

# BEMIDJI

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## A destination city excited for summer 2021

**G**et ready to explore and go one step further when you discover Bemidji, the first city on the Mississippi. Set in the center of northern Minnesota, relax and enjoy urban life in the country setting where you can see fine art, enjoy incredible dining options and experience over 400 lakes within a 25-mile radius of the city.

Bemidji is a summer destination that ranks #1 in a few key attractions. Starting with one of the most photographed roadside attractions in Minnesota: the statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox which have called the shores of Lake Bemidji home since 1937. Paul is 18 feet tall and he weighs two-and-a-half tons. Babe was added next to Paul in 1939. He weighs five tons and his horns have a span of 14 feet.

Another reason to visit Bemidji is because it is the first city on the Mississippi. You can find the start of the mighty

Mississippi just 26 miles southwest of Bemidji at Itasca State Park. There, you can walk across the source of the river. The Park offers something for everyone from bicycle and Pontoon rentals to educational opportunities. Lake Itasca and its park offers the perfect afternoon excursion when you plan your stay in Bemidji.

After a year off from the pandemic, Bemidji is excited to bring back summer celebrations and events are what Bemidji is known for. Starting with the 77th Annual Bemidji Jaycees Water Carnival, which runs from June 30th-July 5th, 2021. This 4th of July celebration includes carnival rides, games, food vendors, a water ski show, parades and the largest fireworks display in northern Minnesota. Bemidji also offers a large Art-in-the-Park event in mid-July, featuring artists from all over the Midwest. The spirit of competition also



comes alive during the 15th Annual Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival August 4th through the 7th. It's not just about Dragon Boat racing: festival activities include great food, music, kids' activities, a parade of teams, cultural performances, camaraderie, and much more all along the shores of beautiful Lake Bemidji.

Bemidji also offers access to solace. It's where you can be one with nature in the "Lost 40," or go for a hike at the Lake Bemidji State Park Bog Walk or

enjoy a night of camping in the Chipewawa National Forest.

When you plan your trip to the Bemidji area, you'll find that you can personalize your lodging options. Whether you stay at one of our nine beautiful hotels or one of our unique resorts, we can guarantee that you'll want to come back for more. You can plan a stay in a treehouse cabin at Kohl's Resort or rent a cabin on the shores of Lake Bemidji at Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge.





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Whether you are staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton or the Doubletree by Hilton our properties offer something for everyone. Separated by the Green Mill restaurant and bar we have it all. Relax on the lakefront patios or get active and rent a kayak, paddle board, or our newest addition the water tricycle.

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## Why Choose Bemidji?

Bemidji is ranked #8 in North America by PCMag for best cities to work from home

Beltrami County was ranked #1 in Minnesota for access to Gigabit internet speeds

Beltrami County was selected by DEED as a TelecommuterForward! Community

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It only takes a few minutes to apply!



# Harmony Food Co-op: Groceries, or full meals

Welcome to Bemidji! No matter where you're from or how long you're here, the First City on the Mississippi is lucky to have you. We have a fantastic local arts scene, an internationally known state university, and, of course, the natural splendor of the Minnesota Northwoods. As Bemidji's only downtown full-service grocery store, we here at Harmony Food Co-op want to welcome you to our beautiful city and do everything we can to help you have the best summer possible!

Whether you're visiting to take in the sights or heading out of town, there's nothing like local. Pick up some local honey or maple syrup and enjoy a slice of Bramble Bee Bread (baked right here at Harmony!) and fresh fruit or veggies from one of our many local farmers. Create your own gift box of local goodies (like wild fruit jams and syrups with wild rice pancake mix from Red Lake Nation Foods and a pound of Alakef coffee) and take a little piece of Bemidji with you wherever you go.

Sure, we're a full-service grocery store, but we're here for you when you don't feel like cooking, too. Our Good Food Deli has housemade delights for every

meal and palate, from breakfast burritos to take-and-bake pizzas. Enjoy lunch outside on our pergola patio and watch the butterflies and bees frolic in our pollinator garden or take it to go on a park bench by the lake and wave to Paul and Babe.

