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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ECC Members,

The Mother's Day brunch was fantastic and we had an excellent turnout with 216 in attendance – the highest in the last four years. We also had a successful club clean-up day thanks to many volunteers. We have a lot of upcoming activities, so keep an eye on the ECC calendar in the directory, along with the monthly ECHO and the Week-at-a-Glance.

Please join us for the Opening Party on Saturday, June 1. If you are not signed up yet, please contact the restaurant as soon as possible for reservations as it is filling fast. There will be great food with a French theme, and music.

The annual fundraising effort is underway, and we are aiming higher than last year. We have 500 tickets available. If you would like to order a ticket for yourself or friends, please email Nate Lehmann at [NLehmann@caduluth.com](mailto:NLehmann@caduluth.com) with the number of tickets (\$100 each) and we will bill your account. You can also purchase tickets in the Pro Shop. Prizes will be awarded on the 4th of July, and proceeds will go to ongoing capital improvements. Please support this effort!

Have a great summer and see you at the Opening Party!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant, President  
ECC Board of Directors

# Eshquaguma Country Club ECHO



## July 4th Fundraising

ECC Members.

Our Capital Improvement Fundraising Event for ECC is on July 4th, 2024. This fundraiser is to raise money for the many projects including the golf course.

Tickets are now on sale for the raffle. We have a total of 500 tickets to sell at \$100 each and the ECC ProShop is currently selling tickets or you can reserve your ticket by emailing Nate Lehmann at [nlehmann@caduluth.com](mailto:nlehmann@caduluth.com). Your ECC account can be charged for the ticket. If you have friends or family that would like a ticket, give us their name and we'll charge your account for you to collect from them. You do not need to be present to win.

Your raffle ticket will put you into a drawing for cash prizes and another 50 or so raffle items. We'll also be holding a Silent Auction the entire day in the Fireside Room that will have multiple attractive items. Ticket winner's will be read on the afternoon of July 4th.

Nate Lehmann  
Fundraising Liaison

## ESHQUAGUMA COUNTRY CLUB

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## UPCOMING *Events in June*

- June 1** Opening Party, 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner, 7:30 Band - Jimmy & Eric Show
- June 4** Soroptomist Party, Lakeside, 5 p.m.
- June 5** Ladies' Golf Guest Day, 9:30 a.m.
- June 6** Ladies' Glitz & Glam, Social 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m.
- June 13** Book Club Meeting, 6 p.m., see p. 3
- June 14** Lakeland Fire Department Golf & Dinner, see page 9
- June 16** Father's Day Brunch, starts at 10 a.m., call for reservations
- June 16** Father/Child 9-hole Golf Scramble, shotgun start at 1 p.m., see page 7
- June 17-21** Youth Golf/Youth Tennis/Pickleball Clinics, various times, see p. 10
- June 20** Youth Karaoke, 6 p.m.
- June 23** Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Luncheon
- June 28-29** Men's Golf Invitational, see p. 4
- June 29** Mexican Buffet, Various seatings, call for reservations

## From the ECC Restaurant

Please call for reservations!

ECC Dining Room: call 218-865-4263,  
or email: [restaurant@eshquaguma.com](mailto:restaurant@eshquaguma.com)

### Restaurant/Bar

Our new dinnerware has arrived! We hope you like the updated look.

Beginning June 4th our full Dinner Menu will be available. We invite you to dine with us, order take-out and enjoy another season of delicious dinners at ECC, Tuesday through Saturday. Please keep in mind that when dinner service begins at 5 p.m., the Lite Fare Menu is no longer available for the day. Watch for weekly dinner specials in the Week-At-A-Glance. And don't forget to enjoy breakfast from 9:00 a.m. – noon on Sundays.

On Wednesdays, the Ladies golf league will continue to enjoy lunch specials after a round of golf. For the gentlemen, the full dinner menu and daily specials will be available after play. All other members/guests can enjoy the daily specials as well as ordering from the dinner menu while dining in the Lakeside or Fireside rooms after 1:30 p.m.

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day Brunch 2024 was a huge success! Chef Alex and his staff provided a wonderful selection, serving 216 members and guests – another Mother's Day ECC record.

### Father's Day

And we didn't forget about Dad. More

### *New Dessert Menu*

- ♦ *Chocolate Lava Cake - Served with vanilla bean ice cream*
- ♦ *NY Style Cheesecake - Berries and Cream*
- ♦ *Sweet Churro with delicious toppings*
- ♦ *Key Lime Pie - Topped with whipped cream*
- ♦ *Chocolate Sundae*
- ♦ *Dessert of the Week*

information is coming ahead of Father's Day, June 16. We hope all the ECC dads will sign up in the ProShop to enjoy a round of golf with your kids and families.

