## Northern Celebrations:

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## Time to "camp" - even for a day

Mark May 1 on the calendar education. - it's the first day parents can register their children for a variety of day camps at Lake Metigoshe State Park.

Is your 8-year-old fascinated by fish? Or does that 15-year-old want to fly a drone or learn the basics of driving an off-highwayvehicle (OHV)?

Is there a young history buff in the family?

That's just a few of the oneday, outdoor-themed educational opportunities held June through August at the park north of Bottineau.

The hands-on activities are designed based on age level, described Lake Metigoshe State Park Outdoor Education Schimetz. Coordinator Amy Originating in 2017, day camps were created to get young people into the outdoors, focusing on and environmental

The program has expanded over the years. For example, the park collaborates with Metigoshe Ministries - Camp Metigoshe to offer children 13 through 16 years of age a chance to hone their high climbing skills on Camp Metigoshe's high ropes course. "Campers can push some personal comfort zones and do some team building 30 feet above the ground," Schimetz exclaimed.

Many Day Camp participants return the following year for a different activity within their age group or continue as they get old enough to attend camps for the "big kids". "Last year Lake Metigoshe State Park had our day camps come full-circle as we had a day camper from years ago work in our entrance station as a seasonal employee," Schimetz added. "Participants continuing to register also inspires us to create

various opportunities to entice them back and continue feeding their interests and increasing both their knowledge and skill."

The "Fly & Pedal Camp" is collaboration between the park and Dakota College of Bottineau allowing 13 to 16 years of age to develop their piloting skills through guided flight practice and flight games with drones as they learn safety protocol and FAA drone operation regulations.

It also includes Recreation UAS Safety Test (TRUST) certification for them to legally fly drones. In addition, those Day Camp participants wrap up the day by biking the park's trails.

All camps except OHV certification provide participants some beach time by spending the end of the busy day along the park's Lake Metigoshe beaches.

Lake Metigoshe State Park Day Camp schedule and details:

\*June 18: Gone Fishin', 7 and 8 year olds, \$35, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \*June 19: Paddle, Pedal, & Archery Camp, 9 through 12 years of age, \$40, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your own bike and helmet, if possible although the park has a limited

\*June 25 or June 26: OHV Certification & Ride, 13 to 16 year olds, \$40, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

number available, if needed.

\*July 9: Wildlife Camp, 7 and 8 year olds, \$35, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \*July 10: Survival Skills, 9 to 12 years of age, \$40, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 16: Critter Investigation, 9 to 12 years of age, \$40, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\*July 17: High Ropes & Archery: 13 to 16 years of age, \$65, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\*July 30: Pioneers, 9 to 12 years of age, \$40, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\*July 31: High Ropes & Paddles, 13 to 16 years of age, \$65, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\*Aug. 6: Eco Fun & Games, 7 and 8 year olds, \$35, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\*Aug 7: Fly (drones) & Pedal: 13 to 16 years of age, \$40, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your own bike and helmet, if possible although the park has a limited number available, if needed

\*Aug. 13: All About Owls, 7 and 8 year olds, \$35, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

N.D. Parks and Recreation Department day use entrance pass or a 2025 annual pass (good for all North Dakota state parks) is required for park entrance.

Registration for all of the day camps begins 9 a.m. on May 1 online, (https://bit.ly/ LMSPShowClix), which also more details. Day camp fees include snack and lunch. Parents can also contact Amy Schimetz, Lake Metigoshe State Park, (701) 263-4514, or email (aschimetz@ nd.gov) with any questions.

## Legal Notices:

CITY OF BERGEN **EQUALIZATION MEETING** 

The City of Bergen Equalization Meeting will be held Friday, April 25 at 7pm at the home of the auditor Sandee Michalenko, Auditor 4/24/2025

> VELVA PUBLIC SCHOOL **BOARD OF EDUCATION** MARCH 12, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Velva Public School Board was held Wednesday March 12, 2025, at 5pm at Velva Public School in the meeting room. Alongside President Selzler were board members: Wes Halseth. Robert Kasowski, Kendra Colby, and Tonya Harden. Also present were Monty Mayer, Skyler Helseth, Karen Hinch,

Libby Darnell, Lucas Soli, Brock Nagel, Pitch Hager, Raider Barstad, Lexton Smith, and Deputy David Dewanz. The Pledge of allegiance was recited by all. The agenda was approved with the subtraction of the superintendent guardrails with a motion from Harden and a 2nd from Colby.

