

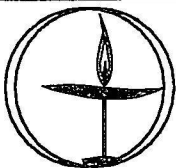
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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, September 26. Submit items for Oct. 1-14, 1993.

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, September 16**  
**6:00 PM**

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse. This meeting will be a POTLUCK DINNER. All persons of the male persuasion are invited to attend.

**Sunday, September 19**  
**9:00 AM**

CHOIR PRACTICE AT PRAIRIE  
**10:00 AM**  
 "THE GOD AS ARCHETYPE-PART I: The Great Goddess and the Supreme Being" presented by Anne Urbanski.

**Friday, September 24**  
**thru Sunday, September 26**

"UPHAM WOODS RETREAT" at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

**Thursday, September 30**  
**6:00 PM**

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP MEETS at the Meetinghouse. All persons of the male persuasion are invited to attend.

**Friday, October 1**  
**6:00 PM**

THE ETHNIC DINNER CIRCLE MEETS at the newly remodeled Imperial

Garden Chinese Restaurant, 2039 Allen Blvd (corner of University and Allen Blvd). Everyone is welcome, but must phone Pat Watkins for a reservation (See related story)

**Sunday, October 3**  
**9:00 AM**

CHOIR PRACTICE AT PRAIRIE  
**10:00 AM**  
 "THE GOD AS ARCHETYPE-PART II: The Dying God" presented by Anne Urbanski.

**Sunday, October 10**  
**9:00 AM**

CHOIR PRACTICE AT PRAIRIE  
**10:00 AM**  
 "THE HERO'S JOURNEY" presented by Anne Urbanski.

### Today's Quote

"Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre but they are more deadly in the long run."

-MARK TWAIN

## NEWS & VIEWS

### UPHAM WOODS UPDATE!

OUR APOLOGIES! The prices in the last issue of the Prairie Fire were incorrect in that they did NOT include the second day's lodging costs. The correct all weekend prices are:

	Youth	Adult
Cabin & meals	29.50	36.50
Dorm & Meals	33.50	41.00

Let Judy Skog know if the extra cost is a hardship. We have scholarship funds available to assist with the cost and there usually is no request for the funds.

Upham Woods has a new policy...they now require all adults to fill out a health form. These forms will be available at registration time. For you newcomers, registration is in the dining room in the basement of the lodge. Walk through or around the dorm (the building at the end of the parking lot) and cross the walk to the building with the big porch. Go inside and down the stairs to the dining room. As an alternative, you can go around the lodge to the back and just walk right into the dining room on the lower level.

Please time your arrival for 7:00 PM or later. There will be a potluck dinner in the dining room (bring a dish to pass, a beverage, and your own plates, etc.). there will be coffee available but there are no facilities for heating food. There is a fridge for storing leftovers afterward, though.

For those staying in the dorm, Upham woods provides linens (sheets, pillowcase, towel, washcloth), pillow, and blanket. The towels are skimpy and the pillows are of variable thickness. If this is important, you may want to bring your own from home. For those staying in the cabins, Upham woods provides a bed. You need to bring pillow, sleeping bag, and towel for yourself.

Swimming is allowed only with a qualified lifeguard, but there are lots of other opportunities for outdoor activities. Canoes are available, but youths under 18 must have an adult chaperone. The Peanut Butter Mountain challenge course man now only be used with a staff person present.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Skog at 273-4813.

*...As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another. PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION*

## UPHAM WOODS PROGRAM

Below is a fairly established schedule for the Upham Woods program. But changes can still be made on workshops added via announcements at mealtimes. If there is a number next to an activity, please refer to the description at the end because you may need to bring something from home.

### Friday evening

- 7:00 Potluck meal in lodge dining room
- 7:00 Sharing Circle in lodge dining room
- 8:00 Night Walk (bring flashlights) meet on lodge front porch
- 8:45 Campfire (bring marshmallows)

