

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: "Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world."

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Anchor Bay High School February Newsletter

2024-25 FEBRUARY CALENDAR

[\(CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION\)](#)



February 2025

- Feb 1 MIFA—Regional Theatre Festival
- Feb 3 Anchor Bay Jazz Orchestra 6 p.m.
- Feb 4 ABHS Report Cards in Parent Portal
- Feb 10 Anchor Bay Jazz Orchestra 6 p.m.
- Feb 12 Spring Pupil Count Day
- Feb 12 ABHS Drama—One Act In School Show
- Feb 13 Senior Yearbook Ad Deadline
- Feb 14 - 17 No School—Mid Winter Break
- Feb 17 Anchor Bay Jazz Orchestra 6 p.m.
- Feb 20 Pre-Festival Band Concert
- Feb 27 Anchor Bay High School Oscars 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 28 ABHS Quarter 3 Progress Available in Parent Portal



HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:17 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.	1 ST HOUR
8:21 A.M. – 9:19 A.M.	2 ND HOUR
9:25 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.	3 RD HOUR
10:29 A.M. – 11:57 A.M.	4 TH HOUR
A LUNCH 10:29 A.M.–10:55 A.M.	
B LUNCH 11:00 A.M.–11:26 A.M.	
C LUNCH 11:31 A.M.–11:57 P.M.	
12:03 P.M. – 1:01 P.M.	5 TH HOUR
1:07 P.M. – 2:09 P.M.	6 TH HOUR

- DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE -





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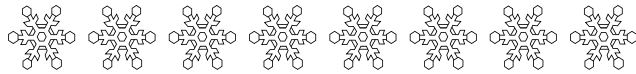
REMINDERS

ABHS Report Cards



February 4th, 2025

ABHS Report Cards
(available in Parent Portal)



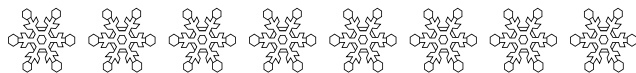
MID-WINTER BREAK



- NO SCHOOL -



FEBRUARY 14TH—17TH, 2025



We found that several parents were not receiving text messages from the District notifying them of school cancellation. We checked the reports that are issued by "School Messenger" and found that many of the text messages (SMS) were being reported as BLOCKED. This means that when you received a text message from School Messenger (number: 68453) during the initial set up, no response was sent back. School Messenger assumes that you DO NOT want text messages if they do not receive a response. To correct this, please do the following:

- If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message.
- If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required.
- For more information you can visit <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/>



School Notes: When there is no school, all school activities will be cancelled.

Also, please be careful . . .

When temperatures fall below 10 degrees the salt may not melt the ice.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Anchor Bay Sports Boosters

REVERSE RAFFLE

MARCH 1, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
TINAS COUNTRY HOUSE & GARDEN
50828 NORTH AVE, MACOMB MI

TICKETS \$100- INCLUDES DINNER, REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE ENTRY

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE OR
CONTACT KRISTYN WOOD FOR CASH SALES
(586) 405- 7335

 QUESTIONS? CONTACT US! abboosters@gmail.com




School Count Day

February 12th, 2025

It's always cool
to be in school!



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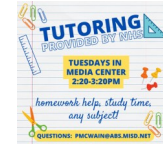
ABHS SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 Report Cards will be available in [Parent Portal](#) on February 4th, 2025. For directions to view your student's report card in Parent Portal [click here](#). Also, please continue to check Parent Portal for the most up-to-date grading information. If you do not have a login, please contact the school office.



ABHS Academic Support

NEED ACADEMIC HELP?



NHS After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is peer tutoring organized by NHS students **every Tuesday** after school from 2:20-3:20 pm in the Media Center (Library). This is a drop-in session for core classes only. If you have questions about this, please reach out to Ms. McWain (pmcwain@abs.misd.net).

Biology After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in room S218 with Mrs. Latona. Please email klatona@abs.misd.net for more information.

Math After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on **Mondays and Thursdays** in room S115 with Mr. Kiehler. Please email wkiehler@abs.misd.net for more information.

Spanish After School Drop-In Tutoring: This is available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** in room N132 with Ms. Jackson. Please email sjackson@abs.misd.net for more information.

