I spent swimming, crafting, and learning about nature. As I grow up, that never changed: every day I spend at Hunt Hill still brings me the same joy as it did then. I’ve volunteered as a junior counselor for three summers now, and nothing brings me more happiness than to help other kids have the amazing experiences I had.

Hunt Hill provides the vital service of education, allowing people from all backgrounds and all levels of knowledge to encounter nature and come together as a community. Watching campers learn to love the environment and become inspired with a lifelong fascination of nature is incredibly fulfilling, and gives me hope.

Some of those memories will never leave me, like singing songs around the campfire at overnight camp or the look of pure pride on a camper’s face as I helped him reel in his first fish. Hunt Hill will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am grateful for all the amazing people there who made it possible.

25% of members are located in Minnesota
69% of members are located in Wisconsin
6% of members are located in these states

*Formula based on 3 individuals per family, all other membership levels counted as singles.

Budget and Income Overview
As of October 31, 2018
Budget Summary

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Net Restricted Income
$2,225,667
Net Unrestricted Income
$-1,645

Total Endowment Funds
We received $538,130 in donations to the Million Dollar Match between 11/1/17 and 10/31/18. This has been matched by the Cleveland.

A generous donation of $1,460,000 was made by the Grand family for the PLC remodel, new maintenance shop, parking updates and re-routting the driveway.

Year-end audited financials will be available upon request, after June, 2019.
A Glance at 2018 Programs and Engagement

Cakes at the Lake
hits all-time attendance record!

Cakes at the Lake attendance saw a 33% increase from 2017 with the June 30th Eagle program reaching a record-breaking 259 served, only to be surpassed on August 11 with the Black Bear program serving 300!

Birds and Beer


The most popular topic was Loons with 91 attendees. Average attendance was 40.

Special thanks to all of our bird experts who provided great programs at no or low cost.

Presenters included: Ryan Magana of the WDNR, Jeanette Kelly of Beaver Creek Reserve, Tracey Hames of Wisconsin Wetlands Association, Nancy Christel of the WDNR, Barb Sabatke a Loon Ranger, Steve Botchuk of the Gaylord Nelson Audubon Society, Pat Manthey retired WDNR, Chris Cold of the WDNR, Kevin Morgan of the WDNR, and Gary Dusmoo retired WDNR.

Million Dollar Match

Between January 1 - November 30, 2018, we raised:

$417,500

Giving by Level

89% of donors gave $1-5,999 between January 1 - November 30, 2018
7% of donors gave $1,000 - $4,999 between January 1 - November 30, 2018
2% of donors gave $5,000 - $9,999 between January 1 - November 30, 2018
2% of donors gave $10,000 or more between January 1 - November 30, 2018

Donations and Pledges by Year

2016 Actual: $164,367 55 Donors
2017 Actual: $332,948 558 Donors
2018 Actual up to November 30: $417,500 374 Donors
2019 Pledged: $7,055 15 Pledges
Amount still needed to reach $1 Million: $75,350

GIVING TUESDAY

On Tuesday, November 27, Facebook waived all fees on donations made on their site. Further, Facebook and PayPal offered to match donations, up to $7 Million nationwide. We also received local match grants that totaled $20,000 on Giving Tuesday (not included in the following numbers). Thanks to an incredible network of supporters, we achieved the following:

We had 12 individuals start a Facebook Fundraiser or post for Hunt Hill
141 people donated through Facebook
They donated $15,990!!
Facebook and PayPal gave $50, making our grand total: $15,640 - which will be DOUBLED by the Cleveland's!
OUR VOLUNTEERS (as of October 31, 2018)

Nick Allen
Taylor Ambrose
Linda Angeli
Barron County Sunrise
Rotary
Barron High School
Conservation Club
Sally Bartz
Dan Beebe
Dr. Bradley Bekkum
Pat Binford
Kathy Binford
Al Bouma
Barbara Bouma
Deb Bouma
Boy Scout Troop 51
Jennifer Brigham
Tom Castagneri
Paul Chase
Carolyn Craig
Dave Cleveland
Betty Colville
Katie Connolly
Sue Connolly
Val Haack
Byron
- cabin coordinator
- summer intern
- maintenance staff
- school educators
- office manager
- board of directors
- executive director
- director of development
- development director
- staff

OUR STAFF
Our apologies if we missed anyone. Please be sure to sign in as a volunteer at events so we can acknowledge...