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Greetings from Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221!

We will be hosting the 2018 Minnesota State Elks Association Mid-Year Convention in partnership with the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp and Breezy Point Resort, October 18-21, 2018. Why are we hosting it at Breezy Point and Camp rather than our Lodge? We want to provide a unique opportunity to members of the Minnesota Elks State Association to see the camp for the very first time or for those long time members who have been to camp, to see it through the eyes of a camper.

There are many members in our state who either don't know we have a youth camp or have never been to visit it. Those that have seen it and/or volunteered at it will tell you that it reinforces the message of the good works that we as Elks perform in our community. The camp provides kids that often come from a difficult home life a chance to experience a true north woods experience. It teaches respect, teamwork and offers a child a week of downright fun. Come see the camp and you too will be hooked.

And while we poke fun at incoming State President Pat Wright with our theme of "Pat Goes To Camp", we are serious about offering an educational, fun and unique experience with this year's Mid-Year Convention. We invite you to attend this year's convention and help make it and our Youth Camp successful. We hope the break-out sessions provide you valuable insight not only for your Lodge business but your work and/or personal life as well.

We encourage you to reach out to a fellow member or two who hasn't attended a convention and invite them along. To help incent the Lodges to bring new attendees we are holding a CONTEST! Yes, that's right – we will have prizes for the Lodges that bring the most new attendees. See the flyer titled "Bring More Members to Convention Contest" for all the details.

A few details regarding the logistics:

- Registration will start on Thursday from 4:00pm-9:00pm in the Breezy Point Lobby in the Conference Center
- Registration will continue Friday and Saturday from 7:00am-9:00am outside the meeting rooms
- Please drop off your youth camp baskets at the Registration table
- All business meetings will be held at the Breezy Point Conference Center.
- To encourage pre-registration, you will notice there are two different prices for the events on Friday. You receive a discount for registering for events early!

Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to seeing you in October!

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