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SUBJECT: Hartley Nature Center Celebrates 10 Years

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Duluth's Hartley Nature Center will kick off a yearlong celebration, in observance of its 10th anniversary, with an open house and birthday party on Thursday November 14, 2013 from 2:00pm to 6:30pm.

The public is invited to attend the open house, which will feature special displays, tours and birthday cake for everyone.

The event will focus on the past, present and future of Hartley Nature Center, which opened in 2003, in Duluth's 660 acre Hartley Park. Tours to see the nearly constructed yurt on the grounds of Hartley Park will be available to anyone who attends. Information will be available about the Hartley Nature Center Preschool, set to open in September 2014. The school will meet an increased demand for early environment and nature learning programs.

In its first year of operation, over 16,000 visitors participated in programs at Hartley Nature Center. Since then, over 14,000 children a year attend nature camps or field trip events at the Center, while hundreds of visitors enjoy many other activities offered in the park and through Hartley Nature Center. Winter snowshoeing and cross country skiing bring visitors to the park all winter. During the summer, visitors fish for trout in Hartley Pond or Tischer Creek.

The Hartley Nature Center building is a model of green building technology. It was built using a multitude of green building materials, over 13kw in photovoltaic solar panels, and a ground source heat pump.

The Hartley Nature Center is a private non-profit organization. Hartley Nature Center provides opportunities for understanding, appreciation and stewardship of the natural world.

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