If you're up for a day, a weekend, all summer or all year, there's no end of fun things to do, and Harmony Co-op is delighted to help you with all of them. Rent a canoe at Diamond Point Park and see downtown from a new angle. Try a state park staycation and have a camping adventure without leaving town. Pack a picnic lunch and check out our area network of bike trails. Go fishing and catch your own dinner, then grill them right there on the shore (or throw them back and get a pizza). There's rollerblading around the lake, checking out the ladyslippers on the Bog Walk at the state park, jumping off the end of docks to cool off and warming up around bonfires. We're lucky to live here, we're lucky to have so many great new visitors every year, and we can't wait to share our love of Bemidji with you!

-Submitted by Harmony Food



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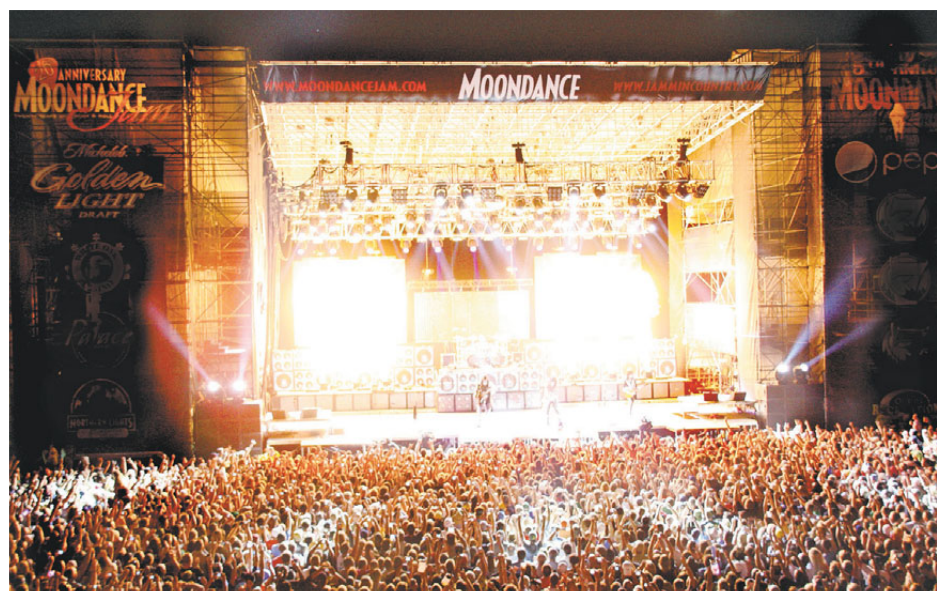


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# Moondance — The Campin' & Jammin' Events of the Summer!



The events of the summer are held right here in the Leech Lake/Chippewa National Forest Area near Walker, Minnesota. Reconnect for some Moondance Jammin' time and come celebrate the chance to just be YOU again!

First start out by celebrating 15 years of country music at Moondance Jammin' Country Fest, June 17-19. The "biggest little country fest around" is a three-day festival with Midland, Lauren Alaina, Neal McCoy, Tyler Farr, Jo Dee Messina as the start of a great line-up of country performers. And also the 10th annual Moondance Softball Tournament will be held during this festival. Get your team together, play a little ball and listen to a lot of great music. Cash and Prizes will be awarded to the top teams along with a team beer drinking trophy!

Next join us for the biggest Rock Festival in Minnesota, Moondance Jam 30, July 22-24, 2021. With over 50 bands on 4 stages and 4 great days of music and rockin', which includes Pre-Jam Wednesday night! Cheap Trick, Halestorm, Todd Rundgren, Don Felder, Grand Funk Railroad, Night Ranger are just the beginning

of the great bands. This year as our BIG festival events of the summer are coming to a close be sure to follow us into 2022 as we will be bringing in smaller but more events throughout the summer along with seasonal camping! We're hoping to see many of you coming back time after time, right here at Moondance!!

But don't let the fun stop there! Join us for, "Fall in Northern Minnesota" at our 8th Annual Harvest Moon Festival, Saturday, September 18th. Taste a variety of unique beers, wine, spirits and delicious food pairings plus lots of adult fun! End the evening with some great bands and dancing in the MDJ Saloon.

Pre-Tastings on Friday night are hosted at participating restaurants in and around the Walker/Leech Lake Area. Make plans with your friends to stay the weekend in our campgrounds or stay at one of our nice hotels or resorts close by.

