

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4

March Board Meeting - 6:15PM
Jaycees office

March 13

Active Citizens Framework Webinar
U.S. Jaycees website - 8PM

March 18

St. Patrick's Day Potluck Social - 5:30PM
March General Membership Meeting - 6PM
Elk's Lodge

March 26

New Member Orientation Webinar
U.S. Jaycees website - 7PM

April 1

April Board Meeting - 6:15PM
Jaycees office

April 4-6

Home, Sport & Travel Show
Sanford Center

April 15

April General Membership Meeting - 6PM
Elks Lodge

April 17

Buzz Tour Webinar
U.S. Jaycees website - 8PM



Hello Jaycees!

It is time again for the Home, Sport and Travel Show! This year the show will take place April 4-6th at The Sanford Center. Registrations have been coming in for awhile so the planning for this project is well underway. We hope to exceed last year's number of vendors and are working hard to make that happen!

Speaking of working hard, we need a lot of Jaycees to provide manpower in many areas of the show. Curtain set up will take place on Wednesday April 2nd, and on Thursday we will need people to help check-in vendors for load-in. This will start at approximately 6 am. If neither of those strikes your fancy, here are some other options for you. If you are a Senator looking for something to do, please check with Leslie Heinonen as we're sure she could put you to work selling concessions. If you would like to help in the Membership Booth, please contact Membership VP Missy Malone. We will also need help all three days with checking-in of vendors, other various manpower assignments and load-out on Sunday.

Make sure to mark your calendars and help us make this year's show successful!

In Jaycee Pride,

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2014 HST Co-Chair

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2014 4TH OF JULY WATER CARNIVAL

The Bemidji Jaycees are already hard at work on planning the Fourth of July Water Carnival. I am excited to be your chairperson this year and I have some great sub chairs that have stepped up to help. I am in need of more to cover a few areas so if you are interested, please let me know! As we get closer, we will need even more help with set up, not to mention the Entertainment Tent and other projects so please, mark us on your calendar! This year's dates are July 2-6. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up and all of the support I have received so far. The Bemidji Jaycees are such a phenomenal organization; let's make this our best year yet!!

**In Jaycee Pride,
Twila Bolte
2014 Water Carnival Chair**

ROAD RUNS

Hello Jaycees!

My name is Brad Fisher and I am your State Delegate for the year. I am hoping to do a lot of Road Runs this year and I hope you are too! If you are interested in coming along for a Road Run or know of a Road Run opportunity, please let me know! Coming up:

February 22nd: Big Lake Ice Fishing at Its Best

March 29th&30th: State Bowling in St. Peter. We have registered for a team for this event. If you are interested in participating please contact Levi Harr.

May 9th-11th: Spring Convention in Grand Rapids. Registrations are due by the March General. We currently have a challenge issued for convention. If 15 people attend we will get reserved seating for dinner and if 20 people attend we will have a drawing for someone to win a chance for their portion of the hotel and gas to convention paid for!

If you are interested in attending any of these Road Run opportunities or have questions about other Road Runs, please contact me.

**Brad Fisher
State Delegate
218-766-7505**

11TH ANNUAL BEMIDJI JAYCEES BRRRMIDJI PLUNGE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Thanks to the efforts of Sam and Caren Smith, Bemidji Fire and Rescue, our many sponsors and volunteers and one very welcome bobcat, the 11th Annual Bemidji Jaycees Brrrmidji Plunge was a huge success. We had 119 jumpers and raised approximately \$6,000 for the Food Shelf, which will be matched by the Minnesota Food Shelf Program. Way to go team! As you can see from the pictures, the ice was extra thick this year at 30", so the ice chunks had to be hauled out of the water as they were too thick to tuck underneath the existing ice. It was a great event for a great cause!



In Jaycee Pride

BEMIDJI JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP

It's time to choose the recipients of the Bemidji Jaycees Scholarship! Our scholarship is administered through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NWMF), which is really convenient for us since they handle collecting all of the information and distributing the funds.

This is the sixth year that we will be awarding up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds to a student who is graduating a school that falls within the ISD #31 boundary area. To qualify, they must be planning to attend Bemidji State University, Northwest Technical College-Bemidji or Oak Hills Christian College starting in fall semester 2014.

At the committee's discretion, the full amount may be awarded to one applicant or up to \$500 each to two selected applicants. Recipient winners will then be announced and recognized during their respective school's awards ceremonies.

