



2018 Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Activities & More

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March 9-11: CANOECOPIA 2018 at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison WI

Visit us at our booth at CANOECOPIA, the world's largest paddlesports expo!

April 11: Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Quarter Launch and Coin Exchange

10am at Legendary Waters Resort, 37600 Onigamiing Drive, Red Cliff, WI

Event commemorating the release of the 2018 APIS NL coin to be released in the US Mint "America the Beautiful" Quarters Program. The new quarter features a drawing of a kayaker along the Devil's Island shoreline with the iconic lighthouse in the background above the sea caves. "Friends" is providing the funding for local schools to attend the launch. Children will receive a quarter keepsake. Present will be representatives from the US Mint and guest speakers. *For collectors, a coin forum will be held at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center on April 10th at 6pm.*

May 14-25: "Island School" 6th Graders experience Wilderness Camping on Stockton Island

May 15: - "Love Your Park" Event in Minneapolis-St Paul for Apostle Is National Lakeshore

Custom House – 180 Kellogg Boulevard East, St. Paul, MN 55101 overlooking the Mississippi River @ 5:30-7:30pm. Join us for food and drinks, get to know your "Friends" group and partner Wilderness Inquiry. Featured will be the "State of Our Park" by Park Superintendent Bob Krumenaker and introducing our new accessibility initiative. Speakers will include Wilderness Inquiry Executive Director Greg Lais.

Summer 2018: Volunteer opportunities include island trail clearing, planting and maintaining the gardens on Michigan Island and the Gaylord Nelson Memorial Garden at the National Park Service Headquarters in Bayfield. More opportunities, dates & times to be determined.

August 9: "FRIENDS" Annual Meeting Cruise aboard Ashland Bay Express. Our destination is Michigan Island to see the restored lighthouses, the gardens that were planted by the Friends and the Park's new lighthouse exhibits. Depart Bayfield City Dock @ 5:00pm

October 5, 6 & 7: Stop at our booth during Bayfield's famous Apple Festival and see what fun and interesting things the FRIENDS and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore have to offer!