

Summer Traditions



People who aren't from Wisconsin often ask us why we live here? Why live in a state that seems so boring? More often than not our answer is simply "I don't know.". But most people don't know the true beauty of Wisconsin. In my personal opinion, Minocqua, Wisconsin, is breathtaking.

The beauty of Minocqua, surrounded by gorgeous lakes, especially my personal favorite- Buffalo Lake. Buffalo Lake is extremely special to me and my family. Each summer my family and I visit Buffalo Lake. For the last 65 years, my family has followed in the footsteps of my grandfather since his family has been going there before Buffalo Lake was even a campground.

We spend ten days camping in the woods, we went from sleeping in tents to campers, and the not so fun part is the outhouses. They don't have showers where we stay so we drive down the road to Clear Lake to shower and fill up our water buckets. One of our favorite traditions is going to Elmer's Fun Park in St. Germain; it's our favorite spot to have a night of family fun and a little bit of competition between all the cousins. Of course we all have a sweet tooth for the best ice cream in St. Germain, so we take a ride down the road to Cathy's Ice Cream n' Candy Shoppe. They sell all sorts of chocolates, sweet and sour candies, and they even have T-shirts. The best flavor of ice cream they have is New York Cherry. It's the perfect combination of sweet and creamy and includes delicious, tart cherry halves.

On those not so sunny days, we'll take a trip into town for some shopping at all of our essential stores in Minocqua. Dan's Minocqua Fudge for fresh made chocolate, Eagle Wings for our souvenir sweatshirts, and we can't forget to stop at Minocqua Popcorn and Puffs for some freshly made cheesy popcorn. On sunny days we spend the day on Buffalo Lake. Swimming, tubing, skiing with all of my cousins, and we never forget to take a walk around the lake for our annual cousin photo at Bigfoot's Chair.

All of the things we do and places we go are an important part of why my family chooses Wisconsin to be our home. Our family is here, our roots and traditions are here. I'm finally starting the rest of my life here. That's why I choose Wisconsin to be my home.