



Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

Building a Pathway to the Preservation Trades



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Northern Bedrock works to preserve the historic Borgeson family cabin.

St. Peter, MN Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps (Northern Bedrock) is working to complete maintenance and repair of the historic Borgeson family cabin located on the grounds of Gustavus Adolphus College. Northern Bedrock's crew and technical specialist, Mark Johnson, will be on site starting June 21st through June 28th, 2017.

Mark Johnson will train and supervise a crew of six Northern Bedrock corpsmembers, ages 18-25 years old, in chinking, daubing and borate treatments for the historic log cabin. Johnson owns and operates Artisan Restoration, which specializes in log home restoration. He has worked on a wide range of projects, from million dollar restorations to in-kind work for local historical societies as a designer, supplier or builder.

The Borgeson Family Log Cabin currently stands in the Gustavus Adolphus College Linnaeus Arboretum. The cabin was moved to campus on June 25, 1986 after being purchased by the College to serve as a memorial to Swedish settlers who supported the College at its start. The cabin was built by Carl and Clara Borgeson, who immigrated to the Norseland area from Nykadol, Sweden in 1866. Carl Borgeson acquired the land as military payment for serving in the Union Army during the Civil War. At one point in time, the family of ten, plus a hired hand, lived in the cabin together. The Borgeson cabin is a testament to early Swedish immigration to the prairie area.

Gustavus Adolphus College (Linnaeus Arboretum)
800 W College Ave, St Peter, MN 56082
June 21st – June 28th | 9:00am – 5:30pm

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About Northern Bedrock

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps was established in 2011 to meet two converging needs: an aging stock of historic structures and landscapes in need of maintenance and repair, and a growing need to create a pathway for young adults into the preservation trades workforce. Northern Bedrock utilizes a corps model and partners with trades professionals to provide young adults with hands on experience and training in the historic preservation trades. Our AmeriCorps program works with young adults, 18-25 years old, from across the region. Corpsmembers work at project sites across Minnesota and receive training in a variety of preservation areas over a six month field season. Northern Bedrock is a member of The Corps Network. Learn more about Northern Bedrock at northernbedrockcorps.org

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