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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Polar Bear Plunge | Spicer
Winterfest | Spicer

FEBRUARY

Buffalo Lake Winterfest
February Frost Festival | Olivia
Sno-Skippers Speed/Radar Run | Spicer
Sno-Skippers Vintage Drag Race | Spicer
Sno-Skippers All Class Drag Run | Spicer
Radar Run | Green Lake

MARCH - APRIL

Relay for Life | Willmar
5th Annual Novice Bonspiel-Olympic Addition | Willmar
USA Curling Mixed Nationals | Willmar
St. Patrick's Day Red Beard Run/Walk | Willmar

MAY

Spring Feast | Spicer
Memorial Day Spring Festival | New London
Memorial Day Parade | Raymond
Willmar Car Club Car Show and Swap Meet | Willmar
Memorial Day/Law Day 5k Run | Willmar

JUNE

Kandi is Dandy Days | Kandiyohi
Atwater Festival Days
Studio Hop | Willmar
Willmar Fest
Bird Island Wing Ding Days
Antique Power Collectors Show | Blomkest
Fairfax Summer Celebration
MN Invention & Ideas Show | Redwood Falls
West Central Dairy Days | Willmar
Willmar Fests
Foot Lake 4 Walk/Run | Willmar

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Spicer, Prinsburg
Independence Day Celebration | Morton
Litchfield Watercade
Lake Lillian Fun Days

Corn Chaff Days | Hector
Danube Fun Days
Corn Capital Days | Olivia
Sacred Heart Summerfest
Franklin Catfish Derby Days
Cosmos Space Festival

AUGUST

Kandiyohi County Fair | Willmar
New London Music Festival | Spicer
New London to Brighton Antique Car Run
Pennock Fun Days
Renville County Fair | Bird Island
Meeker County Fair | Litchfield
Raymond Harvest Festival

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Glacial Ridge Winery's Grape Stomp | Spicer
Atwater Threshing Days
Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! | Willmar
Pumpkin Festival | Litchfield
Red Rooster Days | Dassel
Scarecrow Festival | Morton
Redwood Falls Festival

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Holidaze Parade | Willmar
Holiday Happenings | Hector
Beneath the Village Wreath | Morton
Christmas by Candlelight | Redwood Falls
Unforgettable Christmas | Hector
Old Fashioned Christmas | Bird Island
Holiday Happenings | Olivia

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Zoning	231-6229

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*K*andiyohi County was established in 1858 with the city of Kandiyohi as its original county seat. The area was comprised of Kandiyohi and then Monongalia Counties until 1870 when the two counties were merged. Willmar was selected as the new county seat in 1871 due to its central location and the name Kandiyohi, a Dakota word for buffalo fish, was selected for the new territory. Railroad development allowed for growth and industry was dominated by agriculture. Kandiyohi County continued to grow and by 1900 its population reached 18,146. It has since become a popular region for recreational activities due to the many lakes found within its borders. Today Kandiyohi County is home to approximately 41,123 residents.

ATWATER – pop. 1,036

BLOMKEST – pop. 173

KANDIYOHI – pop. 533

LAKE LILLIAN – pop. 247

NEW LONDON – pop. 1,343

PENNOCK – pop. 500

PRINSBURG – pop. 454

RAYMOND – pop. 771

REGAL – pop. 38

SPICER – pop. 1,098

SUNBURG – pop. 101

WILLMAR (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 17,907

**Populations are approximate.*

ATWATER

First known as Summit Lake, Atwater was established in 1869. The community was renamed in honor of E.D. Atwater, railroad secretary and the area grew dramatically with the arrival of the railroad. By 1880 the community was incorporated and housed grain elevators and a variety of businesses. A fire in 1891 nearly destroyed the community, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Atwater is home to approximately 1,036 residents.

BLOMKEST

Blomkest was originally known as Kester and established as a railway village. Streets were platted in 1926 and the community was renamed Blomkest. The name Blomkest commemorates the original townsite and early settler Ole Blomquist. Blomkest was incorporated in 1952 and has remained an agricultural community. Today Blomkest is home to approximately 173 residents.

KANDIYOHI

Kandiyohi was established in 1868 and named after the nearby lakes. As the railroad was constructed in 1869 the community was almost selected to be the state capital for Minnesota, but was vetoed by Governor William Rainey Marshall. Streets were platted, a post office was founded and the community was incorporated in 1904. Today Kandiyohi is home to approximately 533 residents.

LAKE LILLIAN

Lake Lillian was first explored in 1856 and a post office was established in 1868. The community was named after Lillian Whitefield, wife of Edwin Whitefield, an artist and author who had settled in the area. As rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow and in 1926 Lake Lillian was incorporated. Today Lake Lillian is home to approximately 247 residents.

NEW LONDON

The construction of a sawmill in 1856 sparked the development of New London and a post office was established in 1867. The name New London was suggested by Louis Larson in honor of his Wisconsin hometown and the community was selected as a temporary county seat. In 1889 New London was incorporated and construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Today New London is home to approximately 1,343 residents.