Criteria for application are as follows:

- 2014 Graduating Senior from Bemidji area secondary schools including ISD 31, TrekNorth, and Voyageurs Expeditionary High School
- Copy of acceptance letter from Bemidji State University, Northwest Technical College-Bemidji or Oak Hills College
- Two letters of recommendation
 1. One from a teacher or school counselor
 2. One from volunteer director
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Copy of their High School Transcript

The award check will be issued to the educational institution for the student after the Northwest Minnesota Foundation has been presented with BOTH a transcript of first semester/quarter grades showing a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a tuition bill or class schedule for second semester.

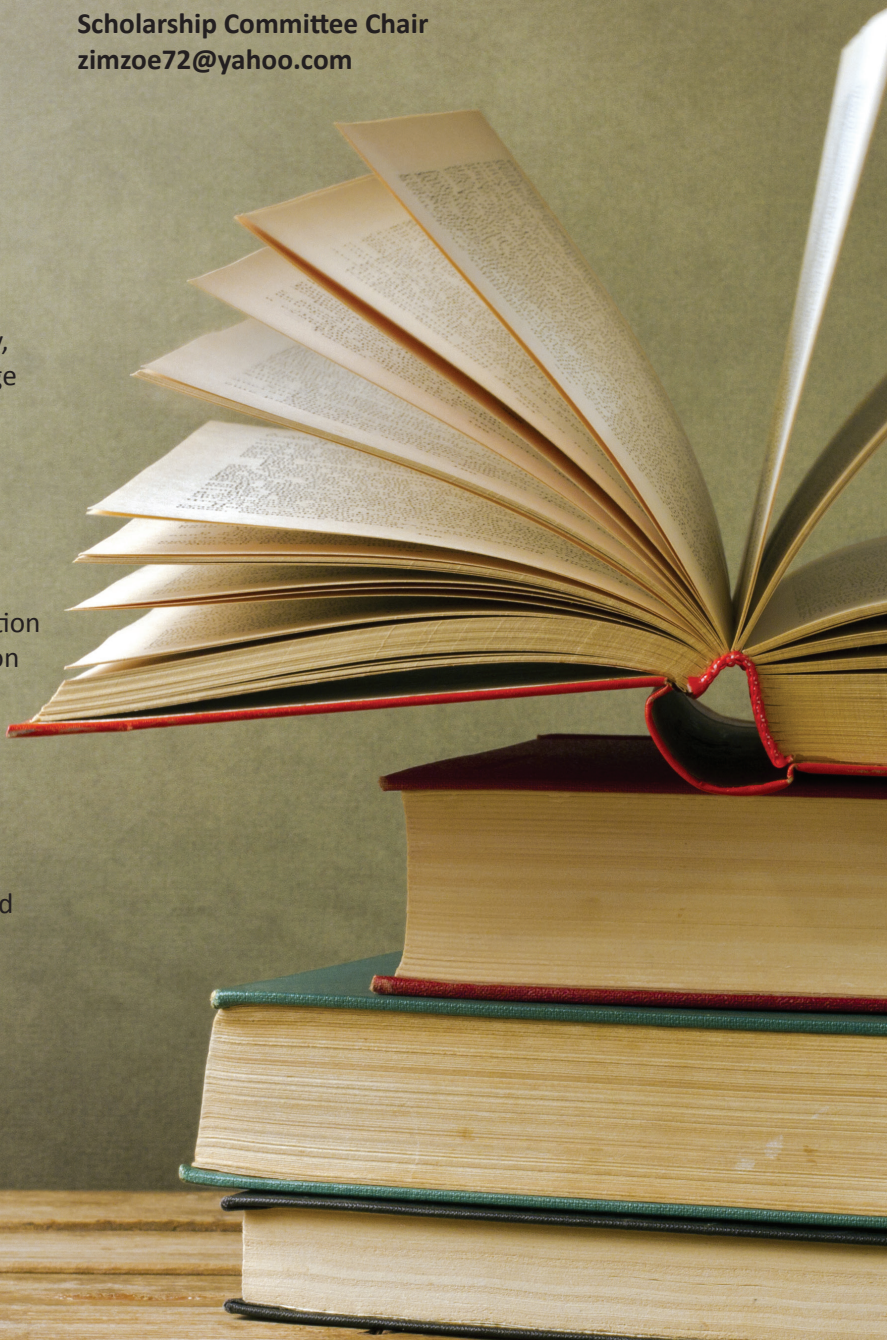
On the application they must answer the following questions:

- List any special honors or awards that you have received
- Describe school or other activities in which you have demonstrated leadership and strength of character
- List any community service projects or volunteer work you have been involved in and include specific details on what your involvement was
- Why do you feel community involvement is important to you?

