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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

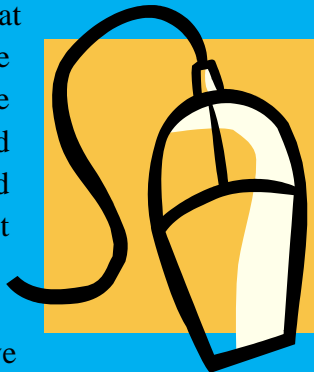
I know that it is spring now, so most of you are planning vacations, but don't know what to do there. *Water Wonders* is the perfect magazine for ideas and the best things to do!



Do you vacation a lot or like to do outdoor family actives? Then this is the magazine for you! *Water Wonders* has every water activity that you have

questions on, and if you don't see it in the magazine look through some of your other issues and you will probably find it!

Making this magazine was not easy, where lots of was work that needed to be done before we were even ready to put it together! We had multiple deadlines that had to be meet each week. Other people had to sign up to write for me, that was one of the hardest parts. Once they had finished the article, or ad they would share it with me either by email or google docs. Once I have gotten the article or ad, I would look it over to make sure that it had proper



grammar, punctuation, and that the story flowed. I also went over a checklist to make sure that the article or ad made the criteria.



I would like to shoutout a few people that did amazing on there articles: **Makenna Krause** did an amzing job on her article on her 1-2 colum article on Jet Skis! Also **Kenney Schreiter** did an amazing job on her article on cruises wheater she recomends them or not!

Doing this magaize project (deadline project) was a blast because we got to know people in Fox West Academy in other grades and let them write for us. I found out who is a good writer, and who still needs some work. Our teachers **Mr. Lundstrom**, **Mr. Hall**, and **Mrs. Koenecke** where very helping in this project, because they would help you when ever you needed it and they would come to you ASAP!



Everyday our teachers would hand us a post-it note and we would have to write on it what we were going to compelet today and what we would start.

We would then put that on our top computer screen so we and the teacher knew what we were going to be doing today during work time! I loves this project so much, thank you!

Alyssa Sillman

Editor in chief, *Water Wonders*



Dear Editor of Water Wonders,

I love your magazine. I love doing water activities so this is a great magazine for me. I read it the second get a new issue. Thank you so much for all of my amusement!

Sincerely,

Ashley

Dear Magazine editor,

Your magazine Water Activities pretty well describes the basics of water activities, but I think your magazines should go into more detail and include some fun things to do in the water like some games, and (or) fun pool toys. Over all you did a pretty good job on your Magazine.

Sincerely,

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Jet Ski

Have you ever been on a jet ski? If you have you will know they are so much fun. If you haven't well, then you really should try it sometime. So a jet ski is a water mobile, it floats on water and can go really fast! Jet Skis are smaller toys that spray water from the sides. They turn super-fast and cause a lot of accidents if they are used wrong. The best brand of jet skis and the most popular brand is Sea Doo. Sea Doo also sells Ski Doo which is a snow mobile. Most jet skis ride 2 people but the newer ones and more expensive ones can do 3-4 people. Some good things about a Jet Ski are that they have a clip cord that hooks on to you and it hooks on to the Jet Ski, and if you go too fast and fall off, the whole machine shuts down and doesn't keep riding away. Another good thing is that the seat is very comfortable and doesn't hurt your but like some seats do. Also they have a ladder on the back of the jet ski that helps you get up on the jet ski. When you get on you have to be careful and balance your weight otherwise the whole thing could flip. A bad thing about them is that they flip super

easily and cause a lot of accidents, but if you are careful with them you won't crash and won't cause as much accidents.

Another good thing is that on some of them they tell you what way you are going, like north, east, south, west. One of the reasons that these are so popular is that they are not as expensive as boats and they can go as fast as boats but, they can't fit as many people in them as they can in boats.



Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin Dells is an amazing place. The banks and bluffs on the Wisconsin River are some of the most amazing sights I have ever seen. Along with the natural elements, Wisconsin Dells is considered the water park capital of the world, with over 100 water parks and hotels in the area of just twenty square miles.

When you visit Wisconsin Dells, and you want to see the amazing natural wonders, I would either take a jet boat or one of their many ducks. A duck, if you don't know, is a semiaquatic vehicle that can drive on land and in water. The jet boat on the other hand is a high octane ride that skims across the water and past the bluffs.



There are two types of ducks. There are the Army ducks and the Original Wisconsin ducks, depending on where you want to go. If you want to hear the history of the ducks I would take the Army ducks.