### Saturday

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Ultimate Frisbee - all ages: meet on playing field >1
- 8:30 Discussion - Bob Reuschlien: meet in dorm basement >2
- 9:30 Writing Workshop - Fran Zell: meet in dorm basement
- 9:30 Archery - UW staff: approx. ages 10+ up: meet on playing field
- 10:30 Poetry reading - Mary Mullen: meet in dorm basement >3
- 10:30 Peanut Butter Mountain Cooperative Obstacle Course - UW staff approx. ages 12 + up: meet at volleyball court
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1-3:00 Island Walk - led by UW staff >4
- 1:00 Crafts for kids - Betty Jallings plus Nora and Lili >5
- 2:00 Scavenger hunt - all ages: meet at volleyball court
- 3:00 Volleyball
- 3:00 T-shirt decorating - Mary Mullen & Ken Skog >6
- 4:00 Discussion - Dave Johnson >7
- 5:00 Supper
- 6:00 Rehearsals for Talent Show >8
- 6:00 Guided Meditation - Judy Skog: meet in dorm basement
- 6:00 Prepare for Relationship Ceremony >9
- 7:00 A Simple Ceremony in Support of Relationship's >10
- 9:00 Dancing and General Merrymaking >11

### Sunday

- 9:00 Brunch
- 10:00 Worship Service - at campfire circle or in Upstairs of lodge
- 11:00 Clean cabins and dorms

After clean-up on Sunday you are still welcome to go canoeing and walk around

the grounds, but there are no further meals or scheduled activities.

### General Comment:

Starting times should be fairly accurate, but feel free to join in late. Ending times are very fluid—not necessarily on the hour or half hour. If the weather is good, do as many things outdoors as possible. Bring the chairs from the meeting rooms outside in the sun. Ages given are approximate. Parents should use their judgement and accompany younger children if they wish to participate.

### PROGRAM NOTES

- 1] This is a fun game for all ages. Adults are encouraged to participate. You only have to run as much as the person you are guarding. So bring a slow friend and the two of you can stroll up and down the court. Everyone should bring a hat so we can form teams of "The Hats" and "The Hatless."
- 2] 54 Years: Then and Now—This discussion will be about various repetitive 54 year patterns in weather, economics, politics, and wars. How do these events link? Why do they occur and repeat?
- 3] Bring a poem to share—either one you've written or one of your favorites—meet in dorm basement and bring chairs outside or bring blankets to sit on (weather permitting).
- 4] An Upham Woods naturalist will lead this walk of approximately 2 hours. It will include the small caves and some games. Meet by the dock, put on a life jacket, and you will go across to the island on the barge.
- 5] This activity will be suitable for even young children and parents may leave their children while they go on the Island Walk. Meet in the upstairs room of the lodge and discuss arrangements with the leaders.
- 6] Bring a cotton t-shirt (some will be available for purchase, but to be safe, bring your own). You will decorate the t-shirt using objects from the natural world as printing designs. All ages welcome (Also needed are extra hammer and paint brushes)
- 7] A free-wheeling discussion on any or all of the following: emerging Third World Nations; environmental responsibility; the Peace Corps; race relations, etc.
- 8] Many of our Talent Show acts are organized (?) at this time. Get a group together and decide to sing or dance or tell jokes or do a skit, etc. etc. Now is a good time for this.

- 9] This would also be a good time to prepare to take part in the Simple Ceremony described below. (Let Erin know if you plan to participate)
- 10] Maintaining good, nurturing relationships can be difficult, but often worth the effort. As a community we would like to support these good relationships by having a simple ceremony where couples can renew their vows, or create new ones; friends can say nice things to one another. This is open to everyone: married couples; unmarried couples, good friends—both young and old. Just stand up together and somehow verbally acknowledge your mutually supportive and rewarding relationships. Afterward we'll celebrate with dancing and merrymaking. (If no one chooses to do this, we'll skip right to the merry making.)
- 11] There will be all kinds of music to dance to. Bring tapes of your favorite dance music (cued to the best song). We'd like oldies, big band, folk, Sinatra, whatever. Also bring some munchies or goodies to share. (Please keep the food in your car during the day. No food is allowed in the dorm or cabins. We do have the use of the communal refrigerator in the lodge dining room for any perishable items.)

## Prairie Patter

Thanks to the hard work of the many friends and members of Prairie over the summer we got a good start on the year Sunday. The Program Committee and I evaluate each service to help improve Prairie. We have made some major and minor adjustments again this year. We want our children and teachers to feel a part of the Prairie community. Therefore we have placed joys and sorrows early in the program before RE classes start. Again this year we will start promptly at 10:00. Our goal is to end the service at 11:15. I let announcements go overlong this week. We will continue to have the table at the back for information and petitions. I will make one announcement to check the table. We want the announcements to be primarily for events that were NOT published in the Prairie Fire or in the order of service.