PENNOCK

Originally known as St. John's, Pennock was established in 1870 as a railway village. A post office was established the following year with Erick G. Berglund serving as its first postmaster. The community was renamed in 1891 after railway superintendent George Pennock and in 1903 Pennock was incorporated. Today Pennock is home to approximately 500 residents.

PRINSBURG

Prinsburg was founded in 1884 as Martin Prins and Theodore Koch purchased over 35,000 acres of land for the railroad. Prins offered to partially fund a church as long as at least 20 families arrived to stake land claims. Over 40 lots were sold and the community was named in his honor. Streets were platted in 1886 and a post office was established the following year. Today Prinsburg is home to approximately 454 residents.

RAYMOND

Raymond was platted in 1887 and named in honor of Raymond Spicer, son of John M. Spicer who founded Willmar. The community was incorporated in 1897 and the area continued to grow. It is known as being the birthplace of chemist William A. Mitchell, who patented over 70 products including Tang, Pop Rocks, and Jell-O. Today Raymond is home to approximately 771 residents.

REGAL

First known as Lintonville, the community was settled in 1886 as the railroad was constructed. A post office was established in 1887 and the area continued to grow. The name Regal was suggested by George Weidner and the community was renamed by popular vote in 1915 and incorporated in 1940. Today Regal is home to approximately 38 residents.

SPICER

Founded on the abandoned townsite of Columbia, Spicer was platted in 1886 and named in honor of president of the railroad construction company, John M. Spicer. A post office was established with Burton B. Swetland serving as the first postmaster, who also operated the first general store and tourist boat on Green Lake. Spicer was incorporated in 1904 and has since become a haven for recreational enthusiasts. Today Spicer is home to approximately 1,098 residents.

SUNBURG

The community of Sunburg was established by settlers in 1870 that had anticipated the arrival of the railroad. The name Sunburg, suggested by postmaster John Sandvigen, was derived from the Norwegian word sund, meaning a strait between two lakes. Sunburg was incorporated in 1951 and has remained an agricultural community. Today Sunburg is home to approximately 101 residents.

WILLMAR (COUNTY SEAT)

Willmar was founded in 1869 as the railroad was constructed. The community was named by railroad president George Becker, in honor of European investor Leon Willmar. In 1871 Willmar was selected as the county seat and incorporated in 1874. The community continued to develop as businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. It has since become a destination for recreational enthusiasts, with its many parks and proximity to a variety of lakes. Today Willmar is home to approximately 17,907 residents.



Meeker County was established in 1856 and named in honor of Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Bradley B. Meeker. Forest City was originally selected as the county seat and the area began to grow with construction of the railroad. Early industry was dominated by agriculture with residents raising wheat, oats, flax and barley. The county seat was moved to Litchfield in 1869 and by 1900 the population of Meeker County had reached 17,773. After 1920 agriculture began to shift towards dairy production with many residents joining the Land O'Lakes Creamery. It has remained a close-knit community and is now one of Minnesota's top poultry and dairy producing regions. Today Meeker County is home to approximately 23,154 residents.

CEDAR MILLS – pop. 53

COSMOS – pop. 553

DARWIN – pop. 308

DASSEL – pop. 1,326

EDEN VALLEY – pop. 951

GROVE CITY – pop. 579

KINGSTON – pop. 120

LITCHFIELD (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 6,555

WATKINS – pop. 927

**Populations are approximate.*

CEDAR MILLS

Cedar Mills was founded in 1860 and named after nearby Cedar Lake. The community was organized in 1870 with a post office and railroad development sparked growth. In 1922 streets were platted and by 1950 Cedar Mills was incorporated. Today Cedar Mills is home to approximately 53 residents.

COSMOS

Cosmos was first settled in 1867 and the community was named by Daniel Hoyt, a local resident and surveyor, after the Greek word for harmony and order. The first post office was established in 1870 and the community began to develop with the arrival of the railroad. Streets were platted in 1923 and the community was incorporated in 1926. Today Cosmos is home to approximately 553 residents.

DARWIN

First known as Rice City, Darwin was organized in 1858. In 1862 a post office was founded and the construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Streets were platted in 1869 and the community was renamed in honor of railroad promoter and stockholder E. Darwin Litchfield. Darwin is now widely recognized for having the world's largest ball of twine, built by Francis A. Johnson. Today Darwin is home to approximately 308 residents.

DASSEL

Settled in 1856, Dassel was first recognized as Swan Lake. Streets were platted in 1869 by Parker Simmons and the community was renamed in 1871 after Bernard Dassel, railroad secretary. A post office was established and the area continued to grow as the railroad was developed. By 1890 Dassel housed a hotel, sawmill, general store and a variety of specialty shops. Today Dassel is home to approximately 1,326 residents.

EDEN VALLEY

Located in Meeker and Stearns Counties, Eden Valley was settled in 1856. The community was first known as Pap-pelbush and was renamed by officers of the railroad. Eden Valley was organized in 1867 and streets were platted in 1886. By 1894 the community was incorporated and housed a post office, general store and assortment of specialty shops. Today Eden Valley is home to approximately 951 residents.

GROVE CITY

Grove City was first settled in 1869 and recognized as Swede Grove. Streets were platted in 1870 and as the railroad arrived, the community was renamed Grove City. In 1878 Grove City was incorporated and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the area. Today Grove City is home to approximately 579 residents.

