



Tom Goodrich

Executive Director's Report

Deep C's, Fall Retreat, Purpose, Plan and Mission

When I was a youth, I grew up in the epicenter of Fishing—Brainerd, Minnesota. I actually had a cheap seat view of the whole thing, great fishing waters and the action involved with the birth of In-Fishermen and all the other start-ups. The wonderful thing about the cheap seats is you get a bird's eye

view of the whole game going down.

My cheap seats were based on the fact that when I was 16, my brother married Ron Lindner's daughter, so I found myself entrenched in all things fishing and Christ as our families drew close.

I started by excepting Christ in my life at a Lowell Lundstrom meeting I attended with Ron and his family. Next I was sweeping the floor as a part-time job at In-Fisherman Magazine and got to fish with them all. I also got to watch the tactics of a great publication and a ministry in the outdoor industry come together. But most importantly, I got to experience the love of Christ for the first time.

Soon, I joined the 82nd Airborne, which was a struggle, as I was trying to find my way as a young Christian man. When I returned home from my first stint of active duty, around 1987, I was still young and immature and did not know how to live a life for Christ. I started with the ROTC at Bemidji State University and then got a job as a dishwasher during the summers at Camp Fish. Camp Fish was owned by In-Fisherman Magazine. Even though I was a lowly dishwasher, I was allowed to fish alongside the guides as they mentored kids through fishing. What I remember most was the atmosphere. This was secular camp, but run by Christians with intentional desire to be like Christ. I remember many Bible studies by the guides and leadership before each day and the wonderful fishing opportunities for each kid.

Probably the most special thing I witnessed over my time with In-Fishermen was the end-of-season retreats put on by the Lindners at Camp Fish. Great preachers and some of the greatest fisherman in the world would attend for one goal, to give the unsaved men, who loved the outdoors, a chance to hear the Gospel! Each person agreeing to attend HAD to bring a friend in need of the Gospel. This was non-negotiable and led to a very large audience ready to hear the Gospel. They also paid VERY special attention to the men and brought in a variety of speakers tailored for different men at different spots in their lives. I remember Ron speaking on the hardships of addiction and how he overcame by Christ's rescue. Al would

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speaking about the still quiet voice spoken through his son that led him to Christ. Mark Dorn came with the pragmatic approach to his receiving Christ, and Lowell Lundstrom shared his gift of evangelism that would bring most of the men to their knees. It was a powerful time for ministry! I've probably done six or seven of the In-Fisherman-led retreats, and watching these men minister to each other really impacted me and the Fishing for Life journey.

The next step was taking a job with the Professional Walleye Trail. This too was in its infancy and allowed me to travel the country and pre-fish with some of the best. During the event, I was a gopher, running fish on and off the weigh-in platform. Again, this was the bird's-eye view of the fishing industry. The thing I was most impressed with on the trail was watching the Gospel played out in every secular event. In-Fishermen was a secular business but was intentional with their walk with Christ and where it fit into everything they did. I took note!

There's a lot more details of the story to share, but fast forward 25 years, and as we've been building Fishing for Life, the next challenge for us all is to be intentional about inviting others to join us and to spread the Gospel. Steve has done a wonderful job creating an atmosphere for men to go deeper through the Deep C's ministry. It is my heart that our fall retreat begins to minister even more to the unsaved or those that are needing Christ in their lives. I'm going to challenge myself and the 58 men who came last year with the idea of finding 2 to 3 guys per Deep C's group to bring to our next outing.

I feel strongly in this approach, and feel that it's time for us to take the lead and share our experiences with others. Be on the lookout and start inviting others to any of our events throughout the year. Be intentional, be respectful and extend an invite! Please join us in prayer for more to come to Christ!



Steve Cruikshank

Deep C's Updates

New Coordinators named and Fall Retreat Highlights

2018 has been a big year for Deep C's Men's Ministry. We added Chapter Coordinators to help with all the responsibilities running the meetings as well as keeping attendance, collecting dues, greeting new members, thanking guest speakers, inviting new members and calling other members who may have become inactive. There are 2 Chapter Coordinators for each Deep C's location. Ken Stahn & Travis Busch represent the North Chapter. Gary Christianson & Terry Branham represent the South Chapter. Leroy Gruwell & Kent Lillehaugen represent the West Chapter. Randy Markey & Troy Sonnenfeld represent the East Chapter. If you have a chance, please say thank you to these guys as they have supported me in an excellent fashion.

