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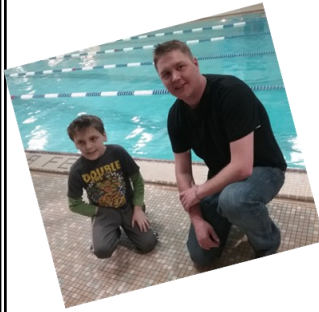
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Match of the Month Paul and Matthew



Paul and Matthew first met Highlands. When asked what their first us no time at all to hit it off; I liked Mat- we had known each other for years.”

during their match meeting at Harbor interaction was like, Paul said, “It took thew and he liked me. It was almost like

Matthew and Paul have a lot of fun together and share interest in several of the same activities - one of them being swimming. Paul explained, “We have spent many hours together at the YMCA swimming and playing water games that we have created and designed ourselves. We have also made several trips to the Edge Water Park.”

Shortly after they met, Matthew got his own set of golf clubs and now Paul is teaching him how to golf. They spent several afternoons last summer playing on the Twin Ports golf courses and had a lot of fun. Matthew said he would like Paul to teach him how to drive the golf cart someday!

Paul and Matthew have shared so many memories together but say their favorite adventure was when they went to the Mall of America. They spent most of their time at Nickelodeon Universe. Matthew told Paul that the biggest roller-coaster, the Log Ride, was too scary for him. They ended up trying it once and then rode it ten more times!

Along their journey with Mentor Duluth Paul and Matthew made a big but easy decision. They decided they didn't want to consider themselves as “mentee and mentor” anymore, but rather best friends, and that is what they now call each other. Paul went on to explain that their friendship has grown very strong. Matthew even has his own bedroom at Paul's house and spends the night there every other weekend. They have a routine of planning one big activity for Saturday, like hanging out at the YMCA all day or playing laser tag. At the end of the night they go out for dinner and a movie. If there isn't a movie they are interested in seeing, they cook at Paul's house, rent a movie and play games. Paul explained, “We aren't the best cooks, so most nights we end up ordering pizza or Chinese food!”

When asked if they had any differences, Paul said, “There is only one big problem in our friendship, I am a Vikings fan and Matthew is a Packers fan! I always tell Matthew that the Vikings are a better team and he reminds me that they have never won a Super Bowl.” They agreed to someday go to a Vikings vs. Packers game together but haven't decided if they will go to the new Vikings stadium or Lambeau field.

Thank you for being a great match!

Mentor Duluth April Activities

Check out the fun activities coming up this month!



Waitlist Activity: Gooseberry Falls!

Saturday, April 15 from 12:30 to 4:30pm

We're taking a trip up the shore! Transportation will be provided for youth who would like to attend. There is room for 15 kids. Included in the activity will be a light lunch. Join us for a fun adventure up the North Shore!



Match Activity: Bowling at the Incline Station!

Friday, April 28 from 6 to 7pm

Free shoe rentals and one free game for all matches who attend! Bowling at Incline Station is always a fun activity, hope you can join! Open to 15 matches; a light snack will be provided at the Incline Station. Hope to see you there!

Mentor Training Opportunity: Child Abuse Prevention

Presenter: Rachel Johnson, First Witness | Where: Harbor Highlands Community Center

When: Thursday, April 13, 5–7pm



This training is designed to offer techniques, strategies and support to those working directly with children who may encounter child abuse, neglect or maltreatment disclosures or suspected abuse. It is appropriate for individuals from law enforcement, child protection, social work, health-care, education, day-care, youth serving organizations, and others who work directly with children or may be required to make a mandated report. Participants will be better equipped to respond to abuse disclosure with humility and sensitivity while also being mindful of maintaining a forensically sound chain of disclosure, avoiding suggestive and leading questioning, while being compliant with reporting mandates. A light dinner will be provided.

PLEASE RSVP TO BRIANNE AT 218-722-4745 x120.

Contact Brianne at 218-722-4745 x120 with any questions

Match Anniversaries!

Congrats to all our matches who are celebrating their anniversaries this month!

Leksie	and Pat Farrell	04/04/2013
Ryan	and Linda Harper	04/07/2011
Isabella	and Diane Rauschenfels	04/08/2008
Dezire	and Sherry Dalager	04/10/2013
Auzauria	and Pamela Schmitt	04/10/2014
Kadin	and Robert Kennedy	04/10/2015
Emmanuel	and Ellen Bowman	04/11/2016
Brandon	and Jack Amadio	04/17/2015
Keziah	and Deborah Plechner	04/19/2011
Makaya	and Brianne Benson	04/19/2016
Michael	and Pete Willcoxon	04/20/2013
Jayden	and Taylor Nelson	04/21/2015
Da'Shiya	and Stephanie Upton	04/22/2009
Max	and Mark Sickler	04/27/2014
Kyra	and Kathy Gustafson	04/28/2010
Arianna	and Robin Madsen	04/28/2016

Easter EGG-stravaganza
at the LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO



Twin Ports' March Activities

Lake Superior Zoo Egg-stravaganza

April 15 at 10am

Hop on down to the zoo and enjoy hunting for eggs, playing games, special animal enrichments, treats, prizes and the Easter Bunny himself! Baskets of fun for kids of all ages! \$5 for children ages 3-12, \$10 for ages 13 and up. Members are free. Activities include: Photos with the Easter Bunny, Cotton Tail Cotton Candy Walk, Kids games and prizes, Coloring contest, Face painting, and Special animal enrichment's.

Lake Superior Zoo Egg-stravaganza

April 21-23—times vary



The 70th Annual Aad Shrine Circus will once again play Duluth (Amsoil Arena) this April. Tickets are 4-12: \$10 Advance/\$12 Day of Show or for 13 & Older: \$18 Advance/\$22 Day of Show/3 and under are free. All Seats are General Admission so it is highly recommended that you arrive early and get the best seats. Doors for the Circus open 90 minutes prior to the start of the show. Elephant, Horse, and Pony rides will also begin at that time, along with face painting and inflatable rides on the main floor of the show.



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