### Reminders

- For restaurant events, please contact Restaurant Manager, Bryan Quintanar, at [restaurant@eshquaguma.com](mailto:restaurant@eshquaguma.com) at least two weeks in advance.
- Happy Hour and special appetizers are available Fridays from 4 – 6 p.m.
- The Mexican buffet is schedule for Saturday, June 29. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

*Terri Nelson, Restaurant/Bar Liaison*

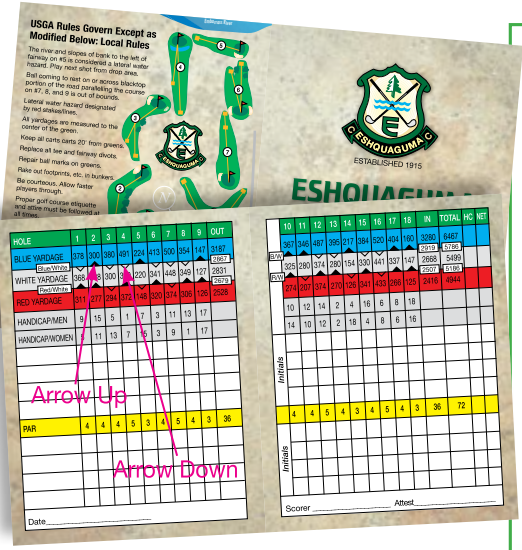
## FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH & GOLF

**Sunday, June 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Seating times available: 10 a.m. • 12 noon • 2 p.m. All ECC members, families and guests are invited to honor their fathers with a delicious brunch at the Club! Call the restaurant for reservations 865-4263 or email Bryan Q. at: [restaurant@eshquaguma.com](mailto:restaurant@eshquaguma.com). For Golf Scramble details see page 7.

**9-hole Dad/child golf scramble starts at 1 p.m.**





## New Scorecards

The new 2024 ECC Scorecards gives you a chance to mix up your course play. Just golf the tee boxes as you always have, or try something different: Blue/white: arrow down you play from white tees, arrow up you play from Blue. Red/White: arrow up play from white tee, arrow down from Red tee.

Any questions? Just contact Jason in the ProShop.

## ECC Book Club

The ECC Book Club selection for June is "The Trust" by Ronald Balson, which finds private investigator Liam Taggart returning to his childhood home in Northern Ireland. Please call or text Cathy Hiti to RSVP at 218-780-1385 to meet at the Clubhouse on Thursday, June 13th at 6 p.m.

July's book is "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese - Tuesday, July 15th. All ECC ladies are welcome.

*Welcome*  
**NEW MEMBERS**

**SOCIAL**  
Jeff and Jane Anderson  
Bobby Jo and Dean Mineheine  
Steven and Kasey Biondich

**JUNIOR**  
Ben and Amanda Delich

# From the ProShop

## Golf Leagues

**ERA:** Tuesday/Friday's - 10 a.m.

**Ladies':** Wednesday - 9:30 a.m.

**Men's:** Wednesday - 1:15 p.m. & after

various activities!

## Tuesday Night Golf

June 4th, 18th - 5:30 Shotgun Start

- 9 Holes, 2-Person Scramble

- Sign up as Individual or Team

- Fun, competitive, and social - all together. This event has grown into a weekday favorite among members. After golf, our restaurant staff would be happy to serve you dinner and drinks. Come on out!

- Annual water balloon Toss!

- Call or email or Jessica Reelfs to sign up 651-336-8990/ fargolite@yahoo.com

## Father's Day 2-Person Scramble

- June 16th - 1 p.m. Shotgun Start

- 9 Holes, 2-Person Scramble Format

- USGA Handicapped Preferred

- \$35 Members, \$45 Non-Members

- Hole Prizes, Cash Skins Game, Pro Shop Winnings

- Dads do a lot for us. Return the favor this Father's Day. Bring them out for a fun afternoon of golf.

## ECC Men's Golf Invitational

June 28th, 29th

-\$200 per Person/\$400 per Team

-2-Person Best Ball Net, (5) 9 Hole Matches, 4 Meals included!

-A perfect guy's weekend. Lots of golf, gambling, and plenty of food/drinks. Sign up for what is sure to be a great weekend at ECC!

-Limited Spots available

## Ladies Golf Clinics

June 11th, June 25th - 5:30 p.m.