FALL RETREAT RECORD ATTENDANCE

The 2018 Fall Retreat brought a new record of 58 men participating. We also moved it to Big Sandy Lodge in McGregor, MN. The accommodations and amenities at Big Sandy Lodge were a step up from our past fall retreat locations. If you were there you know what I mean. We had great devotions from Mike & Dan Pilla. We also had the praise team from Jesus In The City church provide uplifting worship music for all our chapels. A big thank you to the praise team!

Christian music songwriter and singer Cody James sang songs around the bonfire every night. (Cody has a cd available at CodyJames.org.) Ron Lindner gave a great motivational talk on Saturday night. Ron has been speaking at our Fall Retreats for many years now. Let's pray he is able to speak at many more.

Well I guess it's time to talk about the fishing tournament... We had some really big fish caught this year. Here is the leader board: Largest Walleye 22"-Todd Lindley, Largest Northern 34"-Travis Busch, Largest Largemouth Bass 21.5"-Troy Sonnenfeld, Largest Smallmouth Bass 20"-Steve Cummins, Largest Crappie 13"-Brent Shufelt, Largest Muskie 15"-Larry McCullough, Largest Perch 12"-Pat Adams, Largest Sunfish 11"-Ron Buster. The overall inches winner was Tom Goodrich with 94". This is Tom's 3rd year winning this tournament. Tom will be known as the best fishermen in FFL for 2018. Congrats, Tom!



Troy Sonnenfeld and his "BIG" bass!



Nathaniel Fox, Michael Latawiec, and Steve Cummins



Praise and worship team at retreat.



Vaughn & Joy
Blackburn

NextGEN & Fish Camp Updates

More Spots Open for NextGEN Kids

"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done."

~Psalm 78:4

The NextGEN guides and kids want to thank you for upholding them in your prayers! These prayers are very crucial as the guides continue to build relationships with these kids and their families, and work on pointing them to Jesus Christ. Our guides and kids have been enjoying some wonderful events together. Throughout the 2018 calendar year, seven of our guides attended a combined total of over 70 different events with their NextGEN kids! Some of these events included sports shows, helping with the trout pond, ice fishing, fishing area lakes, Mille Lacs boat launch, fire arm and safety class, hunting trips, retreats/camps, canoe/boat trips, and dinner/banquets. These pairings are looking forward to spending more time together in 2019. Plus, we have eight more guides waiting to be paired up with kids! PTL! Praying for wisdom in connecting kids and guides.



Noah Spading caught this 39.5" Northern at Camp Fish/Camp Jim in Brainerd

In order to run eleven camps, and service all these campers, we needed one guide to every three campers, which means a total of 55 men and women were needed to accommodate our 164 campers and Jr. Guides.

A big thank you to all the host camps, as well as the individuals who volunteered their time to make the summer camps a success. Over nine species of fish were caught, but the most common were Crappie, LM Bass, Muskie, Northern, Perch, Rock Bass, SM Bass, Sunfish, and Walleye. The campers enjoyed the competition and rewards at the end of the amazing week. Thank you for making it possible for these campers to enjoy this wonderful experience! Please pray for the campers that made spiritual decisions, that their commitment is real and that there will be fruit and growth.

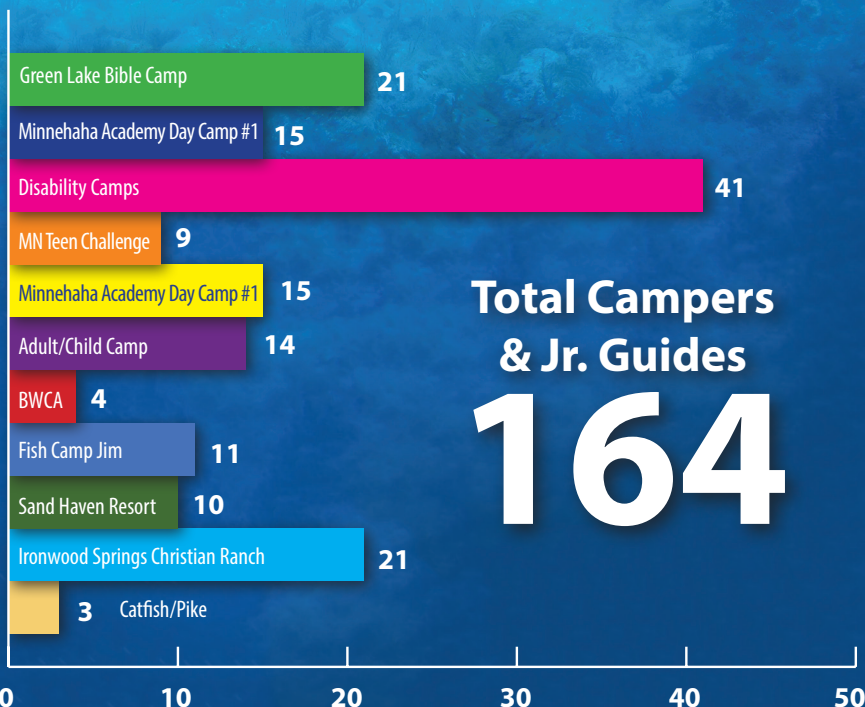
Our 12 High C's camps for 2019 are all set... Check out our calendar of events on page 12 and look for the ▲ marker.