Anne Urbanski's service Sunday was in the best lay ministry tradition of Prairie, thoughtful readings, much participation by the congregation and music selected for the theme. I look forward to the rest of the series.

Blessed be-  
-Julie Bonser  
President

## PLAYREADING SCHEDULE

We hope this schedule will help you avoid conflicts when planning other events. The Playreaders meet once a month at member's homes. Everyone is welcome to attend and whenever the spirit moves you. Neither a commitment to the group, theatrical experience nor talent, nor any pre-reading is required. All you need is an enjoyment of literature and theater, an enjoyment of open discussions, and the desire to get together for a social evening. Information on play titles, dates and locations will be printed in the individual Prairie Fire newsletters about two weeks prior to each meeting. Please join us if you can.

- Oct. 2: Hostess: Susan Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd. Phone 238-4970  
Nov. 6: Hostess: Karen Gross, 843 Williamson St. Phone 259-0556  
Dec. 11: Hostess: Maureen Gararden, 1630 Monroe St. Phone 255-8553  
Jan. 8: Hostesses: Rachel Siegfried & Mona Birong, 5209 Tolman Terrace Phone 271-2173  
Feb. 19: Hostess: Pat Cautley, 4805 Regent St. Phone 238-5373  
Mar. 12: Hosts: Al and Aileen Nettleton, 645 Sheldon St. Phone 238-6053.  
April 9: Hosts: Rosemary Dorney and Tim Fast, 45205 Odana Rd. Phone 238-4806  
May 7: Hosts: Paula Pachciarz and Carl Wacker, 4709 Sherwood Rd. Phone 273-4806  
June 11: Hostess: Pat Watkins, 230 N. Meadow Lane. Phone 262-7960 (days). The Annual Fish Dinner, followed by a one act play and desert.

In July and August, the Playreaders do not meet.

## Ethnic Dinner Circle

The Fish And Ethnic Dinner Circle will meet again (after a year's hiatus)! The first dinner will be at the newly remodeled Imperial Garden Chinese Restaurant, at the corner of University Avenue and Allen Blvd. in Middleton. The date is Friday, October 1. PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP WITHOUT A RESERVATION! Call Pat Watkins at work between 10:30 - 6:00 (262-7960), no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 29th. she may have a new answering machine at home (233-5795) by that time, so you could try leaving a message there.

## A New Piano!

A new piano has been moved into Prairie this past week. We received it from the First Unitarian Universalist Society when, after we asked them if they had an extra piano they didn't need, they looked and discovered that they did have an extra which they graciously donated to Prairie! We are deeply grateful to them for the gift and also to Susan Hagstrom, who was instrumental (sorry about the pun) in arranging the gift.

This KNABE small grand piano is much more than we could have gotten with the money now available to us. We will be moving it around the meeting room to decide which location will be the best for our purposes. Some of the money already collected for the purchase of a piano will be used for the moving, tuning and reconditioning (there are a few scratches, etc. on the wood) of the piano and the rest will be set aside for tuning fees in the future. Tuning should be done two to four times a year so there will probably be a need for occasional fundraisers to keep it in tune. We hope that everyone will find the new piano a pleasure to listen to!

## RE-enlist Now!

The RE program needs folks who can do occasional jobs or lead short-term projects. Here are the primary needs:  
"Service Project Coordinator"  
"Nifty Gifty Coordinator"  
"Communications Specialist"  
"Head Chef"  
"Children's Spirit Circle Leaders"

More detailed descriptions were published in the last Prairie Fire. If you are interested in any of these projects or other projects or want more information contact Anne Pryor (244-7099) or Dean Schroeder (256-8813).

## Prairie Family Album

There is a large red scrapbook on the welcome table. Choose a page for your family to decorate or add a photo. It will be fun to see who our Prairie family are!

## Prairie Directory Updates...

The following are corrections to the 1993 Prairie Directory. Please update your copy. Rita Reffner has a new phone number. It is 233-6174.

Judy Perlman has a new address. It is 101 E. Mifflin Street, Apt. #817, Madison, WI 53703.

