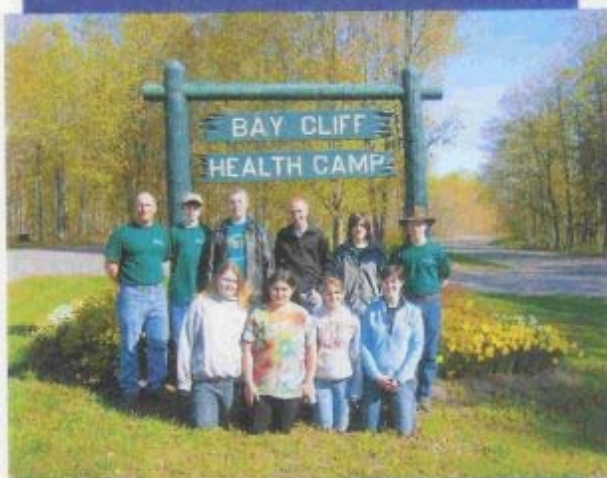


Thank You for Reading

Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure. Please take suggestions listed and help keep our environment and our drinking water clean for our safety. Thank you again.



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*How does
pollution
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water we
drink?*

Gwinn Middle School:
8th Grade Trash Bash

How Can Water Pollution Affect You?

When the groundwater is polluted, all those who draw water from the aquifer* can and will become sick. In many cases the health costs are extremely high! During the time in which your well is contaminated you must also get water from another source, most often this is bottled water from the store.

Although the contaminated water in the aquifer will eventually will leave your well: it will flow elsewhere to contaminate other people's wells. The amount of money spent to fix these problems is astounding and could have been easily avoided by properly disposing your trash.

*Aquifer: an area underground from which water can be pumped from for drinking

Water Pollution Concerns in Lake Superior's Watershed



Fig. NAM-4-15 Areas of concern in Lake Superior.

The above map displays areas of concern around Lake Superior due to contaminated runoff from industries and other various pollution sources.

During our 8th Grade Trash Bash, at Gwinn Middle School, we cleaned up 15,149 pounds of trash off of our *watershed. This in turn saved hundreds of people and wildlife, alike, from being negatively affected later on in time.

*Watershed: an area of land whose runoff flows into rivers and water systems

How can you Help Stop Water Pollution

Always dispose of your trash appropriately! Whenever possible *reduce, reuse, and recycle*. Just by doing these things you will help save the environment for generations to come by preserving the Earth we have now.

