

HELP KIDS EXPERIENCE THE **MINNESOTA NORTHWOODS**



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Growing up in Green Bay, the local Y had wonderful relationship with a YMCA camp in Northern Wisconsin. When I moved to the St. Cloud area, I was surprised at the lack of connection with our many beautiful camps throughout Minnesota. Since I am so passionate about my own camp experience, I really want to help give Central Minnesota kids better access to the experiences that shaped me so profoundly through camp as a youth.

Our St. Cloud Area Family YMCA has a great partnership with the YMCA Camp Olson near Longville, MN. This unbelievable site hosts many activities and opportunities including horseback riding, canoeing, archery, swimming and much more!

Our partnership enables youth from our area who may not normally have the financial resource to have character-building camp experiences. To send one child to camp, it costs about \$1,000. In the summer of 2020, we had planned to send 20 kids to camp. Due COVID-19, camp was canceled. However, our goal is to send those 20 students plus 30 more in 2021!

We are working with the area schools to help us identify kids who show the YMCA values in their daily work. Kids who put all they have into schoolwork and being a good classmate and friend, despite having limited financial resources at home. All kids will qualify with nominations

from teachers, principals and counselors as well as being part of the free or reduced lunch program at their school.



We've got the kids –
now we need YOU! Please GIVE so kids from our area can experience the character-building days and weeks that Y camps provide.



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