## CMD Calendar: 1993

October 2: PHILOSOFEST 1993 at North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield, IL. "Reclaiming the old ways of knowing: Responding to the Pagans in our Churches."

November 12-14: "Growing into the 21st Century" the CMD annual meeting and U-U Convention, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church West, Brookfield, WI.

## Youth Conference Set

A Youth Conference on Disarmament and Development, sponsored by the UU-UNO and Young Religious UUs, has been set for November 18-21, 1993. The conference is open to all high school students. Twenty-six will be selected, on a merit basis, with the object that all UU districts will be represented. The registration receipt deadline is September 25, 1993. Information and application forms are on the bulletin board and additional copies can be secured from RE Director Anne Pryor.

## A Note from... KNABE?

The following appeared mysteriously in the editor's mailbox. Could it be that we got more than we imagined from First Society?

Dear New Owners—

I'm so excited to be here! My former home was comfy and my guardians took excellent care of me, but I wasn't living up to my potential! Now my ivories are bouncing and I've regained my joie de vivre! I'm beginning to remember my days of honor in a splendid hall where superb pianists tickled my keys.

Because we're just getting acquainted, I'm writing to tell you that I like:

...To be treated as an expensive musical instrument. My hammers can move pretty fast, but pounding hurts.

...Children. But please show them how to use me without hurting me. Help them keep toys off my lid and sticky hands off my ivories.

...Adults. But please teach them not to use me as a coffee table or plant stand. Liquids of any kind are very bad for me.

...My blanket! Thank you for wrapping me up when I need to rest.

...A temperate climate. High humidity, overheating, or freezing will make me very ill. In winter, I must stay away from the heater and in summer I have to stay out of the sun.

...Tuning three or four times per year to keep my voice sweet and mellow.

...Periodic checkups by a good technician to keep my body strong and healthy.

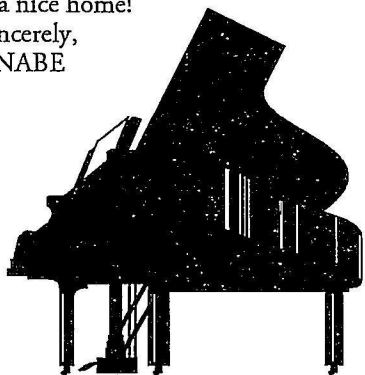
...My keys and outer case cleaned regularly with a soft clean, *barely-damp* cloth. And please rub me down afterward with a dry cloth. Remember what I said about liquids being bad for me. That includes furniture polish, unless it is prescribed by my technician.

...My dampers cleaned with a clean, dry cloth and my insides vacuumed when my technician comes. If moths start to nibble at my hammers, get my technician to mothproof them again.

I like to be polite, so I ask you to play me softly or not at all when it is time for people to talk and visit. In turn, I hope you like me well enough to listen when it is my turn to sound off.

Thank you for adopting me, and a big hug to my former caretakers for finding me such a nice home!

Sincerely,  
KNABE



## SOCIAL ACTION

### Food Pantry Needs

It's the end of the month that is a time when our neighbors on Allied Drive need help. The food pantry in the community center is open second and fourth Fridays, so it would be GREAT if Prairie people brought food on Sunday, Sept. 19th, to help them.

### Blood Donor News

Hurrah for Heidi Oliverson, who gave a pint of blood at the Red Cross Donor Center in late August! Someone she may never know will receive "the gift of life" because she gave it. That's reaching out, as our *Bond of Union* encourages us all to do.

## MISCELLANY

### Coffee Service Volunteers

The following persons have volunteered to set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings.

Sept. 19 Barbara Rames  
Sept. 26 Upham Woods Retreat

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Sept. 19 Kathy Helm  
& Gary Giorgi  
Sept. 26 Upham Woods Retreat

The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

Sept. 19 Barbara Rames  
Sept. 26 Upham Woods Retreat

Descriptions for each of these volunteer jobs are on the bulletin board over the microwave oven in the kitchen. Any volunteers who cannot work on the day they've signed up, please let Heidi Oliverson know so she can locate a substitute.

### Come and Get It...

...or out it goes! The following items were still languishing in Prairie's Lost and

Found cupboard as of August 15th. Any items not claimed by October 3rd will be donated to Goodwill or a similar charity organization.

