



### *Our Mission:*

*To instill a connection and commitment to the environment in people of all communities through experiential learning.*

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## Information for Parents/Guardians

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### **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 **Schwyzler Lodge** and the **Lowry Lodge** house up to 48 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.