We are expecting an increase in the need for guides as we continue to increase our camps. Please prayerfully consider how God can use you to help make our 2019 summer camps a success.

Vaughn Blackburn

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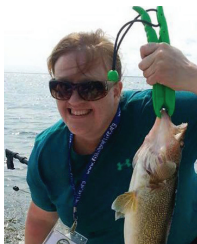
2018 SUMMER CAMPS BY THE NUMBERS



Lake of The Woods - 51 Veterans

Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat - 58 Campers

Total Campers for 2018 = 273



Sara Shrode

Lake Events Update

Volunteers and God make it happen!

Wow, what a year! And, boy did it go fast! I can't say it enough, but thanks to all the boat guides, registration volunteers, food service volunteers and sponsors that made this year a blast on the lake. We simply can't have our Lake Events without your support and dedication.

This year was my first year running all the lake events and you all made my job a lot easier by showing up and helping out where we needed you most. There were some events I wasn't sure how we were going to get all the participants that signed up to be out on the lake with the number of boat guides we had secured for the day. Just when I thought I was going to have to turn folks away, another boat guide, not on my original list, would show up and make it happen.

This reminds me of how often we doubt God and His ultimate plans for our lives. Just when we think, "It's not going to work!" or "How can this happen without more people?," then God shows up! I think He likes to wait until the last minute sometimes, just to surprise us and to show us how much He loves us. He definitely surprised me many times this summer. One event we had about 12 extra kids that had come with another group that was not on the original participants list and I was afraid I was going to have to turn them away... In the end, there were some on the list that didn't show up, so it evened things out perfectly...

Another time, we didn't have very many people signed up for our Lake Event and we feared that we would have to cancel it. I reached out to a friend of mine that works with the MN Adult & Teen Challenge in Rochester and invited any of their group to attend. She passed the word to her counselors and one of them called me back and asked if 15 of their ladies could join us? She mentioned that she had been praying for an activity that the ladies could do and it was perfect timing... God's perfect timing that is! The ladies came all the way from Rochester to join us on the lakes and all of the smiles that came from their group was energizing to say the least... I thought to myself, this is why we do these events. They put smiles on any age group and they give breaks to people of all walks of life—a short break from the daily grind, a break for a single mom with energetic kids, a break for the veteran that's dealing with past traumas... Young or old, novice or professional, a day on the lake can be therapeutic and good for the soul.

So, thank you, again, to all that participated and volunteered this year. We hope to see you again on the lake in 2019. **Next up, Holes 4 Heroes happening on Feb. 2, 2019. See you there!**



Jossyn Heck and mother, Hahne Heck (both of Willmar, MN) brought in the first fish to be weighed-in at the Reel Girls Fishing event this Summer

Thank You!

Gary Sorenson, Faithful Supporter

Fishing for Life family and friends, I wanted to take this time to write a special note about somebody that means a lot to me and Fishing for Life (FFL). Gary Sorenson owner and operator of a IB Insurance Brokers of Minnesota, has been a long-time sponsor and supporter of FFL. He gives of his time, talent, treasure and more!

Not only has Gary sponsored many of our events, but he has helped to get the word out about our events and organization. From donating bill board space to having Steve Cruikshank's boat wrapped in FFL graphics for our Lake Events, Gary has been a faithful and dedicated support system and encourages us by keeping us anchored.

