



**Osprey Wilds**  
Environmental Learning Center

# SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## THE END OF AN ERA

Words cannot express our gratitude for Ty Johnson's commitment and dedication to Osprey Wilds for the past 30 years as our Buildings and Grounds Manager. His willingness to help wherever needed has made him an essential fixture to our organization. Over the years, staff and local community would fondly refer to him as the "audman" because of his passion for our organization.



We cannot go on without mentioning his talent for making award-winning maple syrup. He has taught thousands of guests about the process of mapling: how to tell when the trees are ready, timing the perfect run off and, of course, the joys of sampling.

Our staff, board members and guests will miss his big grin, happy demeanor and of course his suspenders. We wish him a well-deserved, relaxing and enjoyable retirement!



## SUMMER CAMPS!

For the summer of 2023 we are offering five day camps and two overnight camps. Based on the popularity of our new K-2 day camps in 2022, we are expanding our number of K-2 camps from two to four this year. We are also expanding our farm camp from three days to five days. Our overnight camps include Rocks, Ropes and Rafts and new for this year, Becoming and Outdoor Girl.

We are continuing to offer pay-what-you-can day camps and offer scholarships for overnight camps.

You can learn more about & register for our camps on our program calendar.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

VIEW OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



## SECURE ACT 2.0 CREATES MORE OPTIONS FOR IRA GIVERS

Passed into law in December 2022, the SECURE Act 2.0 provides new incentives for donors to make charitable donations from IRAs in 2023 and beyond.

Since 2006, IRA owners 70½ or older have been able to make Qualified Charitable Contributions (QCDs) offsetting their Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). SECURE 2.0 increases the age at which RMDs must begin to 73, but beginning at 70½, IRA owners can begin giving tax-free dollars while reducing future RMD amounts and tax liability that will come at 73.

SECURE 2.0 further expands the QCD by allowing planned gifts. Individuals may make a one-time transfer of up to \$50,000, couples up to \$100,000, to fund a charitable trust or charitable gift annuity. SECURE 2.0 also introduces inflation indexing--beginning in 2024, the \$100,000 cap on QCDs will be annually indexed for inflation.

For more information about these giving opportunities, contact Development Director Jim DeYoung, 320-245-7791 or [deyoung@ospreywilds.org](mailto:deyoung@ospreywilds.org).



## 7TH ANNUAL BIDS FOR KIDS

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### WHEN:

NOVEMBER 5TH  
2 PM - 5 PM

#### WHERE:

URBAN GROWLER BREWERY  
ST. PAUL, MN

#### ONLINE AUCTION:

OCTOBER 27TH - NOVEMBER 3RD

Learn more about  
our work at  
[OspreyWilds.org](https://OspreyWilds.org)



## OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

Over the past year, Osprey Wilds has been working to create both an Equity Statement and Land Acknowledgement for our organization. We are pleased to share both of these with you now and look forward to continuing our work to better instill a connection and commitment to the environment in people of all communities through experiential learning.

### EQUITY STATEMENT

Osprey Wilds actively incorporates the lenses of equity and representation in our education, environmentalism and leadership. We do this by dismantling and re-designing processes and systems to be accessible to and welcoming of all people; creating programs and services in collaboration with diverse communities; and valuing those who work with and for us.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Osprey Wilds acknowledges that our property sits upon the ancestral and traditional homelands of Indigenous people, most recently the Ojibwe, whose land was seized by the United States government by the Treaty of 1837 and colonized by European settlers. The Ojibwe continue to reside throughout East Central Minnesota and have a sovereign infrastructure of schools, roads, health care, services, housing, and more. From their ancestors to current day, the Ojibwe are committed to protecting and preserving natural resources. Osprey Wilds shares this commitment and works to ensure responsible care and attention through developing an understanding, ethics, and responsibility regarding the environment through formal and informal teaching that links nature and humans. While land acknowledgment does not deliver justice for the loss of the land and the damage done to people and cultures, Osprey Wilds will continue to deepen our knowledge and relationships, enriching practices that respect and honor the past, present, and future of the region's Indigenous communities.