KINGSTON

Settlers arrived to the Kingston area in 1856 as they traveled along the Crow River. The first post office was established the following year and the name Kingston was suggested by George A. Nourse, a lawyer from St. Anthony. Streets were platted in 1871 and the community was incorporated in 1961. Today Kingston is home to approximately 120 residents.

LITCHFIELD (COUNTY SEAT)

First recognized as Ripley and later Ness, Litchfield was founded in 1856. The community was renamed Litchfield in honor of the Litchfield family who helped finance the construction of the railroad in 1862 and were avid with the development of the area. Streets were platted in 1869 and the community was selected as the county seat. A post office was established and Litchfield was incorporated in 1872. Litchfield continued to grow as the fertile soil and ample water of nearby Lake Ripley attracted new residents. Today Litchfield is home to approximately 6,555 residents.

WATKINS

Watkins was established as a railway village in 1886 on land owned by Danville D. Spaulding. The community was named by the railroad company and the first post office was established in 1887. In 1893 Watkins was incorporated and the area continued to develop. Today Watkins is home to approximately 927 residents.

LARGEST BALL OF TWINE

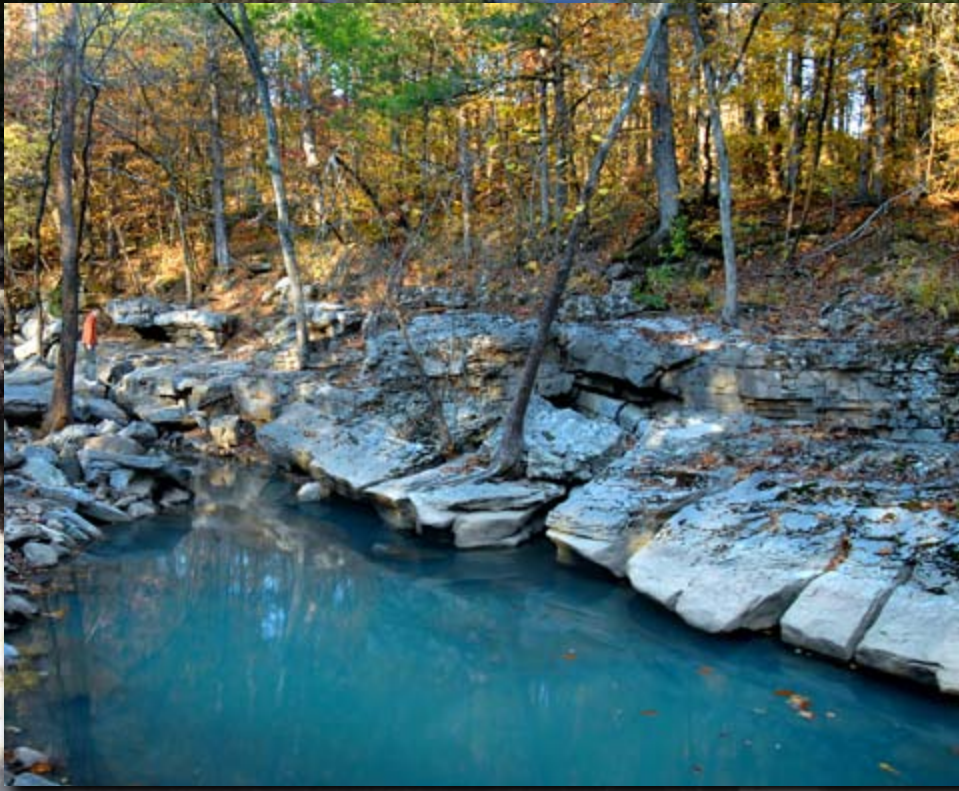
Francis Johnson, son of a U.S. congressman, began rolling what came to be the largest twine ball in the world in 1950. Johnson kept the twine ball rolling even when it became so huge and heavy that he could no longer move it by hand. At that point, he used railroad jacks to push the ball and add more twine! Completed in 1979, the impressively rounded ball of twine now sits in a large gazebo in Darwin's Twine Ball Museum, where visitors can pose for snapshots near the quirky accomplishment.

Join Darwin's Twine Ball Days festival on the second Saturday of August for loads of additional family fun! The festival features a Minn-e-Rods tractor pull down Main Street, a parade, live music, sand volleyball tournaments, and more! Don't miss the souvenir shop, which is a sight to see as well.



Twine-Twirled Craft Contest

Twine has been used to craft knotted jewelry, decorate vases and candlesticks, make daisy-like embellishments, and more. Have you made a rustic, twine-twirled craft? Submit a photo and description of your craft for a chance to be published in our upcoming guides! Send your name, phone number, email address, and a description of your twine-twirled craft to: mndesign@lincolnmarketing.us



Renville County was established in 1855 and named in honor of Joseph Renville, a local explorer, trader, scout, interpreter and soldier. Beaver Falls was originally selected as the county seat and the region began to develop upon construction of the railroad. Agriculture led the area's industry and due to the marshy soil, drainage ditches were built to make the land more tillable. By 1900 its population had reached 23,693 and the county seat was moved to Olivia after much controversy. The area is now comprised of over 3,000 miles of drainage ditch to allow for better farming and is home to one of the oldest known rocks in Minnesota, the Rainbow Gneiss. Today Renville County is home to approximately 15,718 residents.