Gary has also encouraged his team of top-notch insurance brokers to support our cause by giving funds raised at his IB



Golf Tournament going to FFL. This past year the tournament brought in over \$28,000 for our organization.

And, it doesn't stop there... Gary also supports us at our annual banquet by filling 6 or more tables with his family and friends. If ever there was a fan of FFL, Gary would be the one wearing a "Number #1" foam finger!

I cannot thank Gary enough for all of this support and dedication, but I can recommend to you to meet with Gary or any of his team for any insurance needs you may have. They have taken care of our event insurance, and our vehicle and boat fleets and we could not be happier with the services they provide.

I'll never be able to repay Gary for the years of service, but I can at least publicly acknowledge what he means to us and encourage you if you have any of these needs to please consider him and his team. Thanks Gary for all your hard work, your time, your talents and treasures. God bless you, your family and your business this Christmas Season. ~Tom

See Thank You ad on page 7.

2019 GIFT GUIDE



Sponsor a Lake Event Participant

Every Summer we have 100's of kids and adults join us at the lakes for a fun day on the water catching fish. Our boat guides graciously volunteer their time and boats to make these events happen. However, as with any

event, there are still costs to run the event. It costs roughly \$25/ person to run a lake event. This includes rental fees for shelters, trophy fees, advertisement fees and sometimes food when not sponsored. To keep these events free of charge to the participants, please consider a gift of \$25.

SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT **\$25**

SPONSOR A LAKE EVENT **\$1250**

Rod & Reel Supplies

We receive multiple donated rods and reels throughout the year. It's our goal each year to fix these up and give them to kids and groups that can use them. Supplies are needed to restring the reels and for some mechanical parts to make them work again. \$50 can help refurbish 20 rods and reels.



REFURBISHES 20 RODS & REELS **\$50**

SUPPLIES MATERIALS FOR A YEAR **\$1875**



If led to give a gift for the 2019 year, please mail to: **Fishing for Life** |
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Maintain our Fleet

We graciously receive many donated boats and vehicles throughout the year. For the ones we are able to use at our events, we pay for motor or vehicle servicing, boat and vehicle licensing, gas, and insurance policies.



MAINTENANCE FOR A BOAT OR VEHICLE **\$100**

SPONSOR A BOAT OR VEHICLE **\$1200**

Sponsor a Veteran

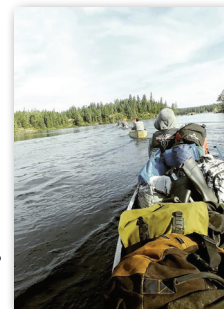
We run many programs throughout the year to take care of our military families. From our Holes 4 Heroes ice fishing tournament to our Spring and Fall retreats. These events are great ways for our military participants to connect and build healing relationships with each other through outdoor and fishing events. Our hope is to be a beacon of light for those working through past life events.



SPONSOR A VETERAN **\$250**

Sponsor a Kid for Camp

Kids are always looking for places to belong... And in today's society it seems that it's harder then ever. Fishing for Life wants to be a safe place for kids to come and be a kid. We have many camps available throughout the summer months, please check out our schedule on page 12.



SPONSOR A CHILD FOR CAMP **\$270-\$515**

R&R Happenings

Fishing For Life Military Programming

By Joy Blackburn

Our family had the privilege and honor of joining a special group of people the weekend of Sept 21st at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch (ISCR) for a “Families of the Fallen” retreat. The staff at ISCR had asked FFL to guide the river fishing. Vaughn was chosen to do this and the family was invited to join.

There were about two dozen or so families, each with different stories of their loved one that they had lost. Friday night, the kids were lead by the ISCR staff to do different activities, while the parents connected with one another and did introductions. That evening was heartbreaking! Tears streamed down my cheeks as each one told their story of how their family member had died. For some, it was their first time there and the pain was fresh by just a few months. For others, they had been coming to the retreat for years, but the pain was still there, just at a different level.

Some lost their spouse, some their son, daughter, or brother. Some were from combat (majority were Army or Marines), some from military suicide. All stories heart-wrenching! I couldn't help but think “Why am I here? I can't even possibly relate to these people. I can't even imagine the pain that they are going through.”

Vaughn and I both have family members who are or have served in the military at some level, but it's different. I felt so out of place. Maybe it was just to get a better understanding, to empathize, and to pray. I didn't know, but I do know that Vaughn and I both had trouble sleeping that night as our hearts were so burdened for these families.

One woman lost her husband in May to military suicide and now was a widow with four young children. One woman lost her son to a bomb explosion. Her husband was also in the military and received the honor of bringing their son's remains home. He was never the same, and three years ago committed suicide. Another family lost their son on Mother's Day this year of military suicide. Their other son found out through a post on Facebook!! He was 22 years old and left behind a young girlfriend and three-year-old son. Those are just a few of the stories that burdened our hearts. Vaughn walked the halls at 2am, praying for each family as he read their names on the room doors.

As our girls partook in different activities on Saturday, I was able to have multiple conversations with some of the women there. Some found their faith and hope in a personal relationship with Jesus, others not so much, but that military family/community that they were a part of (they gather together several times a year) was their strength and lifeline. God did not create us to live this life alone. He created us to ultimately need, love, and worship Him.

For those whose eyes and hearts have not yet been opened to that truth, they still know and understand that they are created to need that community; that sense of belonging. There is a commonality amongst certain groups of people that others just wouldn't understand. Whatever the case may be, we are not created to do this life alone. We need each other!

I was able to walk with and have a lengthy conversation with the 21 year old single mom. I was blessed to give a listening ear, and hugs, and embrace her three-year old son. (She's very close to her boyfriend's family; however, they were dealing with their own grief). On Sunday as we were saying goodbyes, she came to me, hugged, thanked me, and said, “It was really nice for you to be here. It really did help, thank



Weekend attendee was excited to catch this fish.

you so much!”. I gave her my contact info. These families are frustrated with the system, and with people who show sympathy and say “I understand how you feel”. We don't! We can't possibly understand unless we have been in their shoes!

The wounds can still be a fresh, or it could be 15 years later; it doesn't matter. They still grieve that loss. That memory of the knock on the door and the officials dressed in blue standing on the doorstep will forever be fresh in their minds. It never goes away, it just looks a little bit different, and life goes on. I understand now what I didn't before, and I know better how to pray for our military families. They don't want our pity or even our sympathy; they want our empathy, our understanding, and even a listening ear, even if it means they are sharing the same story for the hundredth time, and even if it had been 20 years since the death of that family member. They need our prayers and to know that even though we don't really understand, Jesus does. He loves and cares for them so deeply that He died a cruel death in order to have that personal relationship with them. He will be the one to fill that empty void in their lives. Does that mean life will be easy? Does that mean the pain goes away? No, but it does mean that there is a friend they can always turn to who bottles those tears and makes life a little more bearable. It means that every morning when they wake up, it's a new day, they are still alive, and Jesus is the One who makes that possible. And for many, it is “one day at a time”.

Keep our military families and our country in your prayers! They need it more than ever! And be a listening ear. We don't need to say a word; we just need to take time to listen, cry with them, and offer a hug.

Pay It Forward Video Aired Nov 10th

Midwest Outdoors TV Played Video from the LOTW Trip

Midwest Outdoors TV aired the Pay It Forward event which was filmed on Lake of the Woods this past August. The Midwest Outdoors segment aired Saturday, November 10th at 9:30 am on Fox Sports North.

Pay It Forward serves 50-60 vets from all walks of life on a 4 day, Lake of the Woods trip. The mission is to bring soldiers together and experience healing through Christ and fellowship!

We are looking for and welcome possible sponsors for the Pay It Forward Program. Sponsors allow this event to continue each year. Every year, there are so many good things that happen because of this event. Thank you to all the past and present sponsors!

If you are a veteran, thank you for your service. The many sacrifices you and our

men and women in the military have made, continue to make and still deal with after the fact, is recognized and so very appreciated.

If you happen to know any veterans who may be a good fit for this event, please have them contact me, Tom Goodrich, to submit an application. Tom@FishingForLife.org or 612-987-5466. **The 2019 event will be taking place July 8-11, 2019.**

To view the video, please type this address into a browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WiwVfHwQA&feature=youtu.be>

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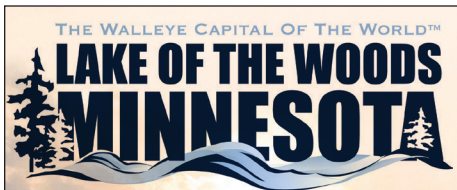
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MUSKIE MAYHEM

Cold Weather, Big Fish

What a wonderful soldier event! We chose November 11, Veterans Day, to organize and operate the Muskie Mayhem event. The late season of catching muskies makes for a very cold event, but what warms the day up is getting our boat guides and soldiers together for a really fun day.