## The Festival That Puts You Up Front

Moondance Jam began as a classic rock festival with open festival seating for all general admission ticket holders and continues that tradition today, three decades later! All ticket holders at Moondance have equal opportunity to get up to the front of the stage or sit back on the lawn seating area. Concert goers who wish to bring in a lawn chair need to purchase a chair tag. Tags are available at the gate for \$25. Lawn chair seating spots are given on a daily first-come, first-served basis. The only way to "reserve" a spot in the lawn chair seating area is to get to the concert area early each day, chairs must be taken out nightly. Accessible seating is available in the concert area with gate personnel and security available for on-hand assistance.

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## PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Planning for a vacation requires selecting a destination, making reservations and packing your bags. There is another area of life that requires good planning - your estate plan. A good estate plan can ensure you are prepared for the future, so that you have what you need when you need it. Include our organization in your plans and we'll help you chart a course for your future that supports our work while benefiting you and your loved ones.

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Locations offer amenities such as watercraft rentals, dining, and access to personalized adventures. Bemidji is also home to amazing stories through its history. Bemidji is set in the heart of Native American culture and is proud to have its Native American heritage on display throughout the city.

Bemidji is rich with arts and culture. Whether it is visual, or the performing arts, Bemidji has art on display everywhere you look. The most obvious is when you walk around downtown Bemidji and see massive works of art on display as part of the Bemidji Sculpture Walk. Bemidji is also home to the Water Art Center which showcases work from artists from around the world. If you enjoy stage productions, you can take in a show at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse at the historic Chief Theater in downtown Bemidji.

The playhouse is the oldest, professional summer stock company in Minnesota, and draws actors from across the state, region, and country. While in downtown Bemidji you can check out our great food district — all within walking



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distance. You can find food from all over the world, such as fine Italian dining at Tutto Bene, the best in Thai food at Tara, an upscale breakfast at Red Stu, or an all-American meal at Bar 209. Bemidji Brewing, also located in historic downtown, features many different beers but is known for its award-winning German Blonde Beer.

-Submitted by Visit Bemidji

## MOONDANCE

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Moondance has four different bars with various specials throughout the Jam. The Lazy Moon Bar & Grill features a full food and bar menu, a Breakfast Buffet and Bloody Mary Bar open Thursday-Saturday 9:00 am until noon. The bar/restaurant stays open until 11:00 pm serving food until 9:30 pm. Off sale beer and liquor throughout the festival and acoustic entertainment starting at 11:00 am. Relax and dine in our large screened-in deck overlooking the backstage, keep your eyes peeled-odds are favorable for band sightings.

The MDJ Saloon and outdoor Tiki Bar (just outside the Lazy Moon Bar & Grill) have some of the biggest regional and tribute bands at the Jam with entertainment starting early afternoon and playing into the evening. The Tiki Bar is the only place where you can get yummy tropical blended drinks.

Billy B's, the Home of the Lemon Drop, built in honor of the late Bill Bieloh, founder of Moondance, is definitely the place to be! Come in and join

us for one of our many toasts to Bill.

Billy B's overlooks the whole fairgrounds right on down to the National Stage. Billy B's has free beer and wine tasting at 1:00 pm on Friday hosted by Craig Gilbertson, our Harvest Moon Festival organizer, and a beer pong tournament starting at noon on Saturday.

### Moondance Camping Contest

The Moondance camping contest prelims are on Thursday afternoon, with the finals on Friday afternoon, in the campgrounds. It's a lot of fun and the top two campsites will win Backstage Bar passes!

### Tickets • Camping • Location

Order online at MoondanceEvents.net or by calling Renee at 218-836-1055. Events should be reserved early for best selection. The festival grounds are located 6.5 miles east of Walker, 7050 39th Ave. NW, Walker, MN.

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-Submitted by Moondance Jam



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The 218 Relocate program offers free incentives for remote workers to move to (and thrive in) Bemidji, Minnesota. Here, you’re able to strike the perfect work-life balance. Our community has all the regional center amenities to support your business and workforce, including Fiber Optic Gigabit Internet, while maintaining the small town beauty and character that make this place “home.”

**If you are a telecommuter – someone who performs the majority of their employment duties remotely from a home office or co-working space – who relocates to the Bemidji area, you may be eligible for this program.**

Relocation Packages Include:

- Up to \$2,500 in reimbursed moving expenses and/or qualifying telecommuter expenses not already

covered by employer/company, including Gigabit internet service which is widely available throughout Beltrami County.

