

North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application

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List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal:

None

Major Directive:

Directive D - Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Additional Directives:

None

Type of Organization:

Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation, as described in US IRS Code (26 U.S.C. § 501 (c))

Project Name:

Wildlife Education & Recreation Center

Abstract/Executive Summary:

Triangle Y Camp, located along the banks of Lake Sakakawea, is focused on teaching children, ages 6 – 15, good character, leadership skills, positive attitudes and an appreciation for the outdoors in a fun and recreational environment.

Triangle Y Camp was built in 1964 and since its beginning continues to grow in popularity. From June through August, 900 youth from North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota travel to Triangle Y Camp.

Camp is funded by the proceeds raised during the annual Minot Indoor Rodeo, which is operated by the members of the two Y's Men's organizations. These members take great pride in the 260 acre grounds and buildings at Camp. These buildings include horse barns, sleeping cabins, trading post, dining hall and an arts and crafts building.

Within the past year, the Y's Men have initiated a campaign to build a Wildlife Education & Recreation Center at Camp. The intent of this building is to provide an interactive educational experience for youth to learn about the wildlife at Lake Sakakawea, intertwined with the history of the Lewis & Clark expedition. With Triangle Y Camp being located at the heart of Lake Sakakawea it is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the beauty of the outdoors and abundant wildlife of that area of North Dakota.

The fundraising campaign goal for building this wildlife education and recreation center is \$185,000 by June of 2014.

Amount of Grant Request:

\$75,000.

Total Project Cost:

\$185,000.

Amount & Sources of Matching Funds:

Minot Indoor Rodeo	\$25,000	Cash	Secured
Pat Jones	\$10,000	Cash	Secured
Otto Bremer Foundation	\$60,000	Cash	Pending
ND Game & Fish	\$15,000	Cash	Pending
ND Outdoor Heritage	\$75,000	Cash	Pending
Individual/Business Solicitations	On-going	Cash	Pending

Certifications:

Yes, I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

Yes, I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative: Organization Information:

The Minot Indoor Rodeo Inc. is a non-profit 501-c-3 organization in Minot comprised of the members of the two Minot Y's Men's clubs. These two groups work together toward a primary goal of raising funds for the betterment of Triangle Y Camp.

The Minot Y's Men's Clubs have been in existence since 1947 and have a total of over 100 members. They have one paid staff person and a very committed core group of volunteers who operate the organization. Their executive committee includes:

Max Wepler, President
Paul Kramer, Vice President
Nancy Ali, Secretary
Dan Leidholt, Treasurer
Myron Feist, Director

The primary fundraising event of the organization is the Badlands Indoor Circuit Rodeo in which an average of \$80,000 is raised annually. The non-financial resources of the Minot Y's Men's Clubs are their greatest strengths. Every member is dedicated to Triangle Y Camp by committing at least 40 hours a year in manual labor at Camp. This is done through building upkeep, landscaping, and caring of the horses, pastures and grounds. All members are also committed to annual fundraising events to raise money for maintaining and improving Camp.

The Y's Men are respected and known for their commitment to youth development through the programs at Triangle Y Camp. Because of their solid history in the Garrison area they have developed long-time partnerships with the ND Game & Fish, ND Corp of Engineers and Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

Purpose of Grant

A "polar bear" dip in the pond before breakfast, a brisk horseback ride in the rolling hills, fishing in Lake Sakakawea and exploring the prairie for wild roses and native cactus -- all are examples of the many recreational activities that youth can participate in at Triangle Y Camp.



Triangle Y Camp, located directly south of Garrison, ND, has been in existence since 1964. We believe children come away from Camp better able to make good choices, more willing to cooperate and more accepting of others. They develop better self-esteem, better social skills, a higher regard of themselves and heightened sense of enthusiasm for life and the outdoors.

