



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
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# VOYAGEUR

**Environmental Center and Club**

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Spring is here!

Welcome to Voyageur's April newsletter. As we finish off the afterschool program in the spring sunshine (and showers), we wanted to share our last few programming highlights and events, as well as upcoming opportunities.

We hope you're enjoying the budding trees and daffodils as much as we are!



### IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR **SUMMER CAMP!**

Voyageur is preparing to have the best summer camp season EVER! Starting in June, we will be hosting weekly overnight camps and day camps for Boys & Girls Club youth. Youth 8-14 are welcome, and we will have one week of teen camp, ages 14-18, from August 11th-15th. All camps are completely free! There will also be day camps available for youth who don't want to spend the night.

Voyageur camps are full of fun: swimming, canoeing, and fishing at the waterfront, camping and outdoor survival, games and teambuilding, gardening, and so much more!

If you're interested in attending one of Voyageur's camps, please reach out to Voyageur Program Director Nick Flowers by emailing him at [nflowers@bgc-tc.org](mailto:nflowers@bgc-tc.org).



# See you in the fall, afterschool program!



Our afterschool program will stop running for the 24-25 school year after April 25th. While we're sad to see it go, we're excited to kick things into gear for our jam-packed summer season! The past month has been a blast, from cooking and gardening, to warmer weather outdoor recreation, to fun art projects. We made spring rolls, warmed up our disc golf skills, and made bird feeders out of milk cartons.

## PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHT

# Making Maple Syrup



This spring, youth in our afterschool program went on a quest to make our own maple syrup. We learned about the history and significance of maple syruping to the Anishinaabe and Dakota people who have lived in the region since time immemorial. Then, we went out to tap our own trees and watch the sap flow! With only two trees tapped, we were able to make eight jars of syrup to be enjoyed at Voyageur throughout the year.





# Spring Flowers Word Scramble

Can you guess which flowers are native to MN, and which are cultivated?

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. VOTIEL          | 1. _____ |
| 2. PURBTTEUC       | 2. _____ |
| 3. EANIDLDON       | 3. _____ |
| 4. ORUTT ILYL      | 4. _____ |
| 5. LIDW TARWRBSYRE | 5. _____ |
| 6. LIIRTUML        | 6. _____ |
| 7. ULPIT           | 7. _____ |
| 8. FADDLFIO        | 8. _____ |
| 9. GRSPIN EUTABY   | 9. _____ |



Word Scramble Answers: 1. Violet\* 2. Buttercup\* 3. Dandelion 4. Trout Lily\* 5. Wild Strawberry\* 6. Trillium\* 7. Tulip 8. Daffodil 9. Spring Beauty\* \* Native

## THINK, LEARN, CREATE CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGE



This month, the youth of our afterschool program presented their contribution to the Boys & Girls Club of the Twin Cities' TLC Changemaker Challenge. Members of each club have been working on a youth advocacy project where they identified an issue in their communities and came up with a solution. Voyageur youth have spent the past weeks researching and creating an anti-bullying campaign based at Voyageur. We're so proud of the hard work they've put into this project, and of their presentation!

## THANK YOU CONSERVATION CORPS!



We are very grateful to the members of Conservation Corps who came out to remove invasive buckthorn from Voyageur's campus. We value the health of our forest ecosystems, which in turn keeps us healthy and allow us to recreate sustainably. Thank you, Conservation Corps!



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