



**WILDERNESS WIND**  
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*nurturing relationships with God and creation through wilderness living  
which promotes spirituality, cooperation, and environmental sustainability*

August 26, 2016

**Wilderness Wind  
Board Members**

Dear Friends and Supporters of Wilderness Wind,

Melissa Falb  
Minneapolis, MN

Greetings from camp! We are currently nearing the end of the busy part of the season with numerous groups enjoying Boundary Waters trips and many friends and families visiting the Lakeside cabins. As always, we are grateful to serve as a portal to the wilderness for the people who make use of our facilities and we value the relationships that we develop or renew each year.

Randall Jacobs  
Goshen, IN

Mary Ruth Kamp  
Kidron, OH

As mentioned in the last letter, after 30 years of operations Wilderness Wind is in a state of transition. The good news is that all of the legal hurdles have been cleared, and the papers have been signed! Chicago Voyagers are the new, excited owners of Wilderness Wind and they will take over the operations at the end of this season. The camp will continue to be called Wilderness Wind under the new ownership, and the website and facebook pages will remain in the same locations. Chicago Voyagers invites you to continue to be involved with Wilderness Wind for the next 30 years!

Steve Mullet  
Wooster, OH

Adam Nafziger  
Minneapolis, MN

The goal of Chicago Voyagers is to sustain the work of Wilderness Wind Camp in the manner you are accustomed to – available to help plan and guide a trip into the Boundary Waters for your friends, family or youth group, or accommodating your group for a stay in the Lakeside cabins or yurt. In addition, Chicago Voyagers will be providing Boundary Waters trips for youth from inner-city Chicago. Their hope is that the combination of long-time Wilderness Wind supporters, inner-city youth, and new constituents from the Chicago area will make for a renewed and sustainable camp.

Paula Northwood  
St. Paul, MN

Gretchen Nyce  
Harrisonburg, VA

Brenda Sawatsky Paetkau  
Goshen, IN

The Wilderness Wind board and current staff are working hard to make the transition to Chicago Voyagers as smooth as possible. This involves everything from working on legal and financial paperwork, to sorting and organizing the gear and physical assets at camp. A small committee of former Wilderness Wind board members and/or past staff will be available to Chicago Voyagers during the next year to answer questions that arise and to share the expertise gained from 30 years of operating this camp.

Kevin Wilder  
Hesston, KS

Chicago Voyagers, like Wilderness Wind, is a non-profit organization that relies on many volunteers and a great deal of financial support. As a friend of Wilderness Wind, Chicago Voyagers hopes that you will support their work and the future of the camp. Your support could come in many forms – monetary donations, applying to work on the camp staff, volunteering, or continuing to plan your trips to the Boundary Waters through Wilderness Wind. The income

generated from Boundary Waters trips and guests at Lakeside will help fund the trips for the youth of Chicago.

If you would like to be involved in the future of Wilderness Wind camp and the work of Chicago Voyagers, just look for further information in future emails and letters. If you do not want to continue your involvement, you may request that your name and address be removed from our email and mailing lists by filling out the attached form (below) and mailing it in, or by sending an email with your contact information to [optout@wildernesswind.org](mailto:optout@wildernesswind.org).

The past few years have been difficult for the board as we made hard decisions about the future of Wilderness Wind. We understand that the resulting decisions have also been hard for many of you who care deeply about this institution. While we are sad to see the end of one chapter in Wilderness Wind's story, we are glad that Chicago Voyagers has stepped in to start the next chapter and attempt to build on the strong foundation that all of you have helped to create. The board extends heartfelt thanks to each of you for the role you played in the history of Wilderness Wind.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Nyce  
Chair of the Wilderness Wind Board

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Please remove my name and address from future email/ mailing lists to be used by Chicago Voyagers and Wilderness Wind Camp.

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