

Mounds Park Academy Grade Rep Parent Resource Center

Event Suggestions

Parent Only

- At the home of parents
 - White elephant
 - Wine and Desert
 - Luncheons (twice per year)
 - Book Exchanges tied to event such as luncheon
 - Evening potlucks
 - Game Night i.e. Bunco
- Coffees after drop off
- Casual parent gathering at school early evening on a Saturday 5:30-7:30
- Interactive Dinner Theater
- Mystery Group Date Night
- Murder Mystery Party (bought at Best of MPA auction)
- Holiday Tea in December
- Casual parent gathering at Hillcrest Country Club during MS dances (located across the street from MPA on Larpenteur)
- Host educational speaker in Recital Hall serving appetizers while MS students enjoy dance

Families or Student Only Groups

- Fall gathering featuring bonfire,
- Organized snack event at the end of the school day for class
- Tours and gatherings that supported the American History Curriculum
- Wisconsin Dells long weekend trip
- Lake Elmo Park annual picnic – bring own meal and something to share
- Ski and snow tubing at Afton Alps on days off or Saturdays – Wild Mountain, Trollhaugen or Welsh also offer group options
- Encourage Ski Club at MS level – can attend almost every Friday night
- Picnic at City Parks

Woodbury Power Drive, Afton City Park, Lake Elmo Picnic Reserve

- PINZ – (694 and Hwy 5) bowling, laser tag and games
- Vertical Endeavors for group climbing event
- Family social at Pine Tree Apple Orchard – hayride and bonfire (MS age)
- Wisconsin Dels extended weekend trip (MS)
- Lutsen ski trip (US)
- US students like to have their own space for family event
- Father/Son Event and/or Mother Daughter Event
- Western Night at Bunker Park Stables in Andover
- Katherine Abbott Park in Mahtomedi – Great for LS
- Tubing at Green Acres
- Ice Skating at the Roseville Oval or Downtown Depot
- Eagle's Nest or Lookout Ridge in Woodbury for indoor play facilities
- Como Zoo
- Children's Museum
- Sundays at Landmark Center (free)
- Riverboat rides
- Osceola Train Ride 5/1-9/15
- Nature Centers

Indoor Playgrounds

Eagle's Nest: http://ci.new-brighton.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B12AE7B32-840E-4AD2-A9AA-F1285B4B6A01%7D

Lookout Ridge: <http://www.ci.woodbury.mn.us/parks/cpplay.html>

Woodbury Fun Zone: <http://wooddalefunzone.com/>

Tropical Adventures:

<http://www.ci.shoreview.mn.us/CommunityCenter/CommunityCenter.html>

Bowling Centers

**PINZ: www.pinz.com
651-770-8000**

Sun Ray Lanes: <http://www.sunraylanes.com/>

Flaherty's Arden Bowl: <http://www.flahertysbowl.com/>

Roller skating

Saints North Roller Skating Center:

<http://www.saintsnorth.com/SaintsNorth/default.cfm>

Water parks

Tropics: <http://www.ci.shoreview.mn.us/TROPICS/Tropics.html>

Great River Water Park: <http://mn-stpaul.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=1743>

Restaurants

Good for Parent Gatherings (have banquet/private rooms, will reserve bar sections, allow separate tabs/checks for each guest, etc.)

The Happy Gnome: <http://thehappygnome.com/>

Champps of Maplewood: <http://www.champps.com/default.aspx>

Billy's on Grand: <http://www.billysongrand.com/index.htm>

Fabulous Ferns: <http://www.fabulousferns.com/>

James J. Hill House www.jjhill.org 651-297-2555

Salut St. Paul: <http://www.salutbaramericain.com/>

WA Frost paired with Pedal Pub Tour www.wafrost.com 651-224-5715

Woodfire Grille www.downtownerwoodfire.com 651-228-9500

Hillcrest Country Club (located across the street from MPA) 651-774-6088

Catering Services for Onsite Events

MPA Dining services 651-777-2555

Sage Dining Services – Steve Boese

In addition to a variety of menu items, they will order linens for tables.

Mitch Miller – MPA Facilities Manager

Please contact regarding tables and room reservations for larger events requiring table arrangements. (Ann or Jackie manage meetings rooms with the exception of Laurie Foss coordinating the Porter Conference Room.)

Additional Catering Services

Acapulco Restaurante Mexicano
651-351-9462

Buca Di Beppo Italian
651-772-4388

Cosettas Italian Market & Pizzeria
651-222-3476

Donatelli's Homemade Italian Food
651-777-9199

Famous Dave's
651-439-5200

HoHo Gourmet Restaurant
651-731-0324

Panera Bread 651-777-8150

Delivers all utensils, paper plates, serving platters with the exception of heating elements for soups.

Parks for Picnics or Events

Afton City Park

Como Park

Katherine Abbott Park, Mahtomedi

Lake Elmo Reserve

Organized "Play date" at MPA playground

Pine Tree Apple Orchard

Teddy Bear Park in Stillwater

Woodbury City Parks

Valleyfair

Group Activities

Afton Alps www.aftonalps.com
651-436-1320

Children's Theater www.childrenstheatre.org
612 -874-0400

Depot (Ice Skating Rink downtown Minneapolis)
www.thedepotdowntown.com
612-375-1700

Green Acres Tubing www.greenacresrec.com
651-770-6060

Laser Tag
PINZ – www.pinz.com
651-770-8000

Pump It Up, Oakdale www.pumpitupparty.com
651-735-1556

Wisconsin Dells www.wisdells.com
Long Weekend trips
1-800-233-3557

Vertical Endeavors www.verticalendeavors.com
651-776-1430