The muskie is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of fish—one out of every 5000 casts if you are diligently fishing for them. Not only are they hard to get, but when you do get one to bite, the large size makes for lots of work to get them in the boat. Our Wounded Warrior soldiers don't often get a chance to fish for these and in some cases don't have the strength to fish all day casting huge plugs. This late season approach with the guides gives them a chance to land a giant muskie. And, our guides love to serve the soldiers as they enjoy trying to catch the giant muskie.

This year on Lake Minnetonka, it took us a bit to even get out on the water since most of the landings had ice building up on the shores. Once out, the group exclusively used 16-inch sucker minnows to entice these giants. Since it was extremely cold the soldiers chased a bunch of muskies but only ended up boating one.

Even though the fish were few, the group still had a great time fishing! Congratulations to this soldier, Adam Wychor and his 42-inch winner of Muskie Mayhem!



Adam Wychor, Winner of
Muskie Mayhem with this
42-inch Monster

VOLUNTEER BOAT GUIDES WANTED

- Must Like Kids and Adults
- Likes to Help Others Fish
- Enjoys Getting Paid in Smiles!



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Call or Email Sara to get on our 2019 Volunteer List. 612-554-6304 | Sara@FishingForLife.org

New News For 2019



Carri Anderson

FISHING FOR LIFE STAFF CONTINUES TO GROW

MMeet Carri Anderson, our new Operations Director! Carri is a hands-on team player with over 20 years of experience in building successful cross-functional teams. A friendly, creative and tenacious leader who is able to get the job done on time by using strong project management skills and implementing continuous improvement initiatives.

Her experience is across a broad range of industries including: healthcare, manufacturing, wholesale imports and non-profit organizations; and her professional experience is varied and envelopes operations, project management, general administration, marketing, and IT. She has been described as the keystone between good ideas and successful implementation of those ideas.

Carri has known of Fishing for Life for many years as her father, brother, husband and son have all been servants and recipients in the ministry of Fishing for Life. She is also a military mother and understands what that entails.

When the opportunity presented itself, she was excited that her gifts could be used to help increase the reach of the program and mission, She jumped at the chance to be a part of this organization.

SALESFORCE DATABASE MOVES FISHING FOR LIFE FORWARD

Fishing for Life is making moves for future benefits with a new database program. As a non-profit, we run 100% on donations received from donors like you. Some of the challenges that we face are connecting with our donors, keeping our database current and being able to pull reports on all of our donors giving, event participants, volunteers, campers and more. Salesforce will help us do this all in one place! We are excited to add this new program to our daily workflow and look forward to communicating with you all in a more organized manner. It's been a long time coming, but we are making strides at getting our data ready to go. We will be doing a soft launch in December and hope to have everything up and running by the start of 2019.

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!

We have more technology advances set for 2019! We are really excited to show off our new website, slotted for January 1, 2019. The new site will give more opportunities for us to do fundraising directly from our site. It will also give our audience opportunities to register for our events, sign up to volunteer, shop our store and get all the information about Fishing for Life all in one place. We are looking forward to having a robust website to get our mission out to those that need it and to raise funds to run our many programs. Check us out in January!



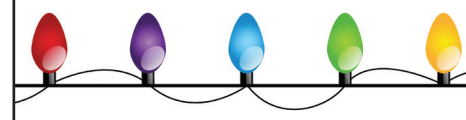
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Testimonial/Kudos

Mom Gives Praise For Our Camps!

I personally can not thank you enough for putting the smile back on my sons face, he has not been able to stop talking about Nels (his fishing guide) and catching the different fish, and the different lakes, I have to say it has been refreshing. Last night we had to take a trip to fleet farm for Spider Vine and a new bait thing he wanted.

I asked him, "didn't he have enough fishing for a little while," he said "never enough!"

He absolutely enjoyed himself, he even talked about growing with the organization so he can be a counselor that teaches the other kids to fish.