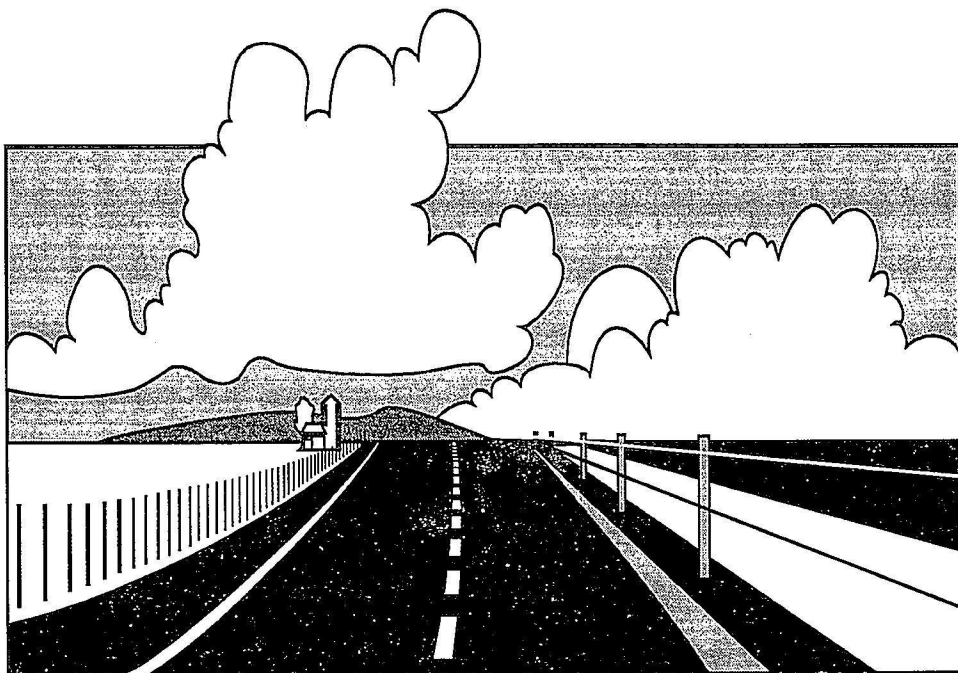
Blue "Take Back the Night" sweatshirt  
Purple women's jacket "Alaska"  
Ragged silky white baby blanket  
White wooly knit headband  
Cream color wool beret  
Large cream-color corduroy fleece lined jacket  
Pair of tan fleece lined ladies boots  
Grey and white knit scarf  
Red knit cap with grey and navy border  
Pair of black knit adult gloves  
Pair of black lined women's gloves  
Navy blue mesh purse  
One grey knit glove (leather palm)

### Just a Reminder

If you're going to use the building, check with Fredericka Schilling at 277-9218 to be sure the building is available. We need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

### Regular Ride Needed!

Prairie member Judy Perlman needs a ride to Prairie on a regular basis. Her portable oxygen tank is good for only 3 hours—not enough to take the bus to Prairie and get home again after the service safely. Her apartment is at 101 E. Mifflin Street, Apt. #817. Please call her at 258-8213 if you can help.



# Upham Woods Educational Center

(608) 254-6461

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US 12, WI 16

## DIRECTIONS TO UPHAM WOODS

From the NORTH on I 90-94:

Use Exit 85 (US 12/WI 16). Turn East on 12/16. Turn left on County A. A becomes N beyond RR underpass. Upham Woods is on the right .6 mi. past underpass.

From the SOUTH on I 90-94:

Use Exit 87, Wisconsin Dells (WI 13 North). Turn left at the first stoplight on US 12/ WI 16. Turn right on County A. A becomes N beyond underpass. Upham Woods is on the right .6 mi. past underpass.

From the EAST on WI 16 or WI 23:

Follow 16/23 through the City of Wisconsin Dells (several stoplights) Cross the Wisconsin River. Turn right on US 12/WI 16 (next stoplight past River). Turn right on County A. A becomes N beyond RR underpass. Upham Woods is on the right .6 mi. past underpass.

From Baraboo, etc on US 12:

Follow US 12 through the Village of Lake Delton to the intersection with WI 16/23. Continue straight to the top of the hill. Turn right on County A. A becomes N beyond RR underpass. Upham Woods is on the right .6 mi. past underpass. Note: When coming this way you will pass a road labeled County A while still in Lake Delton. Be sure you pass the intersection of US 12 and WI 16/23/13 before you turn on County A.