BIRD ISLAND – pop. 1,100

BUFFALO LAKE – pop. 725

DANUBE – pop. 472

FAIRFAX – pop. 1,195

FRANKLIN – pop. 461

HECTOR – pop. 1,062

MORTON – pop. 398

OLIVIA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,341

REDWOOD FALLS – pop. 5,088

RENVILLE – pop. 1,194

SACRED HEART – pop. 487

**Populations are approximate.*

BIRD ISLAND

Attracted to the ample timber, Bird Island was first settled in 1872. Its name was derived from a nearby island that was a refuge for birds and streets were platted in 1878. The arrival of the railroad sparked growth and a post office and general store were established. As ditches were constructed, the island for which it was named slowly disappeared, leaving behind fertile soil. Today Bird Island is home to approximately 1,100 residents.

FAIRFAX

Fairfax was founded on land owned by Edmond O'Hara and first known as Cairo. Streets were platted in 1882 and the first post office was established by Luke T. Grady. The community was incorporated in 1888 and as the railroad was constructed, the community was renamed Fairfax by Eben Ryder, railroad president. Today Fairfax is home to approximately 1,195 residents.

HECTOR

Hector was settled in 1873 and first known as Milford. The community was renamed after Hector, New York, the birthplace of many settlers. The first post office was established in 1875 with John Baker serving as postmaster. As the railroad arrived in 1878, streets were platted and Hector was incorporated in 1881. Today Hector is home to approximately 1,062 residents.

OLIVIA (COUNTY SEAT)

Settlers arrived to the Olivia area in 1878 as they were attracted to the fertile soil. Streets were platted and the community was named by Albert Bowman Rogers, a railroad engineer. The development of the railroad allowed for growth and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Isaac Lincoln served as the area's first postmaster in 1879 and in 1901 Olivia successfully battled Beaver Falls. Olivia is now widely recognized as the Corn Capital of the World, celebrating Corn Capital Days annually. Today Olivia is home to approximately 2,341 residents.

REDWOOD FALLS

Located in Redwood and Renville Counties, Redwood Falls was first settled in 1864 by Colonel Sam McPhail. Streets were platted the following year and the community was named after the falls of the Redwood River. Redwood Falls was incorporated in 1876 and the area grew with the development of the railroad. By 1900 the area boasted a post office, newspaper, a variety of businesses and was selected as the county seat for Redwood County. Today Redwood Falls is home to approximately 5,088 residents.

RENVILLE

Renville was established as a railway village and platted in 1878. The community was named in honor of Joseph Renville, whom which the county is also named. By 1900 its population had reached 250 and in 1906 Renville was incorporated. It is now widely recognized as having the largest sugar beet processing plant in the world. Today Renville is home to approximately 1,194 residents.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart was first settled in 1866 and a post office was established in 1870 with G.P. Greene serving as the area's first postmaster. Railroad development sparked growth and in 1878 streets were platted. By 1883 Sacred Heart was incorporated and housed grain elevators, general stores, hardware stores, hotels and a saloon. Today Sacred Heart is home to approximately 487 residents.

ANDERSON LAKE COUNTY PARK

Franklin | (320) 523-3768

Anderson Lake County Park features a fishing pier and picnic areas.

BEAVER FALLS COUNTY PARK

Morton | (320) 523-3768

Beaver Falls County Park features a campground and picnic areas.

BIG KANDIYOHI LAKE COUNTY PARK #1

Lake Lillian | (320) 995-6599

Big Kandiyo Lake Park #1 features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, game room, playground equipment and picnic areas.

BIG KANDIYOHI LAKE COUNTY PARK #2

Lake Lillian | (320) 664-4707

Big Kandiyo Lake Park #2 features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, playground equipment and picnic areas.

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DARWIN-DASSEL COUNTY PARK

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DIAMOND LAKE COUNTY PARK

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LAKE MANUELLA COUNTY PARK

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Lake Manuella County Park features a swimming beach and picnic areas.

MACK LAKE COUNTY PARK

Fairfax | (320) 523-3768

Mack Lake County Park features a campground, fishing pier and picnic areas.

MONSON LAKE STATE PARK

Sunburg | (320) 366-3797

Monson Lake State Park features a campground, picnic areas and recreational trails.

NORTH GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARK

Spicer | (320) 796-5564

North Green Lake County Park features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, game room, playground equipment and picnic areas.

SHAW MEMORIAL COUNTY PARK

Litchfield | (320) 693-5450

Shaw Memorial County Park features a ball field, basketball court, ice-skating rink, playground equipment and picnic areas.

SIBLEY STATE PARK

New London | (320) 354-2055

Sibley State Park features a campground, boat launch and fishing pier, interpretive center, picnic areas and recreational trails.

SKALBEKKEN COUNTY PARK

Sacred Heart | (320) 523-3768

Skalbekken County Park features a campground, fishing pier and picnic areas.

