

## Program Description

Be one of the selected high school students who will live and learn on Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake! Learn more about your personal leadership style using low and high ropes courses and climbing walls that offer safe, but challenging activities to build your skills. Get immersed in the Lake Superior environment. Explore its estuaries. Kayak to its sea caves. Investigate Lake Superior's critical issues based on a sustainability model that balances social, environmental, and economic perspectives. Gain insight into Lake's cultural significance and the Anishinabe or Chippewa Tribe's reliance on it as you interact with Tribal elders and educators. Let us guide you in developing the knowledge to take action on environmental issues that concern you.

Students will lodge at Northland College's Environmental Living and Learning Center dormitory, located in Ashland, Wisconsin, which recently became the second city in the nation to adopt a resolution to become an Eco-Municipality. Some nights will be spent camping on secluded beaches along the lake! Northland College's Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute and University of Wisconsin-Extension educators, faculty, and field counselors, will facilitate your experiences in small groups together with guest speakers, and area natural resource professionals.

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## To apply, a student must:

- Complete the application (preferably using the on-line form found at [www.northland.edu/pathfinders](http://www.northland.edu/pathfinders))
- Provide at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or other appropriate adult.
- Be a motivated individual dedicated to making a difference in their community
- Have interest in learning about the environmental issues impacting Lake Superior.
- Be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in high school as of fall 2006.

## Our application deadline is May 1, 2006.

Cost: \$250/student or \$195 on partial scholarship. Full Scholarships also available. Please go to our website for more information on financial aid. Includes Room, board, and instruction for six days. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from Ashland, Wisconsin.

Deadline: All applications and letters of reference are due May 1, 2006.

Refer a Student: Do you know a youth that would be interested in this program? You can go to our website and fill out a referral and we'll send them information on Pathfinders!

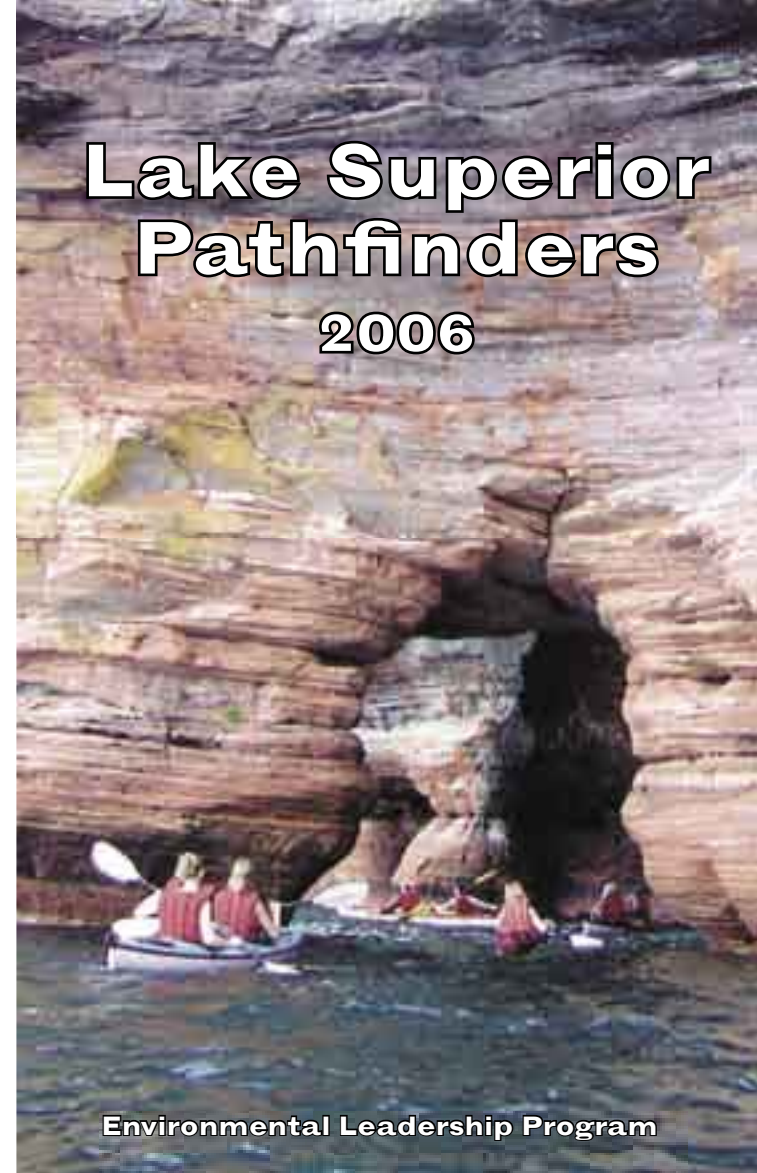
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# Lake Superior Pathfinders 2006



Environmental Leadership Program

*Join us in a journey of self-discovery and skill development that will help you become a better world citizen.*



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*"I've found accomplishing goals is not as tough as I thought. Also, that there are powerful people here that may just change the world one day."*

Anonymous Participant, 2005



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**Three sessions to choose from:**

**July 9-15, 2006**

**July 23-29, 2006**

**July 30-August 5, 2006**



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*"I am more motivated to take a stand on environmental issues and go home and do something about them. I also have more confidence in myself as a leader."*

Betsy Baertlein, 2005



*"I realized who I am. I could be 100% me for the first time. It was amazing!"*

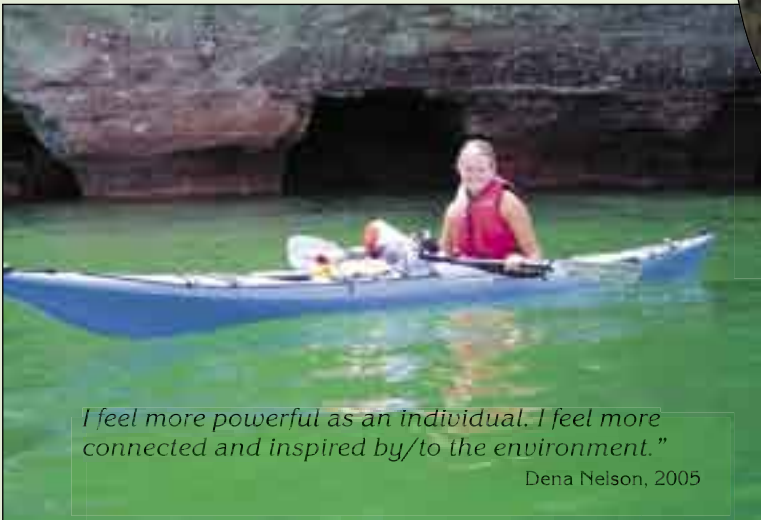
Amanda Clark, 2005

*"I would definitely recommend this program to other parents. I like how you combined the environmental topic with the leadership training. Not only did you make them aware of critical environmental concerns, but you taught them how to take action."* Parent 2005



**Our goals are to help you:**

- Learn about your personal leadership style
- Learn about the issues affecting Lake Superior
- Learn how to take action in your community



*"I feel more powerful as an individual. I feel more connected and inspired by/to the environment."*

Dena Nelson, 2005

*"I have already recommended this program for its great variety of activities teaching youth about leadership, the environment, and cultural values. The staff was clearly dedicated to its goal! An excellently planned program! Thank you counselors and staff for your exceptional Pathfinders program! You know it's a success when the youth already talk about returning next summer!"* Parent 2005

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