

-JUST A LITTLE FYI-

**WHAT
WILSERS
HAVE BEEN
UP TO:**

- Making phone calls and contacts to schools for 2014 ambassadors
- Participating in winter reunion activities
- Attending board meetings
- Acclimating the newly elected officers into their positions

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WILS Spring 2014

WISCONSIN LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Winter Reunion Reminiscent

This past winter, on December 27th-29th, WILSers came to gather for fun events, a service project, in intriguing panel of speakers, a local tour, a dance, and a board meeting. Winter Reunion was held at the Holiday-Inn in Manitowoc, WI where Jenna Lee and Sami Kiesner did an amazing job planning an exuberating, fun filled , eventful reunion. After a fun activity of learning about and giving a young adult perspective to an engaging panel of speakers, WILSers had a great time ice skating with their fellow WILSers who they have longed to be reunited with. After an enjoyable evening, the next

day WILSers traveled to a nursing home where we sang holiday carols, played bingo, and visited with the residents. WILSers found this experience “enjoyable as I loved interacting with the residents. Plus, listening to Dylan try to harmonize with a bunch of tone-deaf WILSers was hilarious” said Cassandra Jones (10'er). WILSers then ventured to an art museum filled with beautiful, intricate pieces of art. After a formal, delicious dinner, elections

were held where the new board of directors were elected for the 2014-2015 year. The night concluded with an exciting dance where our very own Dan Kender and Brandon Wilbrandt were the DJs for the night, playing music as WILSers danced their hearts away. The weekend ended the next morning with the alumni board meeting. After an amazing weekend filled with enjoyable projects and activities, memories were made, connections were created and

rekindled, and everyone left looking forward to the next WILS event they would be participating in.



WILSers Playing Bingo with the residents at the nursing home, having a blast dancing, and ice skating with fellow WILSers.

Spotlight WILSer

Inside Glance Into What WILSers Around You Are Doing To Make A Difference In Their Community!



Maddie Medenwaldt
08'er

“Use your leadership skills gained from WILS as a foundation to compel you to help others thrive in all aspects of life-you will not be displeased.”

Maddie, an 08'er from Menomonie has recently started a teen center. She explains her endeavors as follows:

Crossroads Community Center, Inc. was founded in May of 2012 by a small group of dedicated individuals that understood the importance of community and investing in our young people. The current board members and staff members are: Madison Medenwaldt, Aaron Lee, Yvonne Cox, Paige Hathaway, Lisa Oswald, and Donna Hathaway. Crossroads Community Center, Inc. strives to reach teens through the core values of Fun, Acceptance, Teamwork, Personal Growth, Integrity and Encouragement. The Mission and Vision Statements provides a clear picture of the commitment to the best interest of our teens and the community. The

Mission Statement is:

To promote healthy interactions and alternatives to pressure situations for Middle and High School students by maintaining an environment that supports them in making positive and safe choices.

The center's **Vision Statement** is:

As a community youth center, we will provide youth with an environment conducive to positive development of their strengths in a drug and alcohol free setting. We will build on their potential and foster pride and resilience within them selves.



- ◆ Crossroads is now located at 710 4th Street, Menomonie. That's just south of Main Street! While the location is in Menomonie, Crossroads aims to reach out to kids within a 30-mile radius.
- ◆ Crossroads needs your help to keep this commitment moving forward. There are a few simple things you could do to help:
 - * “Like” Crossroads Community Center on Facebook to keep up with us
 - * Monetary donations can be sent to the following address:

Crossroads Community Center
P.O. Box 663
Menomonie, WI 5475

Contact any of the board members or staff to discuss how you can help!

Madison Medenwaldt (715) 613-1581

Do you love the Brewers??

Come To The WILS Brewer Game

When: July 21st for the 7pm game

Where: Milwaukee Brewers Stadium, Terrace in box section 433, rows 1 to 7

What: WILS will be hosting a fundraiser for attending the game!

Who: Bring your friends, family, strangers, and more to the Brewer Game!

More info: Tickets will be sold for \$20 and a portion of the money goes directly to sponsoring students to attend this summer's seminar!

This is a very fun event WILS does annually, bringing together WILSers and non-WILSers to enjoy watching the Brewers, as well as fundraise for seminar. This event is very casual and all are invited! The more people who attend the better! Give your friends a taste of what being a WILSer is like and have all your WILS friends meet your other friends! If you're interested, contact Christopher Westphal via email (cjwestphal@wisc.edu) or through Facebook!

JS Applications

As many of you may know, the time of Seminar 2014 is rolling right around the corner! Would you like the opportunity to be a part of the Junior Staff? Being a part of the Junior Staff (JS) requires you to attend the 2014 Seminar on June 12th-15th. You will have the opportunity to be an incredible influence to sophomores from all over Wisconsin, impacting them just as, and in many new ways, that your past JS has during your seminar year. Are you ready to display your leadership skills by leading your small group in numerous exciting activities, filled into a weekend you will never forget? If so, fill out the application provided at the end of this newsletter or provided through email from Kimberly Flemming. The applications are due at **11:59pm on Friday, April 25th** via email or post-marked by **April 25th** to:

Kimberly Flemming
510 Grand St.
Horicon, WI 53032
or to: kfleming_314@yahoo.com

If you have any questions about this application, feel free to email Kim or give her a call on her cell phone: (920) 344-1930.

Looking Ahead Calendar:

Fundraisers:

- July 21st:
Brewer's Game
(Contact
Christopher
Westphal)
- Brat Frys
- DJing Events
by Dan Kender and
Brandon Wilbrandt

Keep In Mind:

- April 16th:
WILS Scholarship
post-marked
- April 25th:
JS Applications
submitted via email
by 11:59 PM or
post-marked
- June 12th-15th:
Seminar!!

Shout out to all the unsuspecting '14ers who haven't figured out what they've gotten into quite yet!
-Lizzie Quinlan

SHOUT OUTS

S/O to a fantastic first year at college rooming with my WILS bff, Haley Nett. Here's to next year!
-Lauren Pavlik

Shoutout to my roommate Anna Malachowski!
Can't wait for Marquette next year!
-Alex Brooks

Hey WILS, from Australia! Good luck and have fun at seminar -- cannot wait to see all the pictures and all the new members of the WILS family! Love and miss you all -- Maxwell (Mwell) Herbert

'Elo mates! How's it going? I send you all a whopping greeting from down under in Mexico! Daniel, Alyssa, Emilee, Rachel, Jared, Anna, Brooke, Ben, and Heaven- I love you guys! I hope you've all been having a great year! Ahu-wahee-ha-ho-ho-ho!!!"
-Zechariah Kitzhaber '13er

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family.