SOUTH GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARK

Spicer | (320) 796-5564

South Green Lake County Park features a boat launch, swimming beach and picnic areas.

SPRING LAKE COUNTY PARK

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THOMPSON COUNTY PARK

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Thompson County Park features a fishing dock, sand volleyball court, playground equipment and picnic areas.

VICKSBURG COUNTY PARK

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Vicksburg County Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing pier and picnic areas.

WEST RIPLEY COUNTY PARK

Litchfield | (320) 693-5289

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09/13/14 - 02/28/15
Small Game - Rabbits, Squirrels season

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Spring Turkey season-2015

10/18/14 - 03/15/15
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum
(North) Hunting & Trapping

09/01/15 - 10/31/15
Crow Hunting (3rd season)

10/25/14 - 03/15/15
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger, Opossum
(South) Hunting & Trapping

09/19/15 - 12/31/15
Deer Hunt - Archery season

10/25/14 - 02/28/15
Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat - north
zone

09/19/15 - 02/28/16
Small Game - Rabbits, Squirrels season

10/25/14 - 04/30/15
Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - north zone

11/07/15 - 11/22/15
Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 1A

11/01/14 - 02/28/15
Furbearer Trapping - Mink and Muskrat-south
zone

11/07/15 - 11/15/15
Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 2A and 3A

11/01/14 - 04/30/15
Furbearer Trapping - Beaver - south zone

11/21/15 - 11/29/15
Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 3B

01/01/15 - 01/15/15
Crow Hunting (1st season)

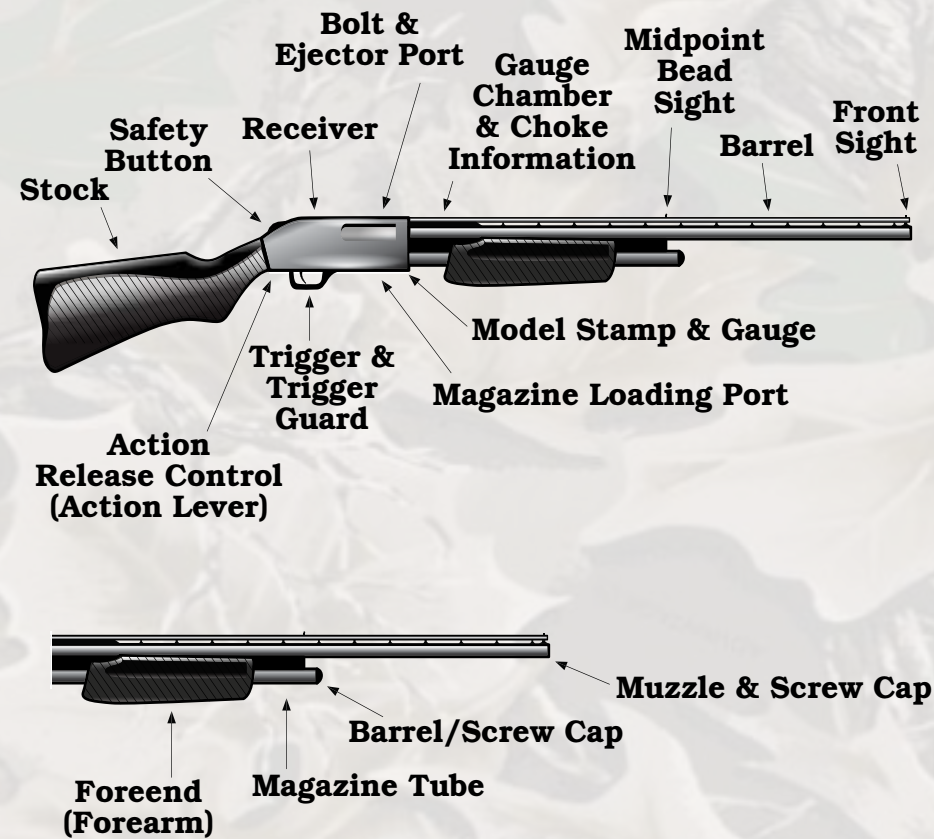
11/28/15 - 12/13/15
Deer Hunt - Muzzleloader season

03/01/15 - 03/31/15
Crow Hunting (2nd season)

12/15/15 - 12/31/15
Crow Hunting (4th season)

04/15/15
Spring Turkey Hunt opener

**At the time of publication not all of the 2015
Minnesota Hunting Seasons were available.
Contact www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information*



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are 5 Suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

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FISHING SEASONS

04/18/15 - 09/14/15

Stream Trout in streams SE - 2015 season

04/18/15 - 09/30/15

Stream Trout in streams, except SE - 2015 season

04/25/15 - 02/28/16

Bowfishing - 2015 season

04/25/15 - 02/14/16

Bullhead, Redhorse, other rough fish Spearing - 2015 season

04/25/15 - 02/28/16

Sucker Spearing - 2015 season

05/09/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass - 2015 season
-North and East of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to
International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St.
Louis County

05/09/15 - 02/28/16

Walleye, sauger, northern pike - 2015 season

05/09/15 - 09/30/15

Lake Trout (summer) - 2015 season

05/23/15 - 09/13/15

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 Season -South and West of
U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except
Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County

