

Minnesota Elks Youth Camp Mission Statement

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The Minnesota Elks Youth Camp is:

Minnesota State Project for Elks since 1954

Privately Funded and Owned by the 27 MN Elks Lodges and their Members

Non-Profit

Located in Nisswa, MN

About 275 acres on Pelican Lake, Markee Lake, Stevens Lake and Woodtick Lake

A Seasonal Summer Camp of 7-8 weeks

Rotating schedule of 1 week per group-4 to 5 Lodges per group

80 to 100 Campers per week-@600 per summer

About 20-25 staff members each season-about 1-4 ratio

Operated by Seasonal Camp Directors

Run by the elected Elks Camp Board/Chair

Serviced by Year Round Camp Supervisor

Dependent on much Volunteer Labor and Donations

Occasionally used by Elks Members in the Off-Season-Elks promotions

The Minnesota Elks Camp Mission:

Benevolent Protective Order of Elks

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The Elks motto is Elks Care...Elks Share. Elks members believe it is the social responsibility of its members to give back to Minnesota communities, by focusing on our children. Influencing these children with old fashioned family values will make a difference for the future of our communities and our country. Following this belief, the mission of the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp provides deserving Minnesota youth ages 9-13 with a recreational camp experience of one week. The camp also focuses on the values that Elks members support including: citizenship, family values, team work and responsibility, community and giving, respect, fairness, and tolerance, as well as, appreciation for life, spiritual beliefs and nature. It is the goal of the camp to provide an opportunity for an experience of a lifetime for each participating camper. It is the belief that each camper will hopefully leave camp with a potential life changing experience and a real investment in the positive direction of our future. Supporting the camp allows Elks members to really make a difference.