

# Kinship News

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Kinship of Morrison County

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Thanks to the input that many of you gave through a survey I sent out, we are going to return to a regularly published newsletter with photo highlights from activities & match get-togethers, information on future group activities, as well as suggestions to help make your Kinship experience better. I will continue to send out reminder emails & texts to help keep everyone on the same page in regards to upcoming activities.

As you read, please consider a family member or friend who you think may be a good mentor to a Kinship youth. On the flip side, a family member or friend who has a child growing up in a home w/o both parents who you think may benefit from Kinship. I invite you to share Kinship's contact information with them. Our volunteers & families sharing their stories is the best way to promote Kinship!

Sincerely,

Aaron Olson  
Kinship's Executive Director



We are proud to highlight Kinship's newest matches above.



**Kinship's activities provide a way for you to enjoy fellowship & experiences together. RSVP ASAP as space is limited.**



### Go Carts & Mini Golf...

**Monday, August 28th**  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Bus leaves from Historic Courthouse

Back by popular demand, volunteers & youth are going to Northland Kart Kountry (near Brainerd) for an evening of go-carting, mini golf, bounce houses, batting cages and more. A dinner of pizza, chips & pop is provided as well.

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



We are offering the DNR Firearm Certification course again this fall and will feature classroom & multiple hands-on field days which will focus on safe gun practices, shooting .22s, handguns, muzzleloaders, shotguns, archery, hunting scenarios, wildlife activities and more. This is open to youth (girls & guys) age 11 and over, and also adults (mentors or parents).

This is an excellent, hands-on course that gives participants multiple opportunities to learn & practice safe gun handling & shooting. Class size is limited. A limited number of remaining spots are open to youth from the general public.

Classes will be on August 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 & 29 and September 7 & 12. Times are 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Please RSVP (320) 632-8806 or use the online registration form at [www.kinshipofmc.org](http://www.kinshipofmc.org).



### Fishing on the Mississippi

**Sunday, September 24th**  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Meet at Pike Creek Landing

Kinship will go fishing on the Mississippi this fall. We'll meet at the Pike Creek Landing (by Lindbergh State Park) and launch from there. We are in need of a few boats & captains (let me know ASAP). The afternoon will end with a picnic & campfire at the river home of Alex & Jessica Warzecha.

A fishing license is required for those 16 and over.

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



### Amazing Race on the Farm

**Sunday, October 8th**  
2:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Bus from Historic Courthouse

We are headed back to the Fort Ripley area property of John & Vicky Maleski for some autumn adventures! This year the experience will be tailored after the Amazing Race and will conclude with a fall feast. More details will follow in future emails / newsletters.

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

Here are a few upcoming Kinship activities to mark down that you can hopefully attend. More details coming soon...

"Kickoff to the Cook-off" donor event:  
Sept 11, 5-7 PM

Soup & Chili Cook-off: Oct 23, 5-7 PM

Santa's Workshop: Nov 27, 6-8:30 PM

Board Game Night: Dec 28, 6-8:30 PM

### Outdoor Activity Suggestions

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make homemade ice cream</li> <li>2. The lake...</li> <li>3. Backyard campfire</li> <li>4. Make s'mores</li> <li>5. Water balloon fight</li> <li>6. Go stargazing</li> <li>7. Eat popsicles on a hot day</li> <li>8. Have a barbecue</li> <li>9. Drive-in movie</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Look for fireflies</li> <li>11. Sidewalk chalk</li> <li>12. Go for hike</li> <li>13. Go for bike ride</li> <li>14. Visit a farmer's market</li> <li>15. Science Experiments</li> <li>16. Build &amp; launch model rockets</li> <li>17. Watch a sunset</li> <li>18. Make homemade lemonade</li> <li>19. Kayak, canoe or paddleboard</li> <li>20. Go to the shooting range</li> <li>21. Splash in the puddles</li> <li>22. Go fishing</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23. Go hunting</li> <li>24. Build a fort</li> <li>25. Train &amp; run a race</li> <li>26. Harvest time for the garden</li> <li>27. Play frisbee</li> <li>28. Frisbee Golf</li> <li>29. Backyard games (i.e. croquet, bocce, kubb, cornhole, horseshoes, etc.)</li> <li>30. Play catch</li> <li>31. Go on a picnic</li> <li>32. Explore!</li> </ol> |
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