05/23/15 - 02/28/16

Largemouth Bass - 2015 season -South and West of
US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls except
Pelican and Ash Lakes in St. Louis County

06/05/15 - 06/07/15

Take-a-Kid fishing weekend

06/06/15 - 12/01/15

Muskellunge (Muskie) - 2015 season

09/14/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 late Catch and Release Only
season-South and West of U.S. Hwy 53 from Duluth
to International Falls except Pelican and Ash lakes in
St. Louis County

09/14/15 - 02/28/16

Smallmouth Bass - 2015 Catch and Release season
only (statewide)

09/15/15 - 10/15/15

Stream Trout (Fall) SE - 2015 season Catch and
Release season only

11/15/15 - 02/28/16

Dark House Spearing-2015 season

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Operating Watercraft

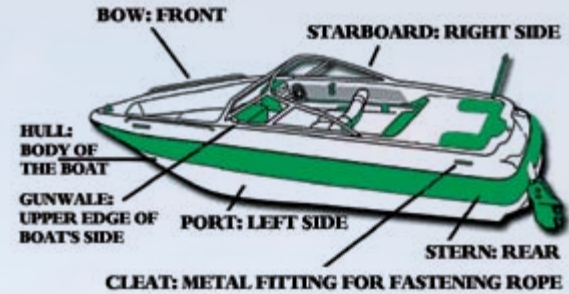
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS ARE WEARING LIFE-JACKETS WHILE THE BOAT IS MOVING.
- ATTACH THE IGNITION SAFETY LANYARD TO YOUR WRIST, CLOTHES, OR LIFE JACKET.
- DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO SIT ON THE GUN WALE, BOW, SEAT BACKS, MOTOR COVER, OR AREAS NOT DESIGNED FOR SEATING. ALSO, DON'T LET ANYONE SIT ON PEDESTAL SEATS WHEN CRAFT IS NOT IN IDLE.
- DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR BOAT. BALANCE THE LOAD OF PASSENGERS AND GEAR STORED ON-BOARD.
- KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW BY NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO STAND UP OR MOVE AROUND WHILE CRAFT IS IN MOTION.
- IN SMALL BOATS, DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO LEAN BEYOND THE GUNWALE.
- TURN BOAT AT SLOW RATES OF SPEED.
- SECURE THE ANCHOR LINE TO THE BOW, NEVER TO THE STERN.
- DON'T RISK OPERATING WATER CRAFT IN ROUGH CONDITIONS OR BAD WEATHER.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

(OTHER THAN A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT)

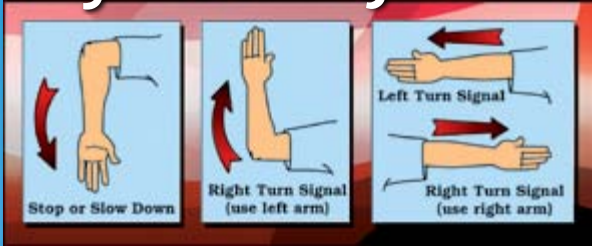
- **FOR ENGINES 25 HORSEPOWER OR LESS:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER THROUGH 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - THOSE UNDER AGE 12 MUST HAVE SOMEONE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 75 HORSEPOWER:**
 - NO CHILDREN UNDER AGE 12 MAY OPERATE, EVEN WITH AN ADULT ON BOARD.
 - OTHER RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO BOAT OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD:
 - OPERATORS FROM 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MAY OPERATE ENGINES OF 25 HORSEPOWER OR LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
- **FOR ENGINES OVER 25 HORSEPOWER:**
 - OPERATORS 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE: A WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT, OR SOMEONE AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



All Watercraft Must Have...

- AT LEAST ONE COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 1, 2, 3 OR 5 FLOTATION DEVICE THAT IS THE PROPER SIZE FOR EACH PERSON ON BOARD OR BEING TOWED.
- ALL DEVICES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
- CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 MUST WEAR A DEVICE WHEN ON BOARD A BOAT THAT IS UNDERWAY UNLESS:
 - IN AN ENCLOSED CABIN OR BELOW DECK OR ON AN ANCHORED BOAT THAT IS BEING USED FOR SWIMMING OR DIVING OR PASSENGER CRAFT WITH A LICENSED CAPTAIN.
- ALONG WITH THE ABOVE AT LEAST ONE APPROVED TYPE 4 MUST BE ON BOARD BOATS 16 FT. OR LONGER (EXCEPT CANOES AND KAYAKS) AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.
- A COAST GUARD APPROVED TYPE 5 DEVICE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY OTHER COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICE IF IT MEETS THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AND IS NOTED ON THE LABEL.
- ANYONE RIDING A JET SKI OR OTHER PERSONAL WATER CRAFT MUST WEAR AN APPROVED -NON INFLATING FLOTATION DEVICE, AS WELL AS ANYONE BEING TOWED BY A WATER CRAFT.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Oncoming Sleds 	



Read the owner's manual

- and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
 - Wear protective equipment and clothing.
 - Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
 - Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
 - Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
 - Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 - Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
 - Stay to the right on trails.
 - Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
 - Know the weather forecast.
 - Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
 - Maintain safe distances between other riders.
 - Reduce your speed when riding at night.
 - Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
 - Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

