



## Belwin's 2021 Winter Solstice Bonfire

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. When and where will the Winter Solstice Bonfire be held? What are the details?**

Monday, December 20, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Featuring: Ikidowin Youth Acting Ensemble at 7:00PM

Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields, 15601 Hudson Road N.

Lakeland, 55082

\$10 per car. Cash or check accepted.

[belwin.org/events](http://belwin.org/events)

**2. Why the new location?**

Moving the Solstice Bonfire to Belwin's Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields makes sense for so many reasons. First is safety. Traffic entering and exiting is two-lane. The parking lots are spacious, with defined parking spots. The second reason for the move is to introduce more Belwin lands to more people. The bonfire will be held in the northeast corner of the property, adjacent to the Belwin Labyrinth. This area is open daily to visitors who hike in from the parking area at Belwin's Bison Platform; however, many people aren't aware of it.

**3. What activities are planned?**

The bonfire, of course. If there is little snow cover, we will have several smaller bonfires instead of one large one. Attendees should bring a camping chair to enjoy the storytelling at 7:00 p.m. by [Ikidowin Youth Acting Ensemble](#). Audience members who saw the Ensemble perform several years ago should expect something new. The youth have been creating their own spoken word pieces that they will be sharing at the bonfire this year.

There will also be night hikes through Belwin's surrounding forest and prairie, led by naturalists; self-guided hikes to the Belwin Labyrinth, which will be lighted with tiki torches; and a warming tent, where we will serve hot cider and cookies.

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**4. Is this event ADA accessible?**

Unfortunately, no. Many Belwin events are accessible but the challenges of the rough terrain and weather make the Solstice Bonfire one of a few events where we are unable to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend.

**5. Where is the wood coming from for the bonfire?**

This year's firewood is courtesy of Sav-A-Tree. The wood their team has collected locally will be used to construct the bonfire(s).

**6. What should I wear?**

Sturdy footwear is critical. The trail from the parking lot to the main bonfire is downhill, rough and uneven. Dress in layers and for the weather. It's cooler away from the fire and when you're out hiking the trails.

**7. What should I bring?**

Everyone who wishes to be seated for storytelling should bring a portable camping chair. Flashlights and/or headlamps are also recommended. Cookies and warm cider will be provided. No alcohol is allowed. Masks are required inside the warming tent.

**8. Can I bring my dog?**

We love furry friends! However, there are no dogs allowed at this or any Belwin event.

**9. Who made this event possible?**

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.