If nature isn't your kind of ball game, then you could visit one of the almost twenty water or theme parks. Thus the reason Wisconsin Dells is the Water Park capital of the world . . . in Wisconsin . . . because that makes "total sense." The two big ones are Noah's Ark and Mount Olympus.

Noah's Ark is said to be the world's biggest out door waterpark at over twelve acres of land area. Some of the main attractions are the Scorpions Tail, the Black Anaconda, and the Point of No return.

The Scorpions Tail is the world's first looping water slide. At the top you are put in a tube, then the floor drops out from under you and you fall one hundred feet straight down until you hit the bottom and you do a full three-sixty before plunging into the pool at the bottom.

Mount Olympus on the other hand is neither a water park nor a theme park, but both. At one end you have a theme park with five roller coasters and five go-cart tracks. On the other end is the water park with countless slides and pools.

One of the main features is probably Poseidon's Rage. Poseidon's Rage is a huge wave pool that unleashes massive waves that peak at almost eight feet high.

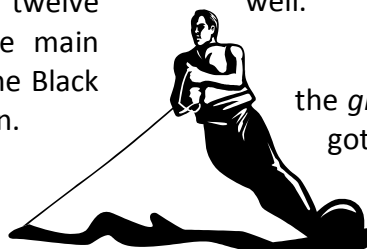
My favorite ride is probably Zeus. Zeus is a wooden roller coaster that reaches speeds of 70 miles per hour. This is impressive, but the main feature is beneath the ground, well the parking lot



to be specific. Right after the main hill you plunge into a tunnel that comes out on the other side of the parking lot. Then you get flung into a cork screw and go upside down before returning to the starting gate.

You could also visit the *Ripley's Believe It or Not* museum, featuring oddities from all over the world. They also feature some of the world's strangest people as well.

Wisconsin Dells also caters to the *greatest spectacle on earth*, you got that right the Tommy Bartley



Ski Show. The show showcases water skiers that are trained to perform on the water.

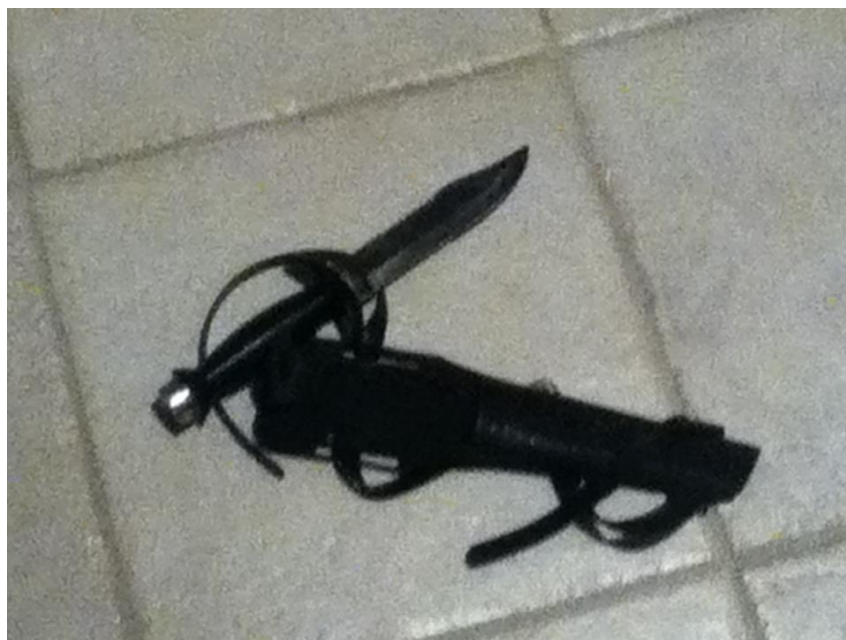
It doesn't matter what you like to do because Wisconsin Dells probably has it in store. Speaking of stores Wisconsin Dells has great shopping downtown the bargain hunters and window shoppers. Either way you'll enjoy your stay in Wisconsin Dells. I can almost guarantee it.



Unless you have two broken arms like I did when I was seven. That sucked. I mean really. What was I supposed to do? *I couldn't even swim!* Anyways that's all I got tell me how your trip goes.

-Caleb Derga-Prinz

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Snorkeling By: Lauren Stae

Have you ever been laying on the beach and wondered what it looked like from the point of view of a fish? What lies beneath the surface? There is only one way to find out!