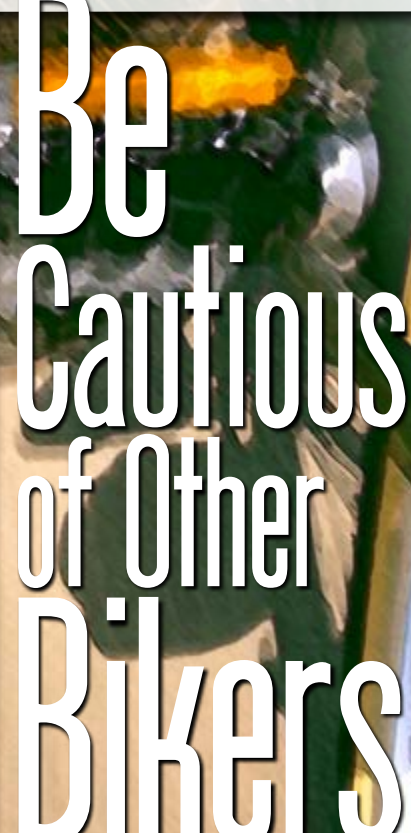
Know Your ATV





Drink lots of Water!

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Be Cautious of Other Bikers



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey

all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

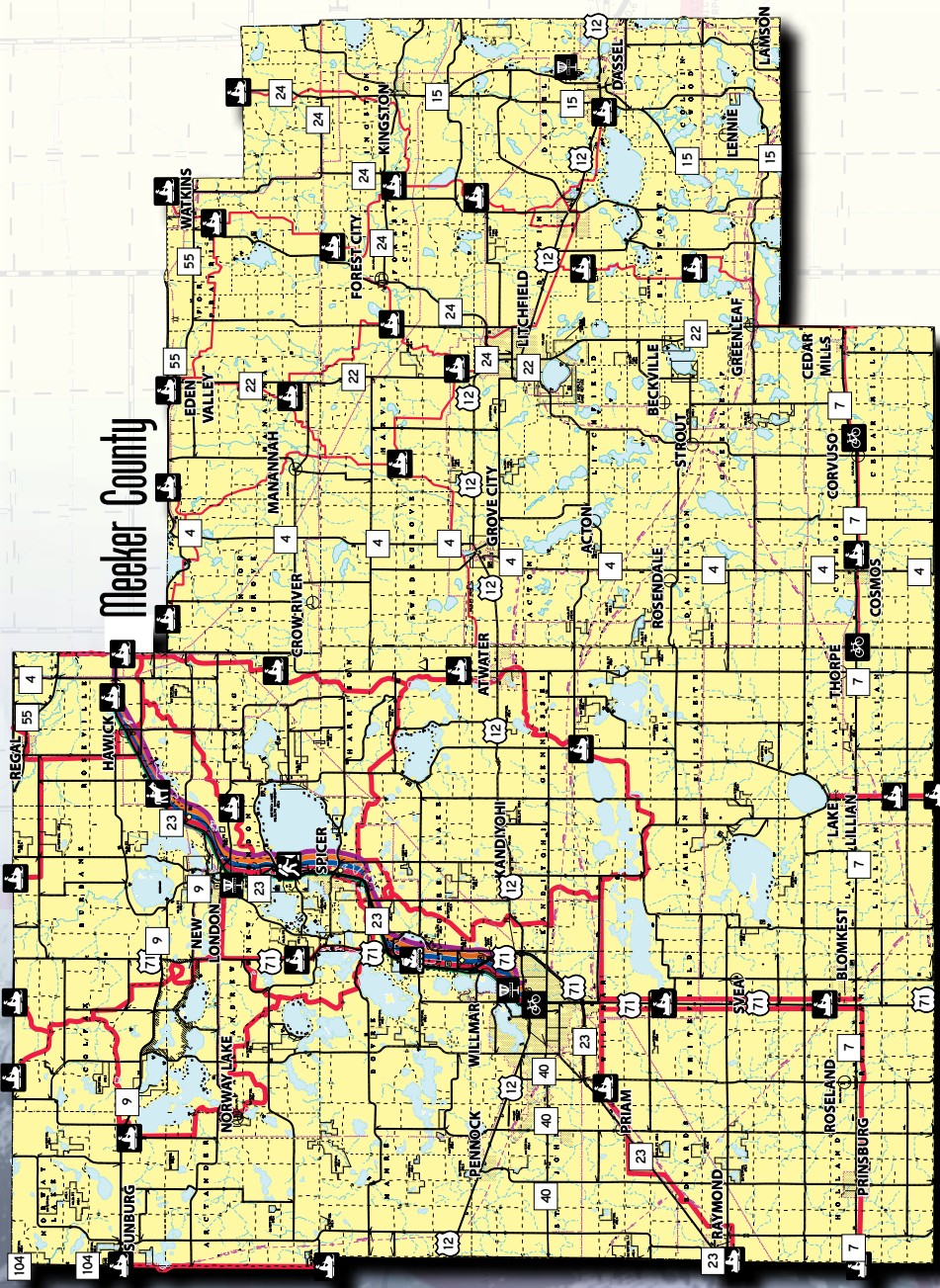
Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

