



Timber Trails Times 2011 Reflections

2011 got off to a bit of a rocky start for us but by the time we got to Opener, things were going pretty smoothly. Our new firepit/patio was in, gorgeous and a big hit. What a wonderful transformation that was down by the lake and it got plenty of use, even with folks just sitting around it in the daytime with no fire going!! **OPENER** was the best one we had for a long time with the number of walleyes exceeding the past few year's counts and fish in all class sizes which is always good to see. Pat's favorite "dock fishing" really paid off Memorial Weekend with a 24", 25" and 26" being caught almost simultaneously off the end of each dock in the evening. The 25" & 26" both went back in the lake to fight again. To the kid's delight, one day while everyone was at the Turtle Races, a very colorful "airplane" landed in the playground and consequently got many hours of use throughout the summer. June was pretty rainy and there was a lot of wind this summer, but thank goodness there were no big storms! We did have to move 1 fish fry to the pole shed, set up the tarps outside & cook fish inside. The introduction of "card bingo" afterwards proved a big hit as everyone was tired of playing with their own cabin members!!! In July and August the weather was pretty predictable with only a few really hot days and September was absolutely the best! Toni's massage table was kept pretty busy and to her delight many guests have started to make a massage appointment when they make their reservation. Our big project for this year was a new septic system which gave us many headaches but finally got approved by the end of the season.... and this fall, we cleaned out the garage [no small feat that!!] had the floor cemented and are planning to move the store into there & add a small lounge for watching the games you all hate to miss [and of course the finale to the Bachelorette] We love all of our extended families who have become part of our family and marvel at the length of time many state they have been coming in on our guest journals. It seems our guests do tell it best so here are some excerpts from our 2011 guest journals.....**We had wonderful family time even if it was rainy & fishing was slow....This week I had a blast at Boy Lake....the fish bit good & we have eaten them for every meal...Boy Lake is always the BEST, we don't deserve it but we love it-..as in previous years, another great chance at fishing & bonding...walleye fishing wasn't very successful, but we never had time to try walleye fishing cuz we were too busy catching monster sunfish & crappies...Weather was great! Fishing was better!-in the 30+ years of coming to Boy Lake we only experienced this combination 3 or 4 times!..... This week is one we look forward to all year and it goes by so fast....massage was awesome!...our family looks forward to this week as soon as we pack up and head down the driveway home....I was lucky enough to come up twice this summer...it's always like coming home to the "little cabin in the woods"....saw a loon w/3 babies, eagles, lots of turkey vultures & monarch butterflies....Chris went nuts with the northerns-I had to put my pole down to just bait & take fish off!..boating, fishing & swimming-the boy's dream vacation!...weather was perfect and we caught big sunnies & bluegills all week while we were trolling...this week was just amazing for getting fish & sun...we cannot believe we have caught ALL these fish!...What a wonderful journey was given to us this past week, we made a lifetime of memories and we look forward to many, many years to come in this little piece of heaven on earth...first 3 days the weather was tough to fish in-later in the week, weather was great & fishing was excellent...Thursday we took the kids out on the boat again and they caught 21 pan fish between the 3 of them-what a hoot!...thanks Pat for all your help!...best family vacation we have had so far...our first time & so many memories were made...being here for just one week keeps our thoughts on TTR all year...13 days up north[a very lucky number for us]-the relaxation was unavoidable.....as the boys get older it gets harder & harder to get together so family coming up here & being together is sacred time...had some nice nature walks, Pat showed us pink lady slippers and we saw a turtle laying her eggs...great place for children of all ages-our oldest granddaughter has been coming here since she was a toddler and now she comes with her 4 little ones + all the other cousins of theirs...**



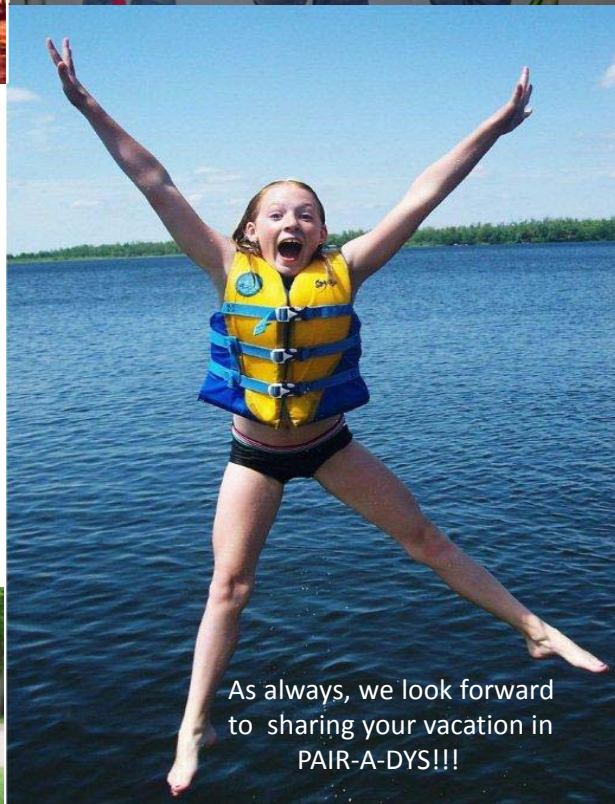
AS WE START to look towards the 2012 season our 18th year as PAIRaDYS, we look at all the changes that have taken place at Timber Trails and the personal and professional growth that we have accomplished. We couldn't have dreamed a better dream for ourselves and we love how we have been taken in by so many of you as "family". You all have helped us to grow into what we have become and contributed to the creation of a true pairadys. We feel it is now time for us to start thinking of [personally] slowing down a bit and finding that perfect someone to carry on the traditions that are so strongly engraved in this awesome space called Timber Trails Resort. Since we have no idea how long it will take to find the perfect people to continue our legacy and have no intention to settle for anything less, we feel we need to start the ball rolling. For us the decision to make this transition has been like trying to hold on to a big, wet, slippery fish while deciding to keep it or take a picture and throw it back! We want you all to be the first to know so you can have some time to get used to the idea. **Please don't panic!!!** Many of you have been coming to Timber Trails since before we came here and we would be very disappointed if you didn't continue the traditions that we have all come to love. In the meantime, we plan to cram in all the personal visiting, baby holding, campfires, big fish stories & picture taking, fish fries, sunset watching and baby duck feeding, that we can!...We love you all and thank you for your loyalty, continued support and trust in us!...that said.....



The trail ahead....

Deposits for 2012 reservations are due by December 5, 2011. At this time, if you have not already done so, we urge you to make a reservation soon. If you do have a reservation, and have not yet sent your deposit, please do so. If you are needing to cancel your reservation, please send us an e-mail at ttr@means.net, or call 1-800-283-2889 ASAP. While we do hate to lose any of our guests, we really appreciate a timely cancellation confirmation to allow us to fill your spot.

Our mission continues to be simply doing our best to provide you with the perfect venue for your perfect vacation...A 5 year old's comment to her grandpa says it all "the best way to catch a walleye is with a smile on your face!"



As always, we look forward to sharing your vacation in PAIR-A-DYS!!!

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