Snorkeling is your best option to get that view! Snorkeling allows you to swim face down on the surface while still allowing you to breath. If you want, you can hold your breath and dive down under water until you run out of air and need to get back to the surface.

There are many varieties of equipment as well as a large variety of costs. The first set you chose may be a combination set that comes with everything you need to get started which is a snorkel, mask and flippers.

Many people do not like to snorkel because their goggles always get fogged up. I have a tip to make your goggles not fog up so much and so fast. Get your goggles wet, and then put a small amount of baby shampoo in both eyes of the goggles. Rub it around and then dip them into the water to rinse it out. Do you have glasses and are worried that you won't be able to see? Don't worry; you can get a mask with the lens matching your prescription! That's what my grandpa has.

There are more pieces to use while snorkeling other than the mask and snorkel. Flippers give you webbed feet like a duck. They help push you through the water with minimal effort. You can get "all size fits all" sized flippers, or flippers that are for a certain size. Don't forget your underwater camera to capture the beautiful scenery.

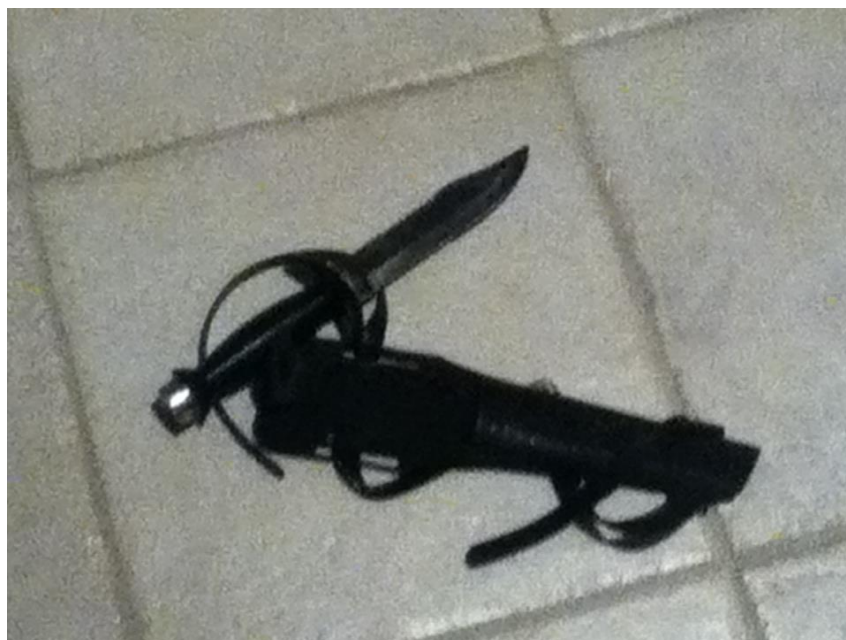
Finally, to help you stay afloat, bring a foam noodle. The noodle will help you stay above water and will keep you from tiring out quickly so you can enjoy your time in the water.

Water Volleyball By: Carson Buss

I always loved swimming and it is one of my favorite things to do in the summer. I find it way more fun when you are in a pool playing something then just sitting in the pool tanning or just plain old sitting there. So I find water volleyball to be a blast when you are in the pool. Playing water volleyball is better when you have more people in the pool with you because if you just play it by yourself it will not be fun at all. I usually play with my family but sometimes I play with my camping family when I am camping—my camping family is a group of people I go camping with during the summer. When you play water volleyball you want to follow a few rules, just like normal volleyball. You have to have 4 people on each side of the net, 2 in front and 2 in the back. If you play with more people you can also do 3 in front and 3 in the back for each side. Every volleyball match you do should consist of best two out of three games. You could play rally score which is meaning a point is scored no matter which team served the ball. Illegal hits are if someone a double hit happens when a player illegally hits the ball twice in succession or the ball rebounds from one part of the body to another, on a single attempt on hitting the ball. You can also have fouls in water volleyball which is when one of the teammates hits the net whining serving, spiking or setting it over the net. When serving the ball it might be a good idea to make a certain time, for example, five seconds to serve the ball but you can make you own rules as you play the game. For

scoring I would think it is a great idea to have a set point for each scoring. So you could get one point for each score you get on the court. These are all some rules that a good idea and you can use them when playing water volleyball. When playing this sport you also want to have the correct volleyball, because if you use a normal volleyball it could get full of water and you wouldn't be able to use that kind of volleyball. A very well brand for water volleyballs and equipment for water volleyball is Mikasa this brand you can buy any sort of water things you may need for water volleyball. You would probably find these items on eBay, amazon and if you didn't want to order online I would think you could find the certain equipment at scheels or walmart. I find it more fun when you actually play a competitive game in water volleyball, like you can have boys against girls or parents against siblings. I usually play with my family so its me and my sister against my parents. If you are playing with your friends it would be fair to do a team 1 and team 2 and have team captains. It also may be a good idea to have a ref if you are playing team against team so then there can be someone there if you cant agree on a serve. Also when there is a ref there you can have better and accurate scoring. Overall I find water volleyball a really enjoyable and fun sport to play in the summer—you can also play in the winter in places like the YMCA. I hope this gave your ideas on how to play water volleyball in new and creative ways.

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Zorbing

What is this human hamster balling activity? It's zorbing. Zorbing has become more and more popular since it

first came out in 1994. In case you didn't know, a zorb is a big ball that a person gets inside and rolls around a flat surface, a slope, or in water.



A zorb is usually about 10 ft. in diameter, making it able to fit in smaller pools. People of all ages are able to zorb, making it great for the family.

There are two kinds of zorbs, harnessed and un-harnessed. For competition, un-harnessed zorbs are used to give the user more control over the ball. Un-harnessed zorbs are also used in water for the same reason. When zorbing on a track, a harness would be used to secure you to the zorb while you roll down the hill.

It is a competitive racing sport as many try to race downhill. Despite some safety concerns

and a few accidental deaths, zorbing is also subject to several record setting attempts and is practiced by many as an extreme sport.



It is a common tourist attraction in commercial and tourism areas, such as the Wisconsin dells.

Besides the cost of a zorb being usually \$1,500 to \$2,000 dollars, it is completely worth all of the fun you will have with it. If you can't afford that, there are many places around the US that you can go to have a fun zorbing experience.

Overall, zorbing is a unique way of having fun in a hamster-balling fashion for the whole family.

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TUBING

Water Tubing

What is your favorite summer activity? Some say sleeping, reading, or swimming, but mine is tubing. If you love the water your prone to love tubing. Tubing is where there is a tube attached to the end of a Jet Ski or a boat and it pulls you for a thrilling adventure. I will be informing you on the best tubes, hottest places to go, and much, much more.

Tubes

There are many different kinds of tubes; and people have many different views on what they think are great ones. I will tell you about the top rates' for tubes. Now don't get me wrong, tubes are very expensive, but I'll give you a hint, you get what you pay for. So the top rated tubes are often the most expensive but they will last longer than the cheap tubes. For example the brand Airhead is a very popular one. They have a wide variety of tubes holding up to 4+ people, and for many more things other than just tubing. The prices for Airhead tubes are more expensive than the rest but people give the tubes a 5+ star rating. They are made much nicer than the cheaper tubes; they are guaranteed to be more durable.

Accessories

Now tubing is not just with a tube. You need to have accessories to pull the tube of course. You need to have a rope to pull the tube in the water. The water attaches to the end of the Jet Ski or boat so it can pull the person or persons in the water.



Places to Go

Around Wisconsin there are many fantastic places to go tubing, and I will tell you about the ones my family and I go to. In Bear Creek, WI we enjoy going to Bear Lake, which is a very small lake but one you won't get lost in it. It's a very clean campground and it's free so that's always good for parents. They have great food and nice cold Sundrop which is always a plus! The water has just been cleaned so it's very fun to go tubing in. There are many others I enjoy going to like on Shawano Lake and many others but I told you one located very close to us!

Boat or Jet Ski?

Many people have different views on whether a boat or Jet Ski is better to going tubing with and I'll just tell you my opinion. I have a Jet Ski and love it! I love how fast I can go on them and how they don't flip over as easily as you would think. They are cheaper than boats so that's a huge plus for your parents! But boats can be useful if you have a big crowd. Most Jet Skis only can hold one, two, or three people. But boats can hold a lot more people. Also you can't have Jet Skis out at night in most places, but you usually can drive boats at night. I like Jet Skis better for tubing though because the wake is not as strong with a Jet Ski as with boat. But this is my opinion.

Why Choose Tubing

If you love things that make you heart beat fast, tubing is for you. It's also very fun to have two tubes connected to the Jet Ski or boat so every time you do a doughnut you crash into them. You are almost guaranteed to be sore the next day! I recommend you to try tubing; it's a lot of fun!