



# PINE COUNTY

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Bryan Wood, Executive Director  
Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center  
54165 Audubon Dr.  
Sandstone, MN 55072

### **Re: Letter of Support for Outdoor School for All Minnesotans**

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am writing on behalf of the Pine County Board of Commissioners who, on August 1, 2023 approved Resolution 2023-41, A Resolution In Support of Legislation for the Proposed Outdoor School for All Minnesota.

Beginning first as the Audubon Center of the North Woods and continuing as the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center, the center has been a leader in environmental education since the 1970's. Pine County is proud of the impact the center has had on the local community and the entire region and supports the proposed legislation for the Outdoor School for All Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Hallan, Chair  
Pine County Board of Commissioners

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**Resolution 2023-41**  
**of the**  
**Pine County Board of Commissioners**

***A Resolution In Support of Legislation for the Proposed  
Outdoor School for All Minnesota***

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota is home to five accredited outdoor schools, including the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center in Pine County; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota has a rich outdoor heritage and ethic, and prides itself on its close connection to nature through outdoor recreation, appreciation, and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, all Minnesotans benefit from education in environment-related subjects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Pine County supports the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center in its pursue of legislation to provide an opportunity for all Minnesota students in grades 4 to 8 to attend an accredited overnight outdoor school.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2023, Pine County, Minnesota.

  
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Stephen M. Hallan, Chair  
County Board of Commissioners

  
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David J. Minke, Administrator  
Clerk to Board of Commissioners