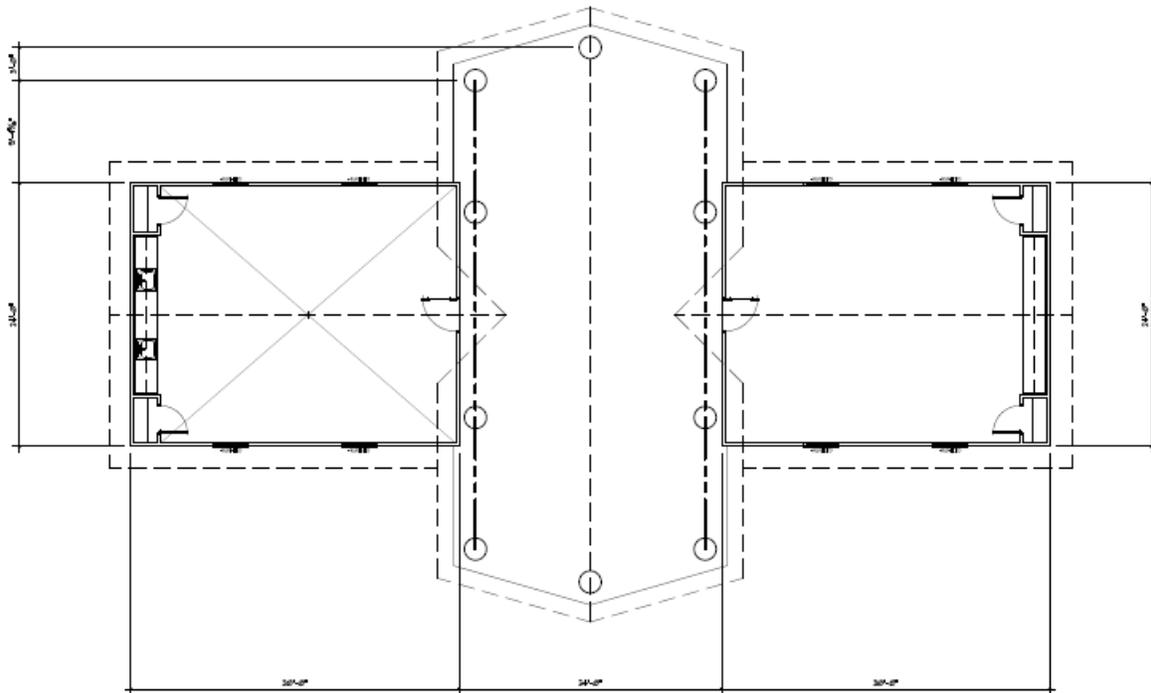
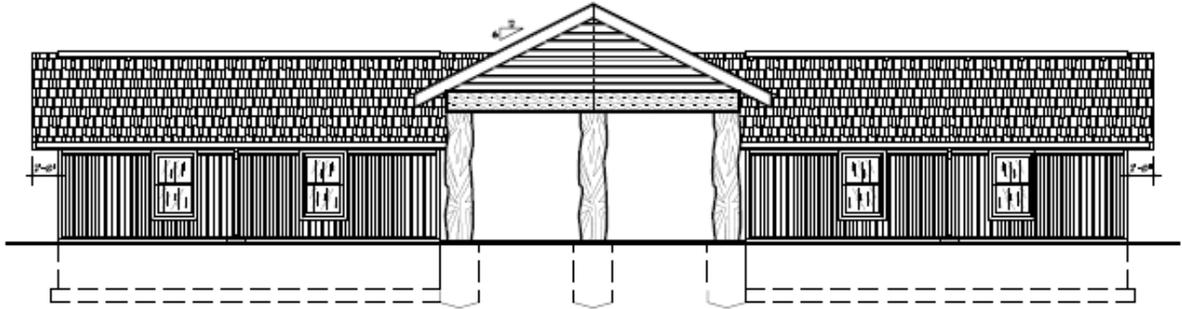
In the past two years, Triangle Y Camp attendance has increased by over 300 teens. Prior to 2010 the average number attending Camp was 600. In 2013 nearly 900 youth attended Camp. We believe this increase is a direct result of the population explosion in western and central ND and will continue to increase for the next several years.

A fundraising campaign is occurring to enhance the recreational opportunities at Camp, and the newly created ND Outdoor Heritage Fund is a perfect fit for this project! Plans have been developed to build a Wildlife Education & Recreation Center at Camp. This building would provide an interactive educational experience for youth to learn about the wildlife at Lake Sakakawea, intertwined with the history of the Lewis & Clark expedition. With the collaboration of the ND Game & Fish Department plans are to have educational displays of ND plants and animals, historical information of Lewis & Clark and interactive recreational activities for the youth to do. With Triangle Y Camp being located at the heart of Lake Sakakawea, this new Wildlife Education & Recreation Center is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the beauty of the ND outdoors and abundant wildlife.

The timetable to complete the building of this new center is the beginning of summer 2014. The Y's Men's organizations are actively pursuing funding so that construction begins in early spring and the center is opened for the first camp session on June 1st.

The Wildlife Education & Recreation Center is perfectly aligned with Directive D of the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund. This Center is the development of a new recreation area located in the natural outdoor setting of Lake Sakakawea.

Sketches of the Wildlife Education & Recreation Center
(Left side is for educational displays, breezeway in the middle,
right side is for recreational activities; such as arts & crafts)



Management of Project

Management of the building of the Wildlife Education and Recreation Center will be done by Paul Kramer. Paul is a member of the executive committee and is an architect by trade. He has managed all of the building projects at Camp, which includes 6 cabins being rebuilt in the past two years, a new horse barn and the climbing tower.

Evaluation

The method used to measure the success of the new Wildlife Education and Recreation Center will be the involvement and feedback received by the youth that will be using the center. The center is being built for youth - to enjoy fun recreational activities, learn about the travels of Lewis and Clark along Lake Sakakawea and to appreciate the wildlife and outdoors surrounding them at Camp.

Sustainability

Sustainability of all buildings at Triangle Y Camp are and will continue to be the responsibility of the Y's Men's organizations. They have been dedicated to Camp for over 50 years and will continue to do so for the next 50 years. The Corp of Engineers and ND Fish & Wildlife take an active role in touring Camp to make sure that it is well cared for and respectful of Lake Sakakawea and the wildlife in the area.

Partial Funding

If less funding is received from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund the Y's Men's organizations will continue to pursue funding support until the goal is achieved.

Project Budget

Project Expenses:	OHF Request	Otto Bremer (Pending)	Minot Indoor Rodeo (Recd)	ND Game & Fish (Pending)	Pat Jones (Recd)	
Mattson Construction (1)	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,400			\$150,400
Mobray (2)			\$9,600	\$6,700		\$16,300
Main Electric (3)				\$8,300	\$4,400	\$12,700
Landscaping (4)					\$5,600	\$5,600
TOTAL	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$185,000

- (1) Building construction
- (2) Plumbing & heating
- (3) Electrical
- (4) Landscaping around bldg

Yes, I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission.