



Grant Application

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Grant Information

Title Of Project: Youth Cross Country Ski Equipment

Organization Name: Friends of Brunet Island State Park

Amount Requested: 1950

Total Cost Of Project: 1950

Beginning Date Of Project: 01/01/2024

Ending Date Of Project: 01/01/2025

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Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Organization

Other Organization: None

Introduction: The Friends of Brunet Island State Park was formed in 2019. Prior to that, the Friends of Lake Wissota State Park helped financially support Brunet Island. Their organization assisted with the purchase of canoes and kayaks to provide park visitor rentals as well as the sales of kiln dried firewood. All proceeds from boat and firewood sales went directly back into Brunet Island State Park to support the interpretive and educational, historical, scientific, and recreational services. Once

the Brunet Island State Park friends' group was formed, we continued boat rentals and firewood sales. During the summer of 2022, our group ordered shirts and sweatshirts from a local print shop which would be available for visitors to purchase. Proceeds from shirt sales also benefit projects and special events at Brunet. Our goal as an organization is to support the maintenance and improvement of the park which is an important community resource to people of all ages. We are constantly brainstorming different ways to provide a relaxed and enjoyable experience for all that visit Brunet Island.

Grant Project Information

Project Description: Brunet Island State Park (BISP) has partnered with the Cornell Area Betterment Association (CABA) as well as the Cornell/Lake Holcombe 21st Century Community Learning Center to host the annual Candlelight Ski Event in February. This event is run by 10-15 volunteers. The ski equipment has been borrowed from the Cornell School district when they originally received a grant 20 years ago for adult skis, shoes, and poles. The Candlelight Ski has taken place ever since then. During the event, approximately 100-150 people attend from area communities. Within the last 5 years, children attending the event have shown interest in skiing on the trail. We do our best to accommodate them with the adult size skis we have but unfortunately the equipment is too large and doesn't work as efficiently. The Friends Group of Brunet Island would like to receive funding to purchase 6 sets of different size youth skis, youth shoes, and youth poles from Spring Street Sports in Chippewa Falls to use at the 2024 Candlelight Ski event.

Project Beneficiary: Area children from 4 years-12 years of age. Teens typically fit in the adult size equipment we already have.

Project Budget: As previously mentioned, funds will be used to purchase 6 sets of different size youth skis, youth shoes, and youth poles.

Project Funding: We will look at other grant opportunities.