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On August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Inland Sea Kayakers held a picnic at Ramsey County Beach on White Bear Lake. Many ISK members and guests gathered Sunday morning under generous sun and light wind for the summer picnic and paddle.

A few energetic paddlers toured the lake early after procuring the shade of a gigantic oak for the remainder of the group to set up the grilling and event center for the day.

The light breeze kept the bugs at bay while we feasted on hamburgers, veggie burgers, brats, fresh corn-on-the-cob, fruits, salads & slaws and of course deserts.

After lunch there was a lively briefing from the President Jeff Forseth about upcoming trips and a round of introductions of Board members, new members and guests followed by a shirt/hat raffle.

The water level of the lake is down considerably, which provided an extra long beach with room for lots of kayaks but is so low under the bridge that it made an island circumnavigation unlikely for most (it was possible for the shallowest of drafts). Most plotted coastal tours to the far side of the lake before looping back.

In all, the day was delightful!