

# Kinship News

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## Kinship of Morrison County

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This has really been a different winter... one that will surely be talked about for many years. It was a bummer we had to miss out on snow tubing as a group, but at least a couple of our matches enjoyed tubing on the golf course hill this winter:) I guess an outdoor picnic in February (see below) is just as memorable. Over the past couple of months, many of you attended our board game night, the Mentor Night Out, travelled to Deep Portage for their Winter Rendezvous and helped at our fish fry fundraiser. Speaking of the fish fry, THANK YOU all for the great help. It went very smoothly:)

Below are some photo highlights of matches & Kinship activities from the past couple of months. Mentors, please send in those great pics each month. They are a great way to tell the Kinship story.

Sincerely,

Aaron Olson  
Kinship's Executive Director



# Group Activities

Kinship's activities provide a way for you to enjoy fellowship & experiences together. **RSVP ASAP!**



## Bowling

**Monday, March 25**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Bennington's, LF

Kinship youth & volunteers are invited to a bowling night at Bennington's Entertainment Center (formerly known as the Little Falls Bowling Center). It is hard to beat the light-hearted competition of bowling. No worries if you are young or not that "accurate" - we will have a couple of lanes with bumpers! Pizza, bowling & shoe rental will be covered.

Please RSVP by March 20th by calling (320) 632-8806 or use the online registration form at [www.kinshipofmc.org](http://www.kinshipofmc.org).



## Canoe & Picnic

**Tuesday, June 11th**  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
River TBD

Kinship youth & volunteers are invited to go canoeing on June 11th. The river is TBD based on water levels, but you can expect a fun, "do-able" paddle for any experience level. You may learn a skill, see wildlife, marvel at the outdoors and have a fun time. The trip will conclude with a picnic & park games. Canoes, paddles, lifejackets, transportation & a picnic dinner will be provided. NOTE: June 12th is the backup date in case of bad weather.

Please RSVP by June 5th by calling Kinship at (320) 632-8806 or through the online form at [www.kinshipofmc.org](http://www.kinshipofmc.org).



## Roadside Cleanup

**Wednesday, April 17th**  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Meet at the Falls Ballroom

Kinship youth (age 10+) and volunteers are invited to spend an evening picking trash! That's right, we will be walking a couple of miles of Hawthorne Road (by the fairgrounds) picking roadside trash. We will meet at the Falls Ballroom and go from there. Reflective vests & garbage bags will be provided. Once we are done cleaning up trash, we will have dinner together at Pizza Ranch. NOTE: April 24th is the backup date in case of bad weather.

Please RSVP by April 12th by calling (320) 632-8806 or use the online registration form at [www.kinshipofmc.org](http://www.kinshipofmc.org).



## Minnesota TWINS

**Tuesday, July 2nd**  
(DATE MAY CHANGE)  
4:00 PM - 11:30 PM  
Bus from Hist. Courthouse

Kinship youth & volunteers are invited to travel to Target Field this summer to watch the Twins baseball team in action. We applied for tickets from the Twins donation program and had to list multiple dates. July 2nd was our first choice, but it isn't for sure until we hear back.

Regardless of the date, the game will be at 6:40 PM. We will take a bus from the courthouse. Tickets, transportation & a meal will be covered. You may want to bring a few dollars for extra concessions or a souvenir. There will be a maximum of 50 seats, so once the date is confirmed, tickets will be on a first come, first serve basis.

## Match Ideas...

With spring here (or at least right around the corner), here are a few ideas for your get-togethers as a Kinship match!

- Climb a tree
- Grab a blanket & have a picnic lunch
- Blow a blade of grass & make a whistle
- Go puddle-jumping after a rain storm
- Go bird watching. You may even find a bird building a nest
- Dye Easter eggs & go on an egg hunt
- Spring yard cleanup
- Go hunting for earth-

worms or tadpoles

- Make paper airplanes and see which one flies the farthest.
- Plan and plant a garden.
- Go on a hunt for spring flowers
- Play frisbee golf without any mosquitos around
- Celebrate April Fool's day with a few harmless pranks
- Go fishing
- Learn how & then make dandelion tea
- Hatch baby chicks
- Make mud pies
- Make and set up a birdhouse



## Fishing Launch on Mille Lacs

**Friday, May 17th**  
5:00 PM - 11:30 PM  
Bus from Hist. Courthouse

Kinship is headed to Twin Pines Resort for an evening of launch fishing on Mille Lacs Lake! We will ride a bus from Little Falls, have dinner at Twin Pines and then spend the evening on the lake. Fishing equipment & bait is provided (feel free to bring your own). A fishing license is required for those 16 and over.

Please RSVP by May 10th by calling (320) 632-8806 or use the online registration form at [www.kinshipofmc.org](http://www.kinshipofmc.org).