



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of The Prairie Club  
Spring 2023



## Peak Season Rentals are Still Available!

There's still time to book your summer vacation!

Hazelhurst still has a limited number of weeks available during our peak season. Don't miss your chance to book one of these rare summer opportunities.

Whether you prefer swimming in Lake Michigan or canoeing down the Nippersink Creek, both of The Prairie Club's camps offer exciting activities during the summer.

Contact the office to see if these dates are still available and book your getaway.

### Family Cottage -

Sleeps 4 - 6 people      \$1,269.00 per week in our peak season

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, air conditioning, a gas fireplace, a private screened porch, and a fully equipped kitchen. Linens, towels, and cleaning service are provided year-round.

06/16 - 06/23	Windsong	06/30 - 07/07	Ravinia	08/18 - 08/25	Windsong
06/23 - 06/30	Windsong	07/07 - 07/14	Ravinia	08/25 - 09/01	Ravinia
		07/21 - 07/28	Windsong		

### Buena Vista -

"Casa Craig" (Old Side) Sleeps 8 - 10      \$2,011.00 per week in our peak season

3 Bedrooms, 1 Kitchen, 2 Bathrooms, 1 Fireplace, 1 Dining Room/Living Room, 1 shared Screened Porch

"Sandine's Svensk Stuga" (New Side) Sleeps 6 - 8      \$2,011.00 per week in our peak season

3 Bedrooms, 1 Kitchen, 2 Bathrooms, 1 Fireplace, 1 Dining Room/Living Room, 1 shared Screened Porch with 2 twin beds

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

06/30 - 07/07	Sandine's
08/25 - 09/01	Casa Craig
08/25 - 09/01	Sandine's

Don't forget all of our facilities are open year-round. It's never too early to start planning your Fall and Winter trips! View details our each facility on the next page.

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# Our Rental Facilities—

## Contact the office to make your reservation today!

### Buena Vista

Two spacious sides each with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Casa Craig sleeps 8 - 10 people with six twin beds and a twin bunk bed spread out among three bedrooms and a day bed on the screened porch. Sandine's Svensk Stuga sleeps 6 - 8 people with four twin beds and a double bed. As well as, two twin beds on the screened porch. Both sides are central air equipped and feature wood burning fireplaces. Linens, bath towels and cleaning service provided. Wi-Fi included. Each side of Buena Vista may be rented individually or both as an exclusive.



### Family Cottage

Cottage has two identical sides to choose from. Each side sleeps 4 - 5 people. The main floor consists of a complete kitchen, spacious living area, a full bathroom, and a bedroom with a queen bed. The large loft area provides beautiful views and features two twin beds and a twin trundle bed. Central Air equipped, a gas fireplace, and a private screened porch. Linens, bath towels, and cleaning service are provided. Wi-Fi included.

### Farmhouse

Offering seven rooms to choose from, ranging from accommodations for one person up to four people. Comfortably sleeps 14 to 18. Openings are available year round at the Farmhouse. The seven lovely rooms in Farmhouse are available for Exclusives and individual room rentals on weekly, nightly or weekend basis. Wi-Fi included. With so many options, we have the perfect chance for your quick getaway.



### Spring Grove

Just 60 miles north of Chicago, Spring Grove Lodge has seven bedrooms, each sleeping 4 - 5 people. Inside the Lodge you will find a large fully equipped kitchen and two common areas with beautiful views of the woods and pond. Enjoy hiking and fishing on the grounds or many other places in the surrounding area. The Nippersink Creek runs through the camp, offering perfect opportunities for canoeists and kayakers. Available for individual room rentals or an exclusive lodge rental. It also is a wonderful place to just spend the day. Perfect for family reunions, work retreats, friends weekends, church outings and weddings.

## Join us as we Hike the Fox River trail in Batavia

SAT, APR 29 · 11:00 AM CDT

Hiking along the Fox River in the Spring is always an enjoyable opportunity to see waterfowl and emerging flowers and plants. We may even get lucky and see an eagle!

The river trail hike is nature at its finest in DuPage.

Meet at 11:00 am in the parking lot by the Fabyan Park Windmill along the Fox River in Batavia.

We will begin our hike first crossing a footbridge and scouting for blooming blue scilla and daffodils and then walk through a Japanese Garden. In downtown Batavia we will cross over the bridge and see the Fox River from another vantage point as we make our way through a forest and back to the starting point in Batavia.

The distance is about four miles. Bring a lunch and a drink so we can sit down together for a picnic lunch if the weather is nice. We can also consider the option of dining at a local restaurant in downtown Batavia.

Bring a lunch or a snack, water, sunscreen, if needed and wear comfortable shoes or hiking boots. As always...dress for the weather.

The Windmill is located off Illinois Route 25 (Crissey Avenue) in Batavia between Fabyan Parkway and Route 38 (State St). on the east side of river.

Make sure to specify Batavia in your GPS. The park is considered Geneva on the other side of the river.