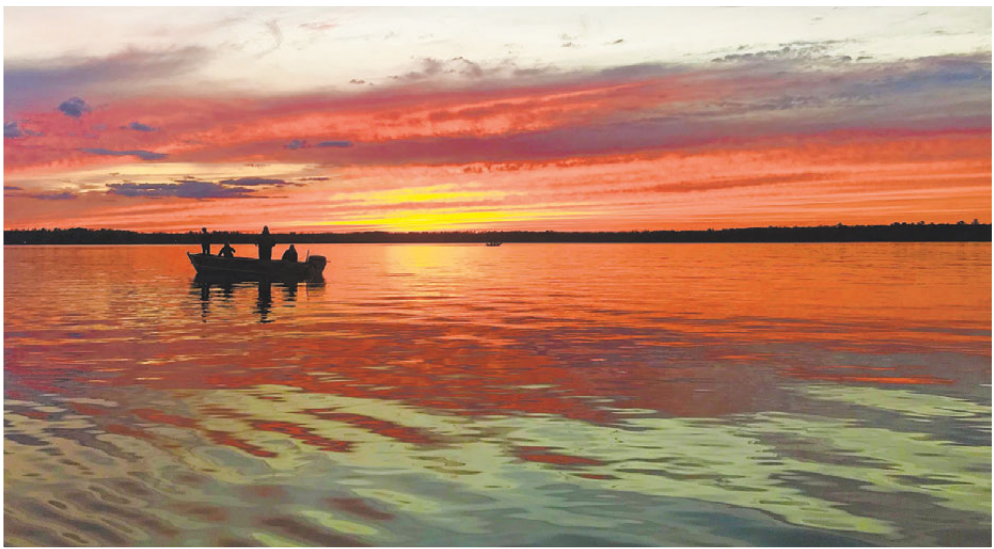
- One-year membership to the LaunchPad co-working space in the historic Mayflower Building (\$1,500 value).
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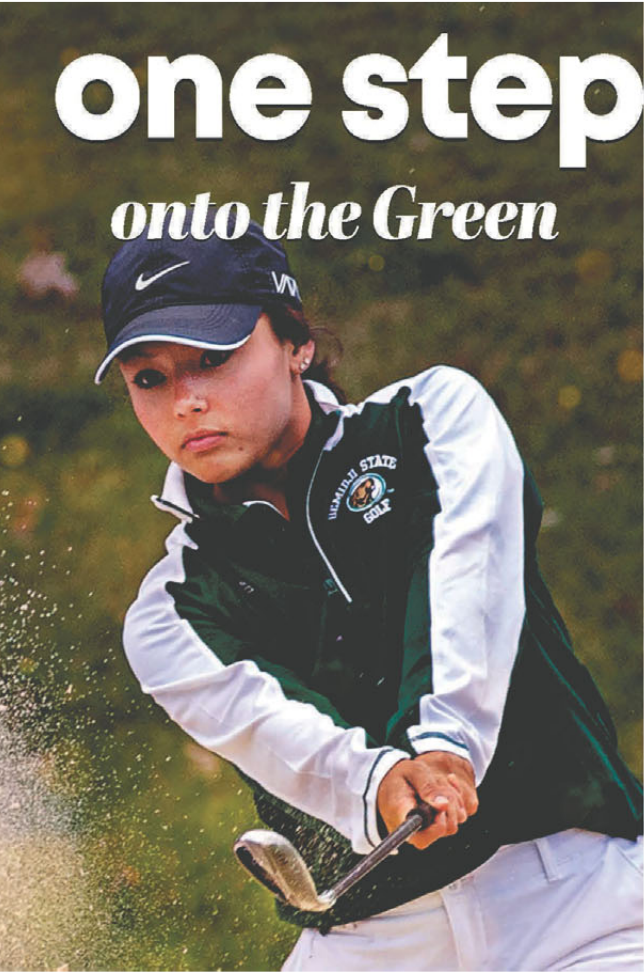
Not able to telecommute for your current job but have your heart set on relocating to the Bemidji area? Not a problem! Check out BemidjiWorks on the 218 Relocate website to find tons of job opportunities in the Bemidji area! We’d love to have you here.

218 Relocate to Bemidji. **Choose Your Lifestyle. Live and work in the Northland.**

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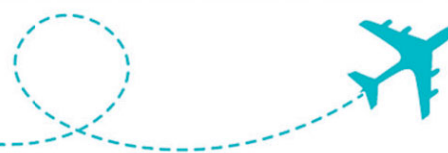
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