



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of The Prairie Club  
Spring 2022



## Ephemeral Flowers and Migrating Birds!

Both of these wonders come and go as quickly as Spring itself seems to. Now is your chance to see them before they're gone for the year. Our camps are the perfect settings for the short-lived blooms along the forest floor and birds looking for a rest stop heading to their Summer homes. Grab your binoculars and a good pair of shoes and make your reservation today!

While peak season may have filled up fast this year, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy the Prairie Club Camps! All of our facilities are available for rental year-round. Plan a visit for a few days or a full week and see what Spring splendors you can find.

**Exciting news:** Farmhouse and the Spring Grove Lodge are returning to single-room rentals. We no longer will be requiring a three-room minimum. Please keep in mind this means you may be sharing the facility with another group.

Please contact the office for details. You may reach us by phone at (630) 620-9334 or by e-mail at [prairieclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prairieclub@sbcglobal.net)

### Spring Grove -

Surrounded by woods with a private pond and access to Nippersink Creek, Spring Grove Lodge has a large fully equipped kitchen and two spacious common areas. There are 7 bedrooms, each sleeping 4 - 5 people.

Available for Exclusives, individual room rentals, and camping.

McHenry County **canoe launches** are now open. Book your Spring adventure today!

### Buena Vista -

Each side of this spacious two-story duplex has 3 bedrooms, a living room with a wood-burning fireplace, a fully equipped kitchen, and a shared screened porch. The older side sleeps 8—10 and the newer side sleeps 6—8. Each side can be rented individually or both sides as an exclusive. Linens, towels, and cleaning service are provided year-round

Spring dates still available including **Memorial Day Weekend!**

### Family Cottage -

Choose between Ravinia or Windsong. Each side of this duplex features a bedroom with a queen bed, a loft with beds to sleep 4, a living room, a gas fireplace, a private screened porch, and a fully equipped kitchen. Linens, towels, and cleaning service are provided year-round.

#### Peak Season Availability

- June 24 - July 1
  - Aug. 26 - Sep. 2
- Many Spring dates still available!

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### Farmhouse -

7 private bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, a large fully-equipped kitchen which includes 2 refrigerators, 2 gas stoves and ovens, 2 microwaves, a dishwasher, 2 dining rooms, and a large common area. Available for Exclusives and individual room rentals.

#### Peak Season Single rooms available

- June 19 - 24
  - June 26 - July 1
  - Aug. 19 - 22
  - Aug. 24 - 26
- Many Spring dates including **Memorial Day Weekend!**

## WANTED: **WATERFRONT DIRECTOR 2022**

### Harbert, Michigan

The Prairie Club's Hazelhurst Camp seeks a Waterfront Director/Swimming Instructor for its beautiful Lake Michigan beach in Harbert, MI, 49115, for summer 2022!



**Duties:** Watch over swimmers and other beach users to promote safety and compliance with beach rules. Respond appropriately to any emergency situations. Provide swimming lessons to small groups four weekday mornings each week. Manage equipment and supplies.

**When:** Seven hours daily & 40 hours weekly. No work on Wednesdays or Sunday mornings. Ten weeks employment—June to August—exact start date may be flexible.

#### Requirements:

- Valid lifeguarding certificate
- Red Cross (or equivalent) First Aid, CPR & AED
- Ability to work with large groups of people

#### Additional information:

- High school diploma or GED preferred.
- Experience preferred.
- Schedule may be split between two candidates if agreeable.
- More info is available at [www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst/](http://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst/)

**Compensation:** \$15/hr ( \$600/week)

Apply by contacting (240) 271-8430 or [rwlutter@gmail.com](mailto:rwlutter@gmail.com)

## For Sale - Becker/LoGrasso Cottage #24

Four bedrooms, one full bath, one  $\frac{3}{4}$  bath, one  $\frac{1}{2}$  bath. Appliances and furniture included. Central A/C, natural gas heat, four season cottage.

Pictures emailed upon request, and pictures will be posted on Facebook. Viewings start May 1, 2022. Offers accepted until June 30, 2022.

Questions? Please email Tony & Jenn LoGrasso at [jlograsso635@gmail.com](mailto:jlograsso635@gmail.com)



# Back by Popular Demand

## FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY, SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

No interview required!