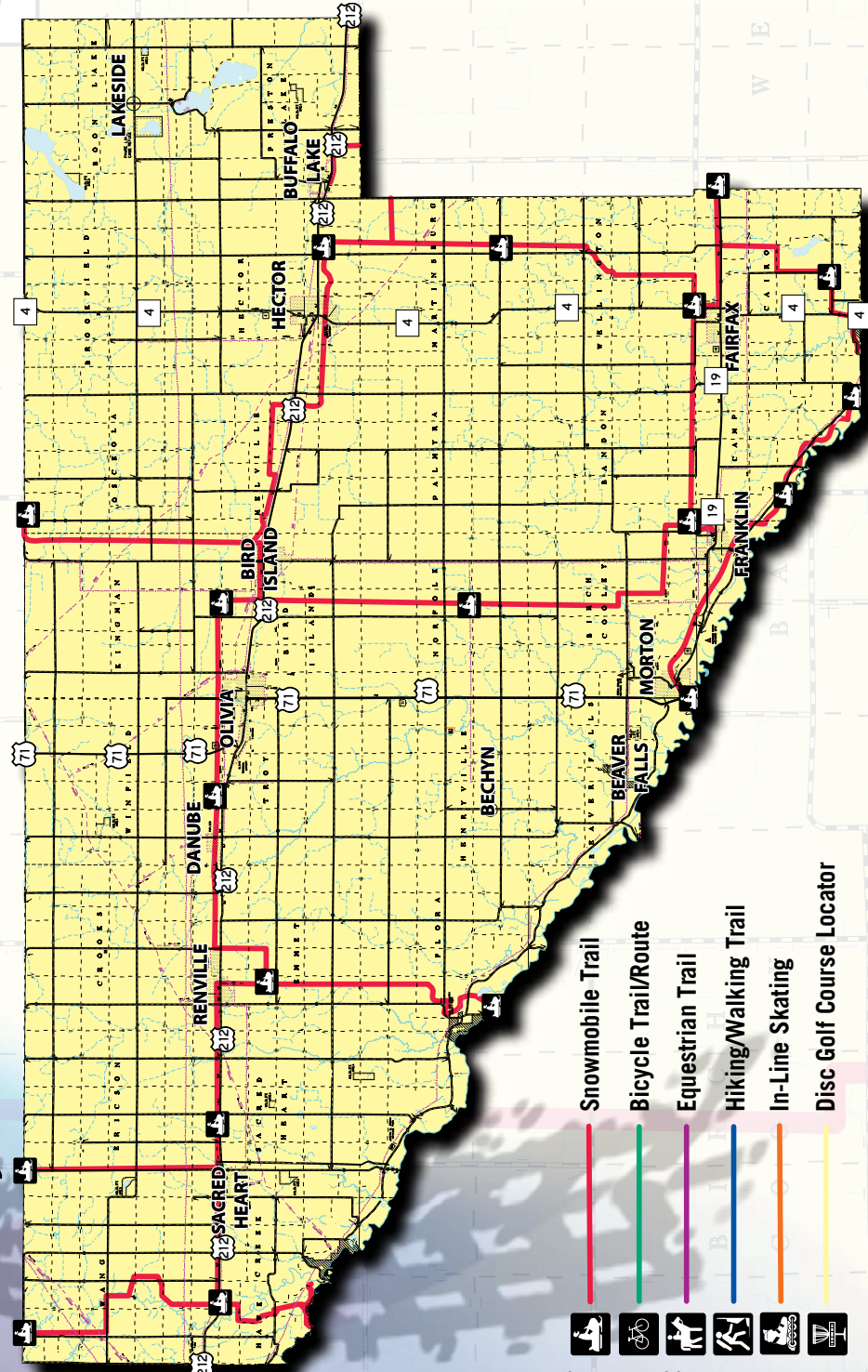
LOCAL AREA TRAILS

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Meeker County



Renville County



-  Snowmobile Trail
-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  Equestrian Trail
-  Hiking/Walking Trail
-  In-Line Skating
-  Disc Golf Course Locator

Hey!
check
it out!!!

color me!



SILLY JOKES...

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?
A: Because its hard to run in squares!

Doctor, Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?
Doctor: Use a pencil 'till I get there..!

Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?
A: The food!

The Perfect homework excuse...
Teacher: Where is your homework?
Student: I lost it fighting this kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school!

Q: Who invented fractions?
A: Henry the 1/8th!

Q: Why does a flamingo lift up one leg?
A: Because if he lifted up both legs it would fall over!

Q: What runs but never walks?
A: Water!

Q: Did you hear about the fool who keeps going around saying "no"?
A: "No...?" Oh, so it's you!?



why did the ChickEN cRoSs the PLaygRouND?

to get To The OTHER SLIDE!!

Can you find your way?



Math Time

12	+	11	+	7	=	
+		+		+		+
18	+	19	+	16	=	
+		+		+		+
12	+	13	+	4	=	
=		=		=		=
+		+		=		

Brain Food
TRY IT!!!

End Here!

PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep

your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any anti-freeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sun-screen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.



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