

Summer Solstice & Wooden Boat Festival 2026: Call for Volunteers!

June 19, 20 & 21

Summer on the North Shore is a magical time of year—the sun is at its zenith, boats dot the Grand Marais harbor, and the warm days beckon us outdoors.

The Summer Solstice and Wooden Boat Festival celebrates the best of summer on Lake Superior. Join us for a joy-filled weekend that weaves together craft, community, and the beauty of long days by the big lake. Discover, dance, sail, create, and welcome the brightest season at this festival!

Look for your same favorite volunteer shifts like info booth and chowder serving, plus a few extra special program tasks, helping make pasta or woodworking on the commons!

Thank you for being a part of North House. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at smccauley@northhouse.org or (218)-387-9762. I hope to see you on campus soon!

Warm wishes,
Sam

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Volunteer Roles: Descriptions & Additional Information

Set-up crews

Physically active individuals who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty to make campus shine. Duties include assisting with set-up and clean-up activities (cleaning campus, moving boats, lights, tables, sweeping, setting up tents, etc.). Work Study credit applies.

Physical requirements: capable of lifting heavy objects, standing for the duration of the shift, climbing ladders etc.

Printed Resources Work Group

Help support the Communications and Marketing Manager with all of the signage and print resources needed to keep the event running smoothly! Join Rae behind the scenes in the staff office for laminating, stapling, and folding.

Physical requirements: able to sit for several hours, and folding pamphlets, laminating, and stapling

Info Booth Attendant

Friendly greeters familiar with the North House story and mission will work in pairs to talk to visitors, share their love of North House, and sell cookies (and point them to the bathroom). No experience needed.

Physical requirements: willing to sit or stand for several hours at a table in the shade

North House Attendant

This year, we will have a boat display with an array of North House boats! We are looking for volunteers who love boats to engage with visitors and share a little bit about some of the boats, and direct folks along the rest of the boat walk.

Physical requirements: willing to sit or stand for several hours outside

Auction Set-up and Support

Volunteers will sort auction items, set up and arrange tables, and post bidding sheets. This is a great role for people who can make an eye-catching arrangement and want a preview of all the items for auction!

Physical requirements: capable of walking around, sorting objects, lifting books, and moderately heavy objects.

Cornbread baking

Join staff and other volunteers to help bake cornbread for the Empty Bowls Chowder Feed. No cooking experience needed, just a willingness to help out and have a great time!

Physical requirements: capable of standing, working at tables & doing dishes.

Exhibit Attendant

North House's Artisan in Residence program will be holding their closing show in the loft classroom.

Volunteers in this role will greet folks as they enter and help answer any questions.

Physical requirements: can be seated or standing for several hours indoors

Chowder Serving & Clean Up

Volunteers will serve chowder and cornbread to visitors! This will be a standing or seated repetitive task for people who love to interact with and serve their neighbors! Afterwards, volunteers will help to clear and clean the area.

Physical requirements: capable of standing, wiping, moving tables & doing dishes.

Wood Craft Assistant

We are looking for someone with woodworking experience to support visitors of all ages to use general tools like saw bucks, hand saws, hand drills, draw knives, and kids' shave horses. Resident Artisan Lauren Newby will lead the charge and needs helping hands!

Physical requirements: Some woodworking experience required. Must be capable of moving around and supporting a craft activity

Food Craft Assistant

Help foods instructor Karalyn Littlefield introduce pasta-making to visitors. Using various tools, including a pasta roller, all ages can get their hands on pasta dough and make various shapes. Not for consumption.

Physical requirements: Dress for mess and be prepared to handle flour. No experience needed.

Student and Supporter Morning Assistant

North House is fueled by our supportive community of students, instructors, program alumni, and members. Help host a special celebration to recognize the folks of the folk school, along with a presentation on craft, our annual meeting, and a wood-fired pizza lunch.

Physical requirements: capable of standing, wiping, moving tables & doing dishes.

Puppet Makers

Be a part of making magic for the Summer Solstice Pageant! Workshops run May 27th through June 14th. For more information and the schedule, visit the [Good Harbor Hills Players website](#).