There will be a slight change in timing of our walk. We will begin with a sunrise ceremony at 6:40 AM, on the beach at the corner of Kingsway and Leisure Lane, on Lake Camelot, in the Town of Rome in Adams County. We are fortunate to have Mildred Schuman and Donn Yahola, two lovely Anishinawbe women, to perform a traditional sunrise ceremony.

Following the ceremony, people can register and pick up their t-shirts. Then a short stretching session will be held to prepare everyone for the 10 mile walk.

Attached to this newsletter are the protocols walkers are asked to follow during our walk. Ladies do not have to wear a long skirt, but if you are not wearing a skirt, you will not be able to carry the water. This is a tradition that we feel we must respect.

I have attached a map of the route we intend to take. After meeting with the Board, there have been a few minor changes. We now will continue on 15th to Archers, then take Archers west to Z. This way, there is only a short walk on cty Z, to Highland. It was decided this is a much safer route.

Certain businesses along the way have agreed to open their doors to us. Camelot Lodge will open at 6:30 AM for anyone needing to use a restroom before we begin. Trail’s End has graciously agreed to allow walkers to use their patio and restrooms along the way, and water will be available.

We will be stopping midway at the pavilion on 15th, on the beach of Lake Arrowhead, for cranberry juice provided by Ocean Spray, and snacks. Adams
County girl scouts will man the pavilion. There are restrooms there also.

Anyone who wishes, can join the walk at Arrowhead. It is approximately the halfway point. There will be a group starting there. You can walk the 10 miles, 5 miles, or tag team in a relay. We will have a vehicle provided by Adams County ARDC following, should anyone need assistance. And we will have a horse and carriage for anyone who would like to participate, but cannot walk.

Our only goal is to raise awareness of the importance of preserving our water quality and quantity and helping people recognize that water is life. Central Wisconsin, with its many water resources and pressures, is obviously an area where this goal is of utmost importance. We ask that everyone walk in quiet contemplation of the importance of water in our lives.

And, please take note of the beautiful water drops along the way that people have painted. We gave out drops and asked everyone to paint their feelings about water on them. We will have them displayed at various places along the route.

Once we all arrive at Barnum Bay, we’ll hold a brief closing ceremony. While you wait for stragglers to catch up, Skip Jones will entertain.

Following the ceremony, at 2 PM, the Ho Chunk Nation will host a traditional dinner. After dinner, our program will include speaker Julie DeLaTerre, children of the Ho Chunk Nation will dance, and explain what the movements mean; and the Strawberry Moon Singers will perform.

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