



## Izaak Walton League of America

The League was founded by sport anglers and hunters in Chicago in 1922 to combat water pollution in lakes and streams. The group named itself after Izaak Walton the 17<sup>th</sup> century author of the literary classic "The Compleat Angler".

Historically, the league has always had a strong focus on clean water, streams and wetlands. It created the "Save our Streams" program and was instrumental in the passage of the Clean Water Act. For decades the League has played an important role in the passage of almost every major federal environmental law involving clean water measures. Currently, Iles are leading the fight to strengthen the Clean Water Act and promoting education about the value of wetlands.

Today the Leagues 50,000 members work to promote conservation, outdoor recreation, and to protect our treasured wildlife and natural resources for generations to come.

The Izaak Walton League of America is one of the most respected conservation organizations in America. This is because the IWLA is one of the few organizations where policies are set by local members and local chapters rather than by the board of directors. The IWLA has a common sense approach towards wildlife and habitat protections, clean air and water as well as energy and sustainability issues. The league is a great promoter of outdoor recreation- supporting fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, canoeing and may other outdoor activities.

Minnesota Iles have been at the forefront of many major conservation efforts, such as creating and protecting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Voyagers National Park and Isle Royal National Park.

## The Walter J Breckenridge Chapter

The chapter was founded in 1934 on the banks of the Mississippi river - just north of Minneapolis. Its first significant undertaking was to halt a drainage project along the river. Largely built by volunteers 2 years later - the Chapter House sits on 4 acres of land along the Mississippi River - which still remains in its natural state. Its fireplace contains stones from each of the 48 states that were in the union at that time. The Chapter was renamed in 1996 to the "Walter J Breckenridge Chapter" to honor Professor Breckenridge - a longtime Chapter member and Professor of Ecology at the University of Minnesota. Upon Professor Breckenridge's retirement in 1969, NSP donated the island behind the Chapter House to the University of Minnesota. The chapter then purchased the island for \$100 and it is preserved in its natural state.

Located on four wooded acres just minutes from downtown Minneapolis, the Breckenridge Chapter House offers a rustic retreat for social events and business meetings.

### The Chapter House features:

- Seating for up to 100 people
- Full kitchen
- Hardwood floors
- Fireplace / air conditioned
- Modern bathrooms
- Telephone
- Folding Tables and chairs
- On the Mississippi River

### Chapter House Rental Rates \*

Members: (damage deposit \$100)

Sunday - Thursday \$125

Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$175

Non-Members: (damage deposit \$300)

Sunday - Thursday \$275

Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$350

Scouts: (damage deposit \$50)

Overnights \$50

\* Rates and Terms subject to change without notice

Contact 763-561-5364 - leave a message

## Are you interested in wildlife & the outdoors?

If you have an interest in canoeing, hiking, fishing, wildlife watching - come to one of the social meetings. You will meet friendly like-minded people and learn more about what is going on in our local community and throughout the state of Minnesota. We invite you to come a meeting and see for yourself!

**Social and Education Program**  
**Breckenridge Chapter House**  
**4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30 pm**  
**Open to the public**

## Membership Form

Sign up for:	Calendar Year	July - Dec
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	31.00	15.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	52.50	26.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	73.00	36.50
* Dues are subject to change		

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**  
**IWLA Walter J Breckenridge Chapter IWLA**

**Mail to:**  
**Membership Coordinator**  
**Breckenridge Chapter House**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**  
**8816 West River Road**  
**Brooklyn Park, MN 55444**

We have a lot of fun while also educating ourselves and others and about environmental issues. We also help conserve our natural resources and work towards a high quality of life for our children and future generations.

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