- Cost: \$10

- Golf game need some help? Stop in for some helpful instruction from the ECC Head Pro and spend a nice evening out with the Ladies!

-Limited Spots Available!

Summer has begun and the golf course is in great shape. Thanks to our maintenance crew for all their hard work in taking care of the golf course. Summer goes quickly here in Northern Minnesota, but that doesn't mean you have to. Make sure to take some time to smell the roses here at ECC. Bring your family and friends! Whether it's a weekly golf league, tennis, pickleball, lunch, golf event, dinner, or just being out at the lake. We're happy to have you here. Cheers towards a great summer!

## Father's Day Weekend Sale!

June 14th, 15th, 16th 20% OFF!

## Youth Golf/Tennis and Adult Pickleball Camp

June 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st

- The annual ECC Youth Golf and Tennis Camp is back! At ECC it's all about the kids! Sign up for a fun week of Golf/Tennis Camp!

- \$30 Golf, \$35 Tennis

- Meet new friends, see old friends

- Learn more about golf and tennis

- Play lots of games and explore

## Jason Teragawa

ECC Head Golf Professional  
proshop@eshquaguma.com  
218-865-4706

## ECC ProShop Hours

**Hours: May 8 - Sept. 17**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30-7:30

Saturday & Sunday 7:00-7:30



## 2024 ECC Men's Invitational Golf Tournament Friday – Saturday, June 28-29, 2024

### Event Details:

\$200 per man/\$400 per team, includes golf and four meals.

2 players per team, maximum of 24 teams (48 guys)

2-man Best Ball (net score)

Each player plays their own ball. Team records their best individual net score with hole handicaps applied. Maximum of 10 points per match: 1 point for each hole win, ½ point for hole tie, 1 point for match.

*Note: Players must have either a GHIN handicap or club verified handicap*

4 divisions of 6 teams each, sorted by total handicap.

Five 9-hole matches to determine division winners.

Shoot-out for up to 8 teams, including flight winners and wildcard teams.

### Friday, June 28

Matches begin at 1:00 pm, with two 9-hole matches played.

Box lunch and Prime Rib Dinner Buffet included.

Includes 9-holes practice in the a.m. (& any challenge holes after dinner).

### Saturday, June 29

Matches begin at 8:00 am, with three 9-hole matches played.

Shoot-out follows the 9-hole matches.

Box lunch and Mexican Buffet dinner included.

Prizes for division winners, shoot-out winners, and random winners.

To sign up, contact the ECC ProShop at 218-865-4706, or email at [proshop@eshquaguma.com](mailto:proshop@eshquaguma.com)



**Exceptionally delicious frozen favorites.**  
**Now available in the ECC ProShop now!**



# 89 participants in '24 ECC 5K Run/Walk/Bike

The 2024 ECC 5K featured 89 participants ranged in age from from 4 to 64.

Junior Boy – and overall winner – Sam Dahlquist (21:00) was chased by his dad, Pete Dahlquist (Men’s winner) at 21:02. First place for Junior Girls was Tessa Dahlquist at 21:56. Second place in the Men’s category was Jesse Williams at 22:00. First-timer Hayden Peterson came in second for Junior Boys at 22:30. Second place for the Junior Girls was Keira Dahlquist at 24:12. First place for the Women was Erin Pepelnjak at 25:57 followed by Corey Erickson at 27:13.

All participants enjoyed a lovely brunch prepared by Bryan and team. All kiddos got a prize and a medal.

Special thanks to all of the sponsors: Miners Bank, Taconite Tire, Larry & Teresa Lehtinen, Cathy & Brian Hiti, First National Bank of Gilbert, Uhan Professional Services, Devich Chiropractic, Tufco, Lundgren Motors, Range Reliable Agency, Tom & Linda Deluca, Approve Plumbing.

Winners shown left to right, above: The Dahlquists – Keira, Pete, Tessa and Sam; Corey Erickson, Hayden Peterson, Erin Pepelnjak, Jesse Williams.



## Derby Party 2024

The ECC Kentucky Derby Party '24 was a success once again this year. Winners of the “Best Derby Hat” Award were Amy Soderling and Joe Leoni.

### Derby Winner Payouts

#### First place - Mystik Dan

- \$75 Rick Polus
- \$150 Sheri Harms
- \$300 Tom Lisenby

#### Second place - Sierra Leone

- \$25 Tom Lisenby
- \$50 Mick Giblin
- \$100 Shirley Leoni



## MN Boating Regulations

Personal watercraft (PWC) are also known as Jet Skis or Wave Runners. All personal watercraft are considered motorboats and therefore, any regulations that govern other motorboats (such as fishing boats, cabin cruisers, etc.), also govern watercraft.