I have to say the morning we dropped him off, I prayed he would find himself or find his spark again. Jordan has been struggling a lot this past year, in school and in doing the right thing, he started hanging around a bad group of kids. Making bad choices and also he has been dealing with his biological father going back to jail, after being in jail for three years. That really hurt him, he desperately wants his attention and not in a good way. I have struggled to find help for him, he now is in counseling, but that alone is not enough. That's why I was in search of an organization that would lead him in the right direction, I found Fishing for Life!

I can't thank you enough for guiding Jordan in a good direction.

He loved being paired up with Nels, very happy with the conversation I had with him when we picked up Jordan, Nels wants to continue to keep contact with Jordan through the year and if things work out they wanted to fishing again soon. Great roll model for Jordan.

Thank you again and to the other leaders for a great week!

Cathy Kaufman (Mother)
Jordan Wieland (Camper)



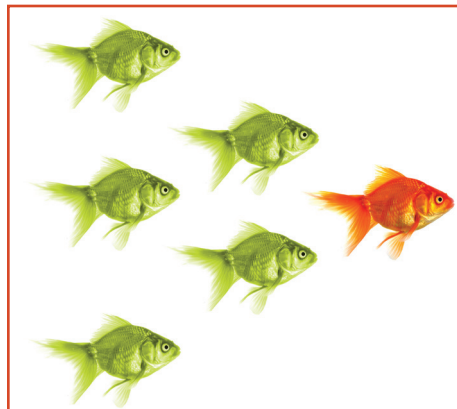
SAVE THE DATES!

JOIN US AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2018 Christmas party is scheduled for December 13th at the Bethlehem Baptist Church (downtown) 720 13th Ave. S., Minneapolis, 55415. Our menu will be an authentic Mexican buffet.

We will have Dan Pilla give the final devotion on the 2018 theme "Choose Life". As always Dan will bring his A-game and you won't want to miss this one! Steve Pennaz from the TV series "Lake Commando" will be our guest fishing speaker. Steve will be speaking on Christmas and ice fishing. Can't wait to hear his message. We will also be unveiling our new jersey designs and placing orders that night. We will have sample jerseys available for sizing.

Register for the Christmas Party at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-deep-cs-christmas-dinner-program-featuring-steve-pennaz-dec-13-tickets-52731478271>



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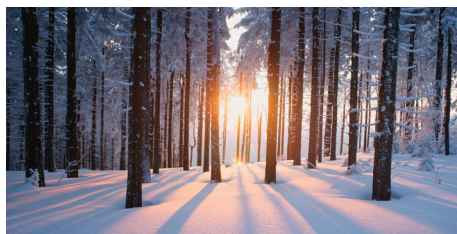
HOLES 4 HEROES REGISTRATION OPEN

Attention all military, active and alumni, the 2019 Holes 4 Heroes Ice Fishing Tournament registration is now open. 1st hole free for all military and immediate family members, 2nd hole \$5. General admission early bird-\$5/hole until 12/31/18. Advance tickets \$10/hole until 1/30/19. \$15/hole at the door. Tickets available at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-holes-4-heroes-multi-species-ice-fishing-tournament-medicine-lake-plymouth-tickets-53060352944>

WINTER RETREAT DATES SET

Last year we had 15 men along with 6 Ice Castles on Lake of the Woods for our winter retreat in March, 2018. We are hoping to include more men for the 2019 winter retreat which is scheduled for February 21-24. Contact Steve for more info. 763-228-1193 or Steve@FishingForLife.org.



**Contact Vaughn Today!
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"Jimmy" is the name of the iconic boy that we use in our logo. Jimmy represents kids all around the Twin Cities: that inner-city kid who craves one-on-one attention, or the military kid who lost a parent to war, or the kid from a single-parent family longing for a father figure. Jimmy represents that kid who is looking for a little extra attention and a place to belong. At FFL we strive to help the Jimmys (and Janes!) of our cities to see Christ, delve into the Word of God, and to enjoy the wonderful creation that God provides!

Fishing For Life, founded in 2004, is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Fishing For Life inspires a love of fishing and outdoor activities through Christ-centered programming. Fishing For Life expands its reach by partnering with community organizations, agencies, and churches. Customized fishing and outdoor programs are developed by our staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers to benefit youth and families in our communities.