There were representatives from the Wrestling team. The Aggies spoke of their season with a 1st place finish in regionals, as well as the west region tournament. They ended the season finishing at 3rd in state as a team. They finished in 2nd place in the duals on Saturday missing the championship title by 1 point. The school board congratulated them in their triumphant

Deputy Dewanz was in attendance.

He requested the opinion of the board and administration for the possibility of the SRO (School Resource Officer) program and answered the questions

The math goal progress report was discussed and will be discussed at a later time when the results from March tests are in/evaluated.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Kasowski and a 2nd by Halseth. The agenda to include the following funds:

\$42,933.39 check General: 31302-31337; Payroll: \$393,483.25 check #'s 213748-213907 and #133840-133848; School Lunch: \$19,695.30 Check #'s 9124-9130; Building fund: \$1,428.06 check #'s 1253-1254; Activity Fund: \$9,289.48 check #'s 30976-31010.

The community engagement survey was reviewed and a post survey meeting was requested.

The VEA was submitted as the collective bargaining unit to the board with a motion to approve from Colby and a 2nd from Kasowski. The next meeting will be April 14th at 5pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

Lance Selzler, Board President

Skyler Helseth, Business Manager 4/24/2025

SAWYER PUBLIC SCHOOL **DISTRICT NO 16** SAWYER, NORTH DAKOTA Monday, March 10th, 2025 School Board Meeting of the board as they were asked.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by President Tim Folden. Also present, board members Seth Berman, Barb Jandl, and Correen Jones, Heather Ell, Principal, Patti Syverson, Business Manager, Ryan Stockie, Tracy Helm-Sjoquist, Sheila Kolschefski, teachers. Via Zoom Emilee Knudsvig, teacher. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was previewed.

M/S/C: Jones/Jandl to accept the Consent Agenda

- 1. Business Manager's Reports
- 2. Approval of the February Minutes
- 3. Approval of the February 28th Special Meeting
- 4. Approval of Bills
- a. Prepaid Bills \$20,808.13
- b. Board Bills \$13,898.32
- c. Visa Bills \$5.110.47
- OLD BUSINESS: a. February 28th Special Board

Meetina PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Enrollment Report: Total enrollment K-12: 85 students as of March 10: 2025
- Elementary = 44 students (does NOT include 9 Pre-K.)
- PK= 9, K=13, 1=4, 2=5, 3=9, 4=6,
- Middle School = 20 students
- 6=5, 7=7, 8=8
- High School = 21 students 9=10, 10=2, 11=6, 12=3
- Special Education Strategist Case Load = 20; 3 referrals

students (1 will dismiss this week.)

Your right to know

- Literacy Month
- · Book Blast Kickoff
- · One School, One Book: Wishtree Moana 2 Movie Night sponsored
- by Sawyer Boosters
- ND CLIMBS Grant
- Music Festival was great! Several schools represented and over 300
- Suicide Awareness: A Message of Hope presentation by Joleen Thomas (grades 7-12)
- Staffing for 2025-26
- · Anticipating all teachers are returning
- · Paraprofessionals: May lose one due to college schedule. - Upcoming events:
- Sawyer spring break is March 13-
- Family Literacy Night Luau on Thursday, March 27th from 5:30-7pm
- Prom is April 12. Senior Lock-In?
- **NEW BUSINESS**

4/24/2025

a. Policy DKBB-BR Granting a Release from Contract 1st Reading FCAF b. Policy Concussion Management 1st Reading

c. Superintendent Evalutions due March 15th

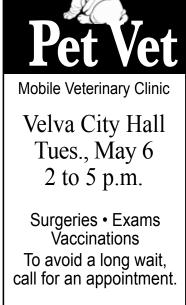
d. Negotiations Start Date

i. 1st Negotiations meeting will be March 24th at 4 p.m. Calendar: Next meeting will be

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 6 p.m. The meeting was Adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Tim Folden, School Board President Patti Syverson, Business Manager





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