Testing Center will be available after school on **Wednesdays** for test make-ups and retakes. Students needing to utilize the Testing Center will need to inquire with their teacher and will need to arrange for post-testing transportation.



ABHS CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

We have a closed campus policy at Anchor Bay High School which means that students are required to stay in school during lunch hour. Students may not exit the cafeteria during lunch without permission since classes are in session. Reminder:: No outside food is allowed to be delivered to the school for student lunches.



SAFETY & SECURITY

Door Entry / Exit Policy: The North and South doors will be open each day at 6:40 a.m. and closed/locked at 7:15 a.m. If you arrive before or after those designated times you will have to enter through the front main entrance. Upon entering the building, all visitors must come to the Main Entrance (Door #1) and report to the security office.



PARKING PASSES

Anchor Bay High School began parking enforcement on Thursday, September 12, 2024. We will be looking for valid 2024-2025 parking passes displayed in the registered vehicle with the school starting on this day. Parking passes are being sold, please see Kristin Anderson in Room S206. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kristin Anderson at kristinanderson@abs.misd.net.



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GLEANERS SCHOOL FOOD MOBILE PANTRY

The School Food Mobile Program provides free nutritious, healthy food for up to 100 families. The mobile pantry includes 30 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh milk, whole grains, and lean protein. Each family also receives healthy recipes and nutrition information. For more information, please click [here](#) for more information.



ATHLETIC NEWS

Please refer to the Athletics website for sports details which includes game times, changes, etc.:

<http://www.gotars.net>

ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
FOOD & NUTRITION
DEPARTMENT

ANCHOR BAY FOOD SERVICE

Parents—While all students receive free breakfast and lunch we encourage you to still apply for “free or reduced lunch”. If you qualify, your child may be eligible for fee waivers or reductions for things like AP testing, SAT testing, and college application fees. In addition, it could help the district receive additional federal funding. Please [click here](#) for more information.



SENIOR CAP & GOWNS

Attention Seniors: Order GRADUATION Products including caps and gowns from Jostens. Cap & Gown orders should have already been ordered, if not late fees may apply, please go to www.jostens.com for online orders and click [here](#) for more senior information. All items ordered will be delivered in May to students during lunches.

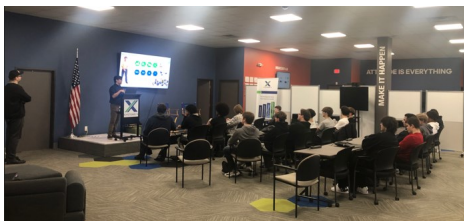
ABHS SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Senior students interested in purchasing ABHS Senior Yard Signs, please click [here](#) for more details.



ABHS “SENIOR SKIP DAY” IS NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL DAY OFF

Attention Parents: “Senior skip day” is not a recognized holiday or excused absence. A high school senior who chooses to skip school are still considered absent. There is no state-wide recognition or allowance for such a day off.



ABHS CYBERSECURITY CLASS

Systems X, a local cyber security company welcomed the Anchor Bay High School Cybersecurity class and shared their insights and experiences with these budding tech enthusiasts. We’re all excited to see how these students will shape the future of the cyber security industry!



ABHS Testing Information



Important SPRING 2025 Testing Information:

State-mandated testing will begin the week of April 7th (SAT w/Essay, ACT Work Keys, PSAT 10 & PSAT 9). Please use this information to plan vacations around this very important assessment time for your student(s). Juniors (11) will complete the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The MME has three components: the SAT with Essay, the ACT Work Keys, and the M-Step (Science & Social Studies). **Completion of**

	Monday 4/7	Tuesday 4/8	Wednesday 4/9	Thursday 4/10	Friday 4/11
9 th Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	No School	PSAT 9	Regular School Day
10 th Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	PSAT 10	Afternoon Half Day	Regular School Day
11 th Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	SAT	ACT Work Keys	Regular School Day
12 th Grade	Regular School Day	Regular School Day	No School	Afternoon Half Day	Regular School Day

all components is required for graduation from ABHS.

The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) is offering several SAT Prep courses for Juniors (11). **There is a fee for the course, and you must register through the MISD website (see brochure).** Juniors may also get a copy of the SAT Prep Course brