



The mission of the Audubon Center of the North Woods is to protect, improve, and promote the enjoyment of the natural environment through formal and informal education programs and research; to assist and encourage environmental education programs, centers, and careers.

Information for Parents/Guardians

About the Audubon Center

The Audubon Center of the North Woods is a fully accredited Residential Environmental Learning Center established in 1968. We're located on Grindstone Lake in Sandstone, Minnesota, about 90 miles north of the Twin Cities. Our diverse, 535-acre sanctuary includes a variety of habitats, including old-growth red and white pines, hardwood forests, restored wetlands and prairies. While we have several traditional classrooms, our emphasis is on getting outdoors for maximum learning opportunities.

Program Overview

We offer a great variety of environmental learning experiences for people of all ages, including more than 50 grade-specific classes for K-12 students. Highlights of our school program include:

- ❖ Informative, interactive, and FUN classes. Your child will participate in at least two classes daily.
- ❖ Full array of adventure programming, including canoeing, cross-country skiing, a ropes course and a climbing wall.
- ❖ Birds of prey and other rehabilitation animals for viewing and programs.
- ❖ Informal evening programs.

Lodging and Dining

The **Crosby Dormitory**, with 112 beds, is adjacent to the Blandin Dining Hall / office building. Each room sleeps up to 8 people, featuring solid wood bunks and private bathroom facilities. Two rooms are wheelchair accessible. The historic **Schwyzer Lodge** and the **Lowry Lodge** house up to 35 people.

Blandin Dining Hall seats 200 people. We offer delicious meals prepared fresh and served cafeteria-style. Each meal includes a variety of exceptional cuisine, as well as fruit, salad and bread.

Contact and Emergency Information

Phone messages are delivered at mealtimes. Emergency calls are delivered as quickly as possible. A courtesy phone accepts outgoing collect and credit card calls, but not incoming calls.

Mail is delivered at dinner each evening. Please address letters to the Audubon Center c/o your child's school.

Emergency medical care and ambulance service is available 8 miles away at the North Pine Medical Center in Sandstone.

Questions?

- ❖ For general information about the Audubon Center, please visit our website or send us an email.
- ❖ For specific information about your child's upcoming visit, please contact your child's teacher.