

GMS Take A Hike!



“Take a hike!” Gwinn Middle School



Welcome to Gwinn Middle School’s hiking club: “Take a hike!” I am excited to begin another year of our club’s adventures!

The goal of our club is to immerse students, parents, and community members in the amazing natural beauty of hiking trails, “mountains,” lakeshores, ice caves, rivers, and waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula. It is amazing how many of such adventures are all within one hour or less from our community!

I am most easily contacted via email at Kristy.Humphrey@gwinnschools.org. Please contact me whenever you have questions about our club activities. I will also send information to you from this email as well as post details on our club website at www.GMStakeahike.weebly.com.

Sincerely,

Kristy Humphrey
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Hiking

Hiking is exhilarating! There are few things I find more enjoyable than being outside enjoying wildlife & seeing amazing natural creations—all while getting a good workout. Hiking requires one to have a level of endurance to keep walking even when tired. Hiking safely requires a certain knowledge of outdoor survival skills—especially in the event that a hike doesn’t go as planned. Hiking immerses us in the amazing natural world we call home!

Club Shirts

We have club shirts printed for purchase for those interested in them. The cost for each shirt is \$10. Parents are welcome to purchase shirts just as students. The shirts are not required, however, for club membership.

In the past, our club has done fundraising for some of our supplies we use on hikes. We will see where our fund balance sits before we decide to do any sort of fundraiser this year—it may not be needed.

Gear



The following gear is necessary for our hikes.

- ⇒ Sturdy shoes (fall/spring), Warm boots (winter)
- ⇒ Weather appropriate clothing—dress in layers since you will get warm when hiking. We will discuss these needs for each hike.
- ⇒ Small Backpack to hold water bottle, snacks, and extra layers.
- ⇒ A GREAT ATTITUDE... Because attitude is the difference between an ordeal and an adventure.

Commitment



We will rely upon parents and community members to transport all hikers from their homes, to our meeting spot, and then to our destination on our adventures. To save on gas & reduce carbon footprints parents are welcome to carpool, but for liability reasons every child must have a trusted adult hike with them each weekend. NOTE.. A trusted adult may be your parent, relative, family friend, or another hike club parent that your parent arranges for you to hike with! Our TENTATIVE schedule is on the back of this flyer. It is subject to change due to weather and life’s circumstances.

Take A Hike

Tentative Schedule

All hikes are Saturdays!

Dates tentative... as life happens!

Times noted show when we LEAVE from the Crossroads Restaurant Carpool Parking. Be there 15 minutes early please.

Nearly ALL trailhead parking requires the MI Recreation Passport sticker.

September

Complete club membership forms.
Form club directory.

October

Fall Hike: Wetmore Landing to Little Presque Isle Point, 10/8 (9 a.m.)

November

Fall Hike: Wetmore Landing to Sugarloaf, Marquette, 11/12 (9 a.m.)

December

Winter Hike: Hogback Mountain, Marquette, 12/3 (9 a.m.)

January

Snowshoe: Laughing Whitefish Falls, Sundell, 1/14 (9 a.m.)

February

Winter Hike: Ice Caves, Eben, 2/25 (9 a.m.)

March

Anderson Lake Trails, Gwinn (or another Gwinn spot) 3/18 (9 a.m.)

April

Winter/Spring Hike: Mount Marquette, Marquette, 4/22 (9 a.m.)

May/June

Spring Hike: Dead River Falls, Marquette, 5/20 (9 a.m.)

Footwear Notes

Fall Hike: cool temps, but dry
Winter Hike: cold, ice & snow
Spring Hike: cool, but muddy

Hiking Notes

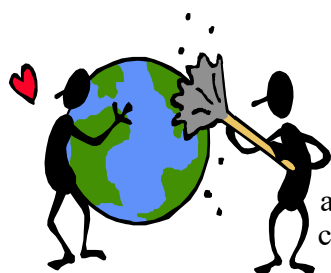
1. If a hike is canceled due to weather, we will try to reschedule if at all possible.
2. All students hiking must have a trusted adult to transport and hike with them.
3. Prior to each hike, an email will be sent with all details. This email needs to be replied to so we know which members to expect on hike day!

Meetings & Hikes

Our club will only meet on hike days. Communication and organization prior to each hike will be via email and/or text messages.

Our hikes will be once monthly. I realize that our lives are busy and not all members will be able to attend every hike we do. That is okay! That is the beauty of this club! You come hike when you can with your family!

Members will:



1) discover healthy activities that they can continue lifelong.

2) gain greater appreciation for our natural world and its wonders.

3) increase their local flora and fauna (plants and animals) identification skills.

4) develop a higher level of outdoor survival knowledge.

5) educate others about the natural beauty to be enjoyed in our area by sharing their adventures with friends and family.



Club Goals