

A paper bag luminary with star cutouts is the central focus, standing upright in a snowy field at night. The bag is lit from within, casting a warm glow. The stars are cutouts of various sizes and colors, including yellow and blue. In the background, a line of trees is visible under a dark sky, with some distant lights suggesting a park setting.

Recreation Alliance of Winona 4th Annual Luminary Hike

Friday, Feb. 9th, 2024, Prairie Island

Celebrate community and the winter season.
Support the addition of an ADA accessible
dock at Prairie Island Park

Recreation Alliance of Winona Luminary Hike

Join the Recreation Alliance of Winona for the 4th Annual Luminary Hike and outdoor film set on Friday, February 9th, 2024.

Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages (and leashed friendly dogs) are invited to enjoy a luminary-lit hike through the Prairie Island Campground. Join us to enjoy the twinkle of luminaries, crisp air and warming bonfires along the trail.

This non-race event is perfect for all skill levels, designed to bring people together to celebrate winter in Winona with hiking, community, and the art of documentary films.

Micro spikes are available for those who desire more traction on the hiking route. The film set is FREE (donations appreciated but not required). Money raised at this event will support the purchase of an ADA dock at the Prairie Island to assist paddlers of all abilities in enjoying our beautiful Winona backwaters.

In addition to the luminary hike enjoy FREE films from Frozen River Film Festival. There will be food and beverages available for purchase.

Event Hours

Micro Spike Check-out: 5:00-7:30pm

Film Set 1: 5:30-6:15pm

Film Set 2: 6:30-7:15pm

Paddle-up Raffle Drawing: 7:30pm

For more information, visit us at www.recreationalliance.com

About us

The Recreation Alliance of Winona is a 501(c)3 created to help develop and enhance outdoor infrastructure within the Winona region.

Our Mission:

Advocate, develop, and support outdoor recreation in the greater Winona area to improve quality of life, protect our public lands, and encourage sustainable economic growth.

Our Vision:

To make the greater Winona area one of the premiere outdoor recreation destinations in the Midwest.

Through our award-winning work, we are driving tourism, improving the economy and quality of life in the area, and making a difference in our natural areas.

Projects Completed

- Sugarloaf Trail rebuild and repair, including drainage control and erosion mitigation
- Graffiti removal
- Winona Ice Park bluff prairie restoration, invasive removal & trail building
- Hosting Access Fund Conservation Crew's 4th visit to Winona!

Past Partnership Achievements

- Levee Park Boulders installation (2020 State of MN Award Winner!)
- Winona Ice Park development & management (2019 State of MN Award Winner!)
- Sugarloaf clean up & invasive management

Up next: ADA Launch at Prairie Island!



Why sponsor the Annual Luminary Hike?

The Recreation Alliance of Winona (RAW) in partnership with Frozen River Film Festival is proud to host the Annual Luminary Hike at Prairie Island Park.

Locals and visitors alike seek outdoor recreation opportunities in Winona in the winter months. In the first 3 years over 500 people attended the luminary hike, taking in films, and celebrating outdoor activity in the winter months.

The Recreation Alliance is composed of an all-volunteer board of directors who share a passion for advocating for sustainable use of our public lands and representing outdoor recreation user groups. This specific event is raising funds to install an ADA accessible launch for people of all abilities to explore the Mississippi River and its backwaters.

RAW invites community companies and organizations to join in this incredible winter community event by sponsoring one of the many bonfires that serve as gathering places and keep people warm. Sponsorship offers our community partners and leaders a chance to help to us meet our goals as we strive to support inclusion in the outdoors and to develop and fund the ADA launch at Prairie Island. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 at this event. and we greatly appreciate

Schematic of ADA Watercraft Launch