The scholarship committee does not meet in person and we do everything by email to select the recipient. If you were not in attendance at the general membership meeting on February 18 and you would like to participate on this committee please contact me by email or Facebook. I will be sending the completed applications out to the committee by April 1. We have to have the names of our selected recipient(s) turned into the NWMF by April 13.

If you know of a graduating student that may be interested in applying you may contact me for the application to send to them as well.

Char Blashill
Scholarship Committee Chair
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2013 ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Here are some more pictures from our trip to the Annual Convention. Congratulations to Eva Fisher for receiving her Statesman Award! And good luck to RandiSu Tanem in her first year on the state level.



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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In the next week or so, we are going to be sending out membership surveys so please be watching for them! We will be doing a special at the March meeting on the 18th, the first 15 people that bring in their surveys get a free drink ticket they can use at a Jaycees meeting at the Elks. This survey is to see what our current members think of our community involvement and what members think we are missing. A reminder to any of our members, if you feel passionate about any of our projects or want to see about starting something new, come to a meeting! We can't know what's missing if no one brings it up. Hope to see you all at the St Patrick's Day social before the meeting on March 18th.

Missy Malone
Membership VP

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Greetings Jaycees.


The 11th annual Brrrmidji Plunge was held on Sat February 8th as part of the new Winterfest on Lake Bemidji. Thanks to Caryn and Sam Smith for chairing this event, as well as Bemidji Fire and Rescue, Dive Depot, and everyone who was outside in the frigid cold to put this event together. We had 119 people brave the cold and make the plunge and over \$6000.00 was raised for the Bemidji food shelf!

The annual Firemen's Breakfast was also held on Saturday, February 15th at the Bemidji Legion. Special thanks to Sara Sewell and Lauren Purley for their co-chairing efforts and to everyone who was up early to make and serve breakfast. Thanks to everyone's efforts over \$700 was raised for our firemen.

We are looking for any members interested in chairing the upcoming Pitch, Hit, and Run and Sandbox Fill events. If you are interested, please let us know.

Levi Haar
Community VP


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PASSPORT TO CIVIC LEADERSHIP

I am so excited for this year I can hardly contain myself! I would love to share with everyone the chance to grow as an individual as well as a Jaycee by completing your Passport to Civic Leadership. This will help you in achieving "maximum value from your Jaycee membership". I would love to help you in completing these levels or 'degrees' so please ask me! Another opportunity to help you grow in the Jaycees are competitions at our conventions. So, if you like to write, speak, debate or trivia and are going to the convention, ask me how you can take part in these as well! So, there you have it, a quick overview of things to look forward to. Hopefully everyone is staying warm and as excited for this year as I am. Feel free to call if you have questions or concerns.

In Jaycee Pride,
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY AROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK

March 18, 5:30 p.m. before General Meeting

Everyone is invited to the St. Patrick's Day social immediately preceding the March General Membership meeting at 5:30. We will have Irish themed food, from Irish stew to soda bread and Irish topics followed by fun activities like a Jeopardy game! Please come and enjoy a taste of the Irish with us and try your hand at Jeopardy! Hope to see you there!

Twila Bolte
I.D.V.P.



STATE PARTNER PROJECT

Confidence Learning Center

Confidence Learning Center is a year-round outdoor education and recreation center for persons of all ages with developmental disabilities.

The Jaycees have been a very valued supporter of Confidence Learning Center over the many years you have recognized them as a Minnesota Jaycees Partnership Project. We hope you know how dearly Confidence Learning Center holds this relationship. Every dollar and volunteer hour makes a very positive impact on Confidence Learning Center in continuing their mission and achieving their goals while providing great learning and growing opportunities for all Campers!

We encourage all chapters to give any support to Confidence Learning Center that they are able to, each year. Whether you run one project, make one monetary donation, give wish list items, or

volunteer your time at a Confidence Learning Center event. We highly encourage you to visit Confidence Learning Center and see for yourself the great things they do and how your support can make a difference.

For more information on how to work on behalf of Confidence Learning Center, contact cdvp@mnjaycees.org
Visit www.campconfidence.com
Donate online: <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Campconfidence>

A chapter can:

- Coordinate a town hall camp recruitment meeting
- Raise money for a Camper Subsidy— \$44.00 per person
- Hold a drive for the supplies on the wish list
- Attend Camp Clean Up Volunteer Weekend

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That government should be of
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That earth's greatest treasure lies
in human personality;

And that service to humanity is
the best work of life.

- C. William Brownfield



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