2019 Calendar

DECEMBER 2018

13—All-Deep C's Christmas Party
TBA (15)—High C's Tip Up

JANUARY

4-6—NPAA (National Professionals Angling Association) Conference—Doubletree Hotel Bloomington, MN
10-13—MN Sportsmen's Show - St Paul RiverCentre
★16—Reel 'Em In with WWP & Mission
18-19—Dark House Spearing Event

FEBRUARY

★2—Holes 4 Heroes, Medicine Lake
21-24—Deep C's Winter Retreat

MARCH

8-10—MN Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Expo - State Fairgrounds
8-10—High C's Firearm Safety Class at Turkey Expo
★8-10—Muskie Expo at Concordia University - Trout Pond
21-24—NW Sports Show at the Convention Center

APRIL

★5-6—Trout Pond in Willmar
6—14th Annual Get Hooked Gala Banquet & Auction
19-21—Thorne Bros Spring Sale
20—High C's Crow River Canoe Trip
★20-22—R&R Military Marriage Retreat
26-28—Deep C's Turkey/Bow Hunt

MAY

★4—Ron Schara Crappie Contest
9-12—Governor's Fishing Opener
16—Reel 'Em In Rod and Reel Rebuilding - Emma B. Howe YMCA
★18—Trout Pond at the Shriner's Hospital
TBD—High C's wilderness Safety Training

JUNE

1—MN Fishing Challenge for MN Adult & Teen Challenge
7—Reel 'Em In Rod Rebuild at Thorne Bros - Deloitte
7-9—Mille Lacs Boat Launch
8—Cambridge Kids Fishing Derby
★9-14—High C's Fish Camp @ Shore's of St. Andrew

13—AFFFC at Lake Minnetonka
14-15—Sportsman's Garage Sale & Boat Auction
15—Lake Event: Catfish Tourney at Powderhorn
★17-21—High C's Day Camp #1 Minnehaha Academy
★20—High C's Disability Evening Camp-A, Medicine Lake
★23-28—High C's BWCA Experience-Ely
★24-28—High C's Day Camp #2, Minnehaha Academy
★27—High C's Disability Evening Camp-B, Medicine Lake

JULY

★1-3—High C's Superior Hiking Trail Camping Trip
★4—Trout Pond at Interlachen
★7-12—High C's Fish Camp @Camp House- 30 min NW of Two Harbors
★8-11—LOTW Pay it Forward Trip
12—Reel Girls Fish Event Bald Eagle Lake
13—Lake Event: Medicine Lake Monster
★15-19—High C's Day Camp #3, Minnehaha Academy
★17-21—High C's Adult /Child Camp @Miracle Bible Camp-Hackensack, MN
★18—High C's Disability Evening Camp-C, Medicine Lake

AUGUST

3—Lake Event: Lake Marion in Lakeville
★5-9—High C's Fish Camp @Camp JIM - Brainerd, MN

★5-9—High C's Fish Camp @Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch - **FULL**

7—IB Golf Tournament

9—Lake Event: CAST with the Anoka County Sheriff's Dept, Lake George

9-11—Game Fair (1 of 2 weekends) Trout Pond

★12-16—High C's Fish Camp at Leech Lake

13—Pastor's Tournament with Jesus In The City

16-18—Game Fair (2 of 2 weekends) Trout Pond

26-27—Catfish Mississippi River

SEPTEMBER

7—Lake Event: Forest Lake Lunker
11—Marathon Man
12-15—Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat & Fishing

Tournament

★20-22—Gold Star Weekend with Ironwood Springs Christian Camp
TBD—High C's Youth Hunt Wild Wings Game Farm Chisago Lake Pheasants Forever
28—Metro Mold Private Event
29—Air Soft Event

OCTOBER

★30—Muskie Mayhem Event

NOVEMBER

★11—Veteran's Day
14—Give to the Max Day
30—St. Paul Ice Show

DECEMBER

12—All-Deep C's Christmas Party
15—Tip Up Weekend

Key

- ★ High C's Fishing Camps
- ≈ Lake Events
- ★ Trout Pond
- ★ Veteran Programming

Dates are subject to change

Monthly Deep C's Men's Group Gatherings with FREE dinner at 6PM. Bring a friend!

WEST GROUP - 2nd Tuesday
6 PM—Cabela's, Rogers

SOUTH GROUP - 2nd Thursday
6 PM—Illumination Church, Burnsville

EAST GROUP - 4th Tuesday
6 PM—Cabela's, Woodbury

NORTH GROUP - 4th Thursday
6 PM—Thorne Bros, Blaine