## Prairie Club Annual Meeting - June 3, 2023

The Prairie Club's Annual Meeting will be held in person at the Hazelhurst Pavilion on June 3, 2023. At 11:00 am Eastern Standard Time, a meet and greet for new members will kick off the day. The Annual Meeting will start at 11:45 am with Club President Mike Maloney serving as the Master of Ceremonies. At 12:30 we will have a picnic lunch beneath the pavilion. Following lunch, a speaker from the Sarett Nature Center will deliver a presentation on "Lakeshore Natural Communities and Their Wildlife" in the Red Barn.



There will be vegan burgers, hot dogs, and hamburgers for the picnic meal. Several side dishes and desserts are also available. Lunch is free for Prairie Club members, costs \$10 for non-members over the age of 12, and costs \$5 for kids under the age of 11.

The next day, at 1:00 pm, there will be a kayak/canoe trip on the Galien River. Anybody in need of a kayak rental can contact Third Coast Paddling at 269-468-9399, which is located at 200 Marquette Road in New Buffalo. Double kayaks are \$30 and single kayaks are \$25.

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



## Join Spring Grove for the Earth Day Clean Up!

Spring Grove Camp will be having an Earth Day clean-up the weekend of April 22nd. If you can help, grab your gardening gloves and join in!



## Hazelhurst Meeting Dates

**May 28, 2023** – Operating Committee 10:00 a.m.

**June 3, 2023** – Annual Meeting

**June 10, 2023** – Camp Council 2:00 p.m.

**July 1, 2023** – Siteholders Meeting 10:00 a.m.

**August 5, 2023** – Siteholders Meeting 10:00 a.m.

## WANTED: WATERFRONT DIRECTOR 2023

Harbert, Michigan

The Prairie Club's Camp Hazelhurst is seeking a Waterfront Director for the 2023 season.



**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 three 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:

- A High School Graduate
- Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate
- Red Cross (or equivalent) First Aid, CPR and AED
- Capable of working with a large group of people.

### Additional information:

- Ten consecutive weeks from June to August. Exact dates are flexible.
- Prior lifeguarding experience is preferred. Paddling and / or sailing experience is also 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:** \$600 / week (\$15.00/hr)

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

## Our Departed Members and Friends

The following member and friend has passed away since our Bulletin's last publishing. Please keep them and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Donald Gray** passed away on **November 30, 2022**

## Donations

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

A generous donation to the **Hazelhurst conservation fund** was made by the Millermaier's on behalf of **James & Sharon Lemler**.

Despite no longer being able to travel to the Club, **Gretchen Oster** made a heartfelt donation to the **Hazelhurst rental facilities** in honor of the years of memories created there.

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

**Sophia Antonio**

**Joan Miller Brown**

**Libbie Buchele**

**Ann Cahill**

**Brendan Cahill**

**Lea Cahill**

**Thomas Cahill**

**Carmen Cordogan**

**John Cordogan**

**Christine Dembinski**

**Joanne DiNovo**

**Mary Kay Downey**

**John Easley**

**Bernadette Feeney Easley**

**Douglas Elrick**

**Ellen R. Elrick**

**Zurich Esposito**

**Kevin Fallon**

**Marsha Foote**

**Robert Foote**

**Nancy Gray**

**Jaime Haas**

**Joanne Haymaker**

**Eric Hoy**

**Denise Hughes**

**Joan Hughes**

**James Ilten**

**Margaret Jura**

**Melissa Kagann**

**Deborah Kinney**

**William Kinney**

**Joycelynn Kirchens**

**Ed Lausch**

**Gwendolyn Lyford**

**Willis Lyford**

**Maureen McGann-Ryan**

**Nan McRaven**

**Macy Morris**

**Joanne Nadelhoffer**

**Sarah Nadelhoffer**

**Laura Nadelhoffer-Seizovic**

**Carol Peters**

**Nancy Reiter**

**Vladimir Seizovic**

**Katherine Smith**

**Judith Spurgin**

**William Spurgin**

**Angelo Varias**

**James Volkman**

**Kurt vonMeding**

**Priscilla Ferguson- Wagstaffe**

**Richard Ferguson- Wagstaffe**

**Marcia Warter**

**C. Randall Williams**

**Dianne Williams**

## 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

**Justin Bruns**

Jupiter, FL 33477

Sponsors: Barb Burton-Halfpenny, Rob Burton

Interviewed by: Frankie Kirby

**Barbara Kwatro**

Palatine, IL 60067

Sponsors: Monika Ourth, Jagoda Trzop

Interviewed by: Sally Cook



**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

**Peak Season Renters**

Final payments for peak season rentals are due May 1st

Prairie Club Officers 2023

President	Mike Maloney
1st Vice President	Sarah Craig Pratt
2nd Vice President	Carolyn Edison
Treasurer	Mark Sever
Recording Secretary	Wendy Lyford
Hazelhurst Camp Vice President	Barb Burton-Halfpenny
Spring Grove Camp Vice President	Erin Kiehm

Standing Committees 2023

Audit	Kevin Oravec
Elections	Terry Riban
Finance	Richard B. Spurgin
Historical	OPEN
Membership	Jo Burda Smith
Nominating	Dan Gapen

Activity Committees 2023

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



Return Service Requested

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