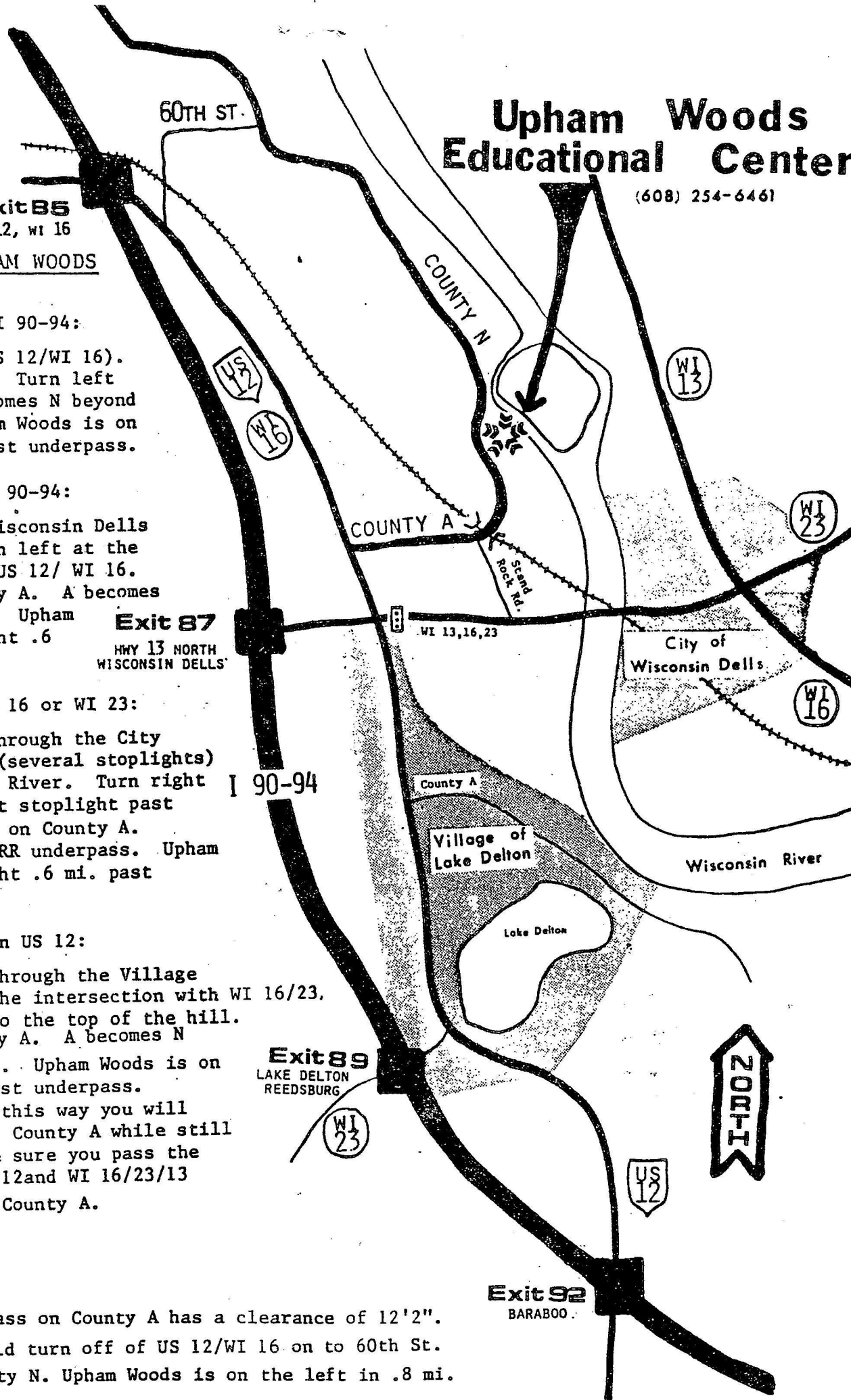
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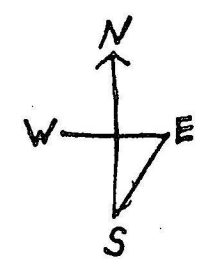
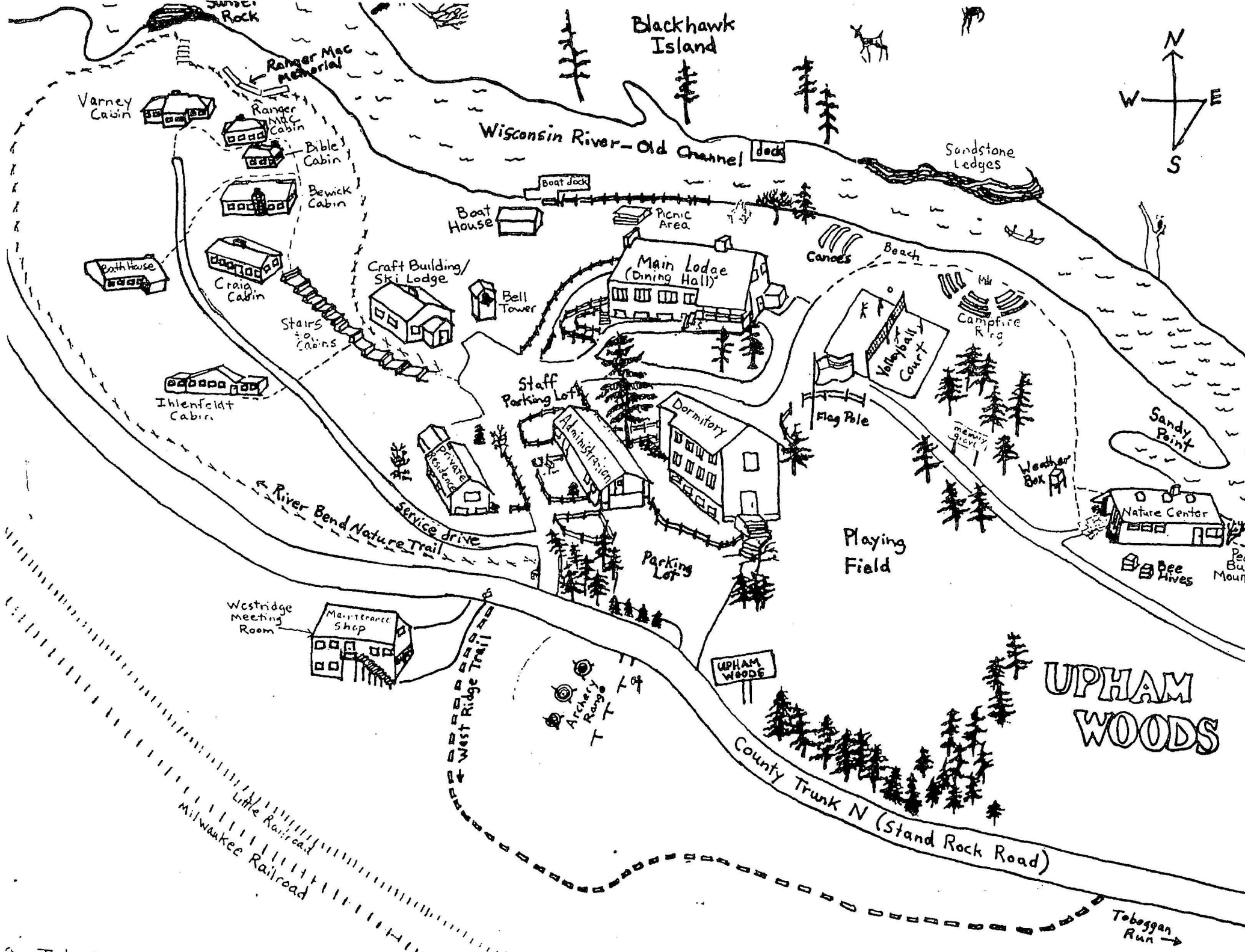
The RR underpass on County A has a clearance of 12'2". Taller trucks should turn off of US 12/WI 16 on to 60th St. Turn right on County N. Upham Woods is on the left in .8 mi.

**Exit 87**  
HWY 13 NORTH  
WISCONSIN DELLS

**Exit 89**  
LAKE DELTON  
REEDSBURG

**Exit 92**  
BARABOO





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