Application fee reduced by 50%

Easy, Saves \$\$ & Time

The Prairie Club wants you!! And not only you, but your spouse, domestic partner, children 16 and older, brothers, sisters, & parents too. We need and want members who will share the goals and aspirations of our very special club and who want to enjoy our exceptional facilities!

Make it easy for the rest of the family who have been planning to join but just haven't gotten around to getting all the paperwork done. One referring family member and only one sponsor are needed. Just complete the "Immediate Family" application form below for each individual (feel to make additional copies) and submit with payment of \$150 (\$25 reduced application fee and \$125 dues) to the club office.

Publication in the Bulletin and approval by Prairie Club Board are required prior to becoming a member.

The Immediate Family Application will be offered every three years for three months in June, July, and August. The next family membership drive will be in 2025.

Valid the months of June, July, August 2022

*We are confident that in keeping with the Prairie Club spirit, no member seeks to avoid the payment of membership dues, by other eligible family members who use club facilities, by acquiring membership for only one family member.*

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Immediate Family Application for Active Membership in the Prairie Club

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_ # of Current Children - 15 and younger \_\_\_\_\_ 16 to 21 \_\_\_\_\_

*Sponsor (non relative) and Referring relative must be an active Prairie Club Member in good standing for two years.*

Referring relative name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Relative's phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor name \_\_\_\_\_ Length known \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

Sponsor's phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in serving on or volunteering for following committees:

- |  |   |                                     |  |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Meeting/Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance    | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotional       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Cottage | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazelhurst | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buena Vista               | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm House     | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Grove Camp |

*To the Executive Board and Members of the Prairie Club: I hereby apply for Membership in the Prairie Club and, if admitted, I promise to conform to its by-laws, rules and regulations.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form with your Reduced Application fee of \$25 + \$125 dues to:  
The Prairie Club, 12 E. Willow St., Unit A, Lombard, IL 60148



## Prairie Club 114th Annual Meeting June 4, 2022, at Hazelhurst

An in-person Annual Meeting of the Prairie Club will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the new Hazelhurst Pavilion.

The day will begin with a new members' meet and greet at 10:00 am Eastern Standard Time. At 10:45 am the Annual Meeting will begin with Club President Doug Elrick as the Master of Ceremonies. Lunch will take place at 11:30. After the picnic lunch under the pavilion, a speaker from Chikaming Open Lands will give a presentation in the Red Barn.

The picnic lunch will include hot dogs, hamburgers, and vegan burgers. As well as various side dishes and desserts. The lunch is free to Prairie Club members, \$10 for nonmembers age 12 and older, and for children 3 to 11 the fee is \$5.

On the next day, there will be a kayak/canoe trip on the Galien River beginning at 1:00 pm. Anyone who needs to rent a kayak can do so from Third Coast Paddling, 200 Marquette Drive, New Buffalo where the phone number is 269-468-9399. Single kayaks cost \$25 and double kayaks are \$30.

This event is for fully vaccinated people. Attendees to the Red Barn talk are required to wear a mask.

### ORDER PRAIRIE CLUB APPAREL ONLINE

**\* TIME LIMITED \***

**Select Prairie Club t-shirts and sweatshirts are available for order from**

**April 23rd to May 8th, 2022**

Please visit [theprairieclubmerch.itemorder.com/](http://theprairieclubmerch.itemorder.com/) between April 23rd to May 8th and submit your order for Prairie Club apparel! The site will close on May 8th and a bulk order will be submitted.

Orders will be available for pick up at Hazelhurst on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday and Monday 10:00- 12:00, in the Red Barn, at the Prairie Club Annual Meeting on June 4th at Hazelhurst, and at the July 2nd site holders meeting.

A delivery to Spring Grove Camp will occur in June, time TBD.

Alternate pick-up times at Hazelhurst may be arranged with Barb Burton-Halfpenny through the summer at [bhalfpenny.barb@gmail.com](mailto:bhalfpenny.barb@gmail.com).

## Donations

Thank you for the continued support of our Members. **Please remember that donations to the Prairie Club are not tax deductible.**

A considerate donation to benefit the conservation efforts at Hazelhurst was made by **Mike Maloney**.

A heartfelt donation from **Diana Spurgin** in memory of Charlene Calkins & Frank Andrews will go to Hazelhurst.

To help accomplish the goals set forth in the conservation plan created for Hazelhurst, **Dick Spurgin** has made a generous donation.

The following members made generous donations along with their yearly dues:

|                           |                         |                                   |                           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Paula Butler</b>       | <b>Jaime Haas</b>       | <b>Gwendolyn Lyford</b>           | <b>Gretchen Oster</b>     |
| <b>Ann Cahill</b>         | <b>Cathy Halfpenny</b>  | <b>Willis Lyford</b>              | <b>Gwen Porter</b>        |
| <b>Brendan Cahill</b>     | <b>Walter Hallen</b>    | <b>Maureen McGann-Ryan</b>        | <b>Nancy Reiter</b>       |
| <b>Lea Cahill</b>         | <b>Bill Hechler</b>     | <b>Nan McRaven</b>                | <b>Virginia Russell</b>   |
| <b>Thomas Cahill</b>      | <b>Yeon-Tae Hechler</b> | <b>Philip Miller</b>              | <b>Vladimir Seizovic</b>  |
| <b>Cathy Cloud</b>        | <b>James Ilten</b>      | <b>Macy Morris</b>                | <b>Diana Spurgin</b>      |
| <b>Hilary Critchfield</b> | <b>Julie Ilten</b>      | <b>Carl Nadelhoffer</b>           | <b>Linda Taylor</b>       |
| <b>Jerzy Czajkowski</b>   | <b>Joseph Kagann</b>    | <b>Joanne Nadelhoffer</b>         | <b>Tom Taylor</b>         |
| <b>Mary Kay Downey</b>    | <b>April Kibler</b>     | <b>Sarah Nadelhoffer</b>          | <b>Kurt vonMeding</b>     |
| <b>James Downey</b>       | <b>J. Scott Kibler</b>  | <b>Laura Nadelhoffer-Seizovic</b> | <b>Mozelle vonMeding</b>  |
| <b>Sue Enright</b>        | <b>Deborah Kinney</b>   | <b>Tom Nelson</b>                 | <b>Marcia Warter</b>      |
| <b>Jeanne Fields</b>      | <b>William Kinney</b>   | <b>William O'Neill</b>            | <b>Mary Lou Wehrli</b>    |
| <b>Nancy Gray</b>         | <b>Peter Lesnik</b>     | <b>Pauline O'Neill</b>            | <b>Grazyna Wisniowska</b> |

## New Applicants for Membership

The following candidates have applied for membership since our last Bulletin was published. If you know of any reason why an applicant should not be admitted to the Club, please write to the Membership Committee, via the Club office address: 12 E. Willow St., Unit A, Lombard, IL 60148

**David Kovas**

Elkhart, IN 46514

Sponsors: Randy Ball, Layton Olson

Interviewed by: Marilynn Gorawara



**Membership renewals were due March 1st.**

If you have not yet sent your dues payment to the office, be sure to include a \$25 late fee

**Reminder for Spring Grove Siteholders**

Final lease payments are due on April 30th

**Reminder for Hazelhurst Siteholders**

Don't forget to send in your "Declaration of Ownership"

Prairie Club Officers 2022

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| President                        | Douglas Elrick |
| 1st Vice President               | Mike Maloney   |
| 2nd Vice President               | Carolyn Edison |
| Treasurer                        | Mark Sever     |
| Recording Secretary              | OPEN           |
| Hazelhurst Camp Vice President   | Sharon Lemler  |
| Spring Grove Camp Vice President | Erin Kiehm     |

Standing Committees 2022

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Audit      | Kevin Oravec       |
| Elections  | Terry Riban        |
| Finance    | Richard B. Spurgin |
| Historical | OPEN               |
| Membership | Barb Burton        |
| Nominating | Dan Gapen          |

Activity Committees 2022

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Activities/Walkers | Hope Little                      |
| Annual Meeting     | Hope Little, Leo Krusack         |
| Buena Vista        | Linsey Crowninshield             |
| Conservation       | Leo Krusack                      |
| Family Cottage     | Laurel Salvador                  |
| Farm House         | Deb McGrath, Barbara Wittersheim |
| Promotional        | Barb Burton                      |
| Publications       | Natalie Brennan                  |
| Hazelhurst         | Sharon Lemler                    |
| Spring Grove       | Erin Kiehm, Brian Reed           |
| Spring Grove Lodge | Mickey Hanson                    |
| Website            | Natalie Brennan                  |



Return Service Requested

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