Personal watercraft laws require that:

- Anyone operating or riding on a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket that is compatible with that activity (check the label).
- PWC must travel at slow no-wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of non motorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.
- Operation of PWC is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to one hour before sunset.
- If you tow a person on water skis or any other device, there must be an additional person on board the PWC to act as an observer.
- Boats are required to have lights between sunset and sunrise. Non-motorized boats must carry at least a white light, such as a flashlight, to display in time to avoid a collision with other watercraft. Motorboats, when moving, must have a red and green bow light and a white stern light that is visible from 360 degrees around the boat. If your motorboat is anchored you need to display only the 360-degree light.

## Bob the Bug Guy

If you would like your yard sprayed you can sign up in the ECC ProShop. Bob and his crew serve the ECC area all summer long.



## ERA season opens for 44th year

The Eshquaguma Retirees' Association (E.R.A.) golfers play every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. The E.R.A. has been around since June 2, 1981 when a letter was sent out to "Fellow Retirees" by D. B. Shank inviting them to get together for golf and fellowship. This tradition has continued for 43 years! This year is no different as the tradi-

tion carries on. The high turnout this year was seventeen golfers teeing off as foursomes and the occasional fivesome. Looking forward to continue on this well established tradition in the years to come!

Brian Plesha (above) kicked off the ERA Season Opener on May 14th at 10:00 a.m.



**Just a reminder: you need to be at least 16 to drive a golf cart at ECC.**

# 2024 Spring Spruce Up

Big thank you to all that helped with the annual spring spruce up on May 19. A nice lunch was provided for all that helped. The bridge on #4 has been sandblasted and repainted during the offseason and put into place for 2024 golf season. New cedar ramp boards have been installed in May.

Thanks to Tom Lisenby, Gary Drobnick, Mike Baland for their work on removing the old bridge planking and installing the new cedar planking. Thanks to Matt Uhan for his donation of new cedar planking for the bridge. Thanks to Lakehead Constructors' employees who removed, transported and reinstalled the bridge.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this happen.



## *Father's Day* Father/Child Golf Scramble

- 2 Person 9-Hole Scramble
- Hole Prizes!
- ProShop Winnings!
- Cash Skins Game!
- Dads do a lot for us. Return the favor this Father's Day for some fun on the course!



- Entry Fee \$35 Members  
\$40 Non-Members
- Sunday, June 16th,  
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Call the ProShop to sign  
up 218-865-4706

**Defending Champions  
Lauren Day & Dwight Day**



## Ladies cocktail party a success

This years Ladies' Cocktail Party on May 16th was a success with nearly 50 Ladies turning out. A huge thank you to chef Alex and his crew for a fabulous pasta buffet.

Ladies Cocktail Party committee members are shown above. Left to right: Jane George, Sherry Leoni, Shirley Leoni.










Shawn Virani found his niche early in life in Mr. Matonich's Small Engine Repair class in high school. Shawn went on to Eveleth Vo-Tech to earn his Automotive Mechanic Diploma. Shawn has a problem solving mind that methodically troubleshoots through the root cause for gasoline engine and electronic motors. Village Small Engine Repair includes golf cart repair (gas or electric), lawn mowers, snowmobiles, snowblowers. If it has an engine or motor, Shawn can fix it. Pictured are Shawn Virani and his loyal companion Hunter.

# 2024 Music at ECC

Bands • Karaoke  
• Piano Music

- June 1** Jimmy & Eric Show
- June 20** Karaoke for Kids
- June 21** Jammin' Joe
- July 6** Blue Teardrops
- July 14** Brunch - Shannon Gunderson
- July 20** Karaoke at ECC
- Aug. 11** Brunch - Shannon Gunderson
- Aug. 31** Solo Trio
- Sept 14** Cowboy Angel Blue

## JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Friday Fish Fry	<b>June 4th - Restaurant open for FULL MENU thru Closing Party on September 14th</b>					Opening Night Party 5:00 Social 6:00 Dinner 7:30 Band
<b>2</b> Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	<b>3</b> Pickleball 10 a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	<b>4</b> ERA 9:30 a.m. Tues. Night Golf 5:30 Soroptomist Private Lakeside 5 p.m.	<b>5</b> Ladies' Golf Guest Day 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	<b>6</b> Pickleball 10 a.m. Ladies' Glitz & Glam Social 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.	 <b>7</b> ERA 9:30 a.m. Happy Hour 4-6	<b>8</b> Graduation Party Fireside/Lakeside 2-5 pm
<b>9</b> Breakfast 9 a.m. - Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	<b>10</b> Pickleball 10 a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	<b>11</b> ERA - 9:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	<b>13</b> Pickleball 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting 6 p.m.	 <b>14</b> ERA 9:30 a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 Lakeland Fire Dept. Golf/Dinner	<b>15</b> Daughters of Lib. Private Event 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Lakeside/Fireside
<b>FATHER'S DAY 16</b> Brunch 10 - 2 Lunch 2 - 4 p.m. Father/Child 9 hole Scramble 1 p.m. shotgun start	<b>17</b> Restaurant/Bar Closed No Pickleball Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis/Pickleball p.m.	<b>18</b> No ERA Youth Golf a.m. Yth.Tennis/PB p.m. Tuesday Night Golf 5:30	<b>19</b> Ladies' Golf a.m. Men's Golf 1:15 Tennis/Pickleball - p.m.	<b>20</b> Youth Golf a.m. Youth Tennis p.m. No Pickleball Youth Karaoke 6 p.m.	 <b>21</b> Youth Golf a.m. Lunch at Noon Happy Hour 4-6 Music: Deck 4-6 p.m.	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Breakfast 9-Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m. Lakeside-Mthr/Dghtr/Gr.Daughter Luncheon	<b>24</b> Pickleball 10 a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	<b>25</b> ERA - 9:30 a.m.	<b>26</b> Ladies Golf Team Event 9:30 a.m. Men's Golf 1:15	<b>27</b> Pickleball 10 a.m.	 <b>28</b> ERA 9:30 a.m. Happy Hour 4-6 Men's Golf Invitational	<b>29</b> Mexican Buffet Various Seatings Men's Golf Invitational
<b>30</b> Breakfast 9-Noon Lunch Noon-4						



# ECC Fundraiser for the Lakeland Fire Department and First Responders

Open To The Public



**Golf** \*\***Food**\*\* **Prizes** \*\***Split-the-pot**

~Supporting our volunteer Fire Department~  
Additional cash donations for the cause are appreciated.

**Friday, June 14—3:00 registration—4:00 golf—6:30 Dinner**  
**3 or 4 Person Scramble—9 Holes**  
**Singles are welcome and will be added to a team.**

— Sign up below—18 teams max.

**\$70 per person:** Includes golf, food, prizes, raffle, and your donation to the cause. Sign up deadline June 7<sup>th</sup>.



~Open to the Public~

Mail your RSVP to: Kris Coombe, 4390 Lilac Rd-Gilbert 55741

Or email to: horntotravel@hotmail.com

Cash or Checks made out to Eshquaguma Country Club

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

Limited number of motorized carts--\$10 per person. Reserve a cart

Dinner only -- \$50.00. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Youth Golf Registration

Monday, June 17 • Tuesday, June 18 • Thursday, June 20 • Friday, June 21 • Ages 5 & up: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The registration fee is \$30.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". Price includes golf lessons, daily treats, pizza, beverage and prizes. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741. We would appreciate this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail to Terri by June 10th. You may option to charge your membership account and provide this form.

Campers should meet at the Clubhouse 15 minutes prior to the start of camp on the first day to check in, get their t-shirt, and receive group placement. Please have the campers wear their t-shirts on Thursday, June 20th for a group photo. There has been a YOUTH KARAOKE event scheduled for Thursday, June 20 in the Fireside Room with the time to be announced for all ECC youth to attend.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply your child with tees and ball markers. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Reelfs at: fargolite@yahoo.com or (651)336-8990.

I would like to volunteer to help \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Youth/Adult Tennis/Pickleball Registration

Monday, June 17 • Tuesday, June 18 • Wednesday, June 19 • Thursday, June 20

Group A - Ages 8-12: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Group B -Ages 13+ and Adults: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The registration fee is \$35.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". If there is inclement weather, we may need drivers to transport participants to the indoor courts in Virginia. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson 6519 White Pine Lane Gilbert, MN 55741. We would appreciate this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail by

June 10. You have the option to charge your membership account, but we need this form filled out too.

There has been a YOUTH KARAOKE event scheduled for Thursday, June 20 in the Fireside Room with the time to be announced for all ECC youth to attend.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply child with a tennis /pickleball racquet, non-marking shoes, sunscreen and a water bottle. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Stunkard 608-575-1115 or Terri Nelson 218-398-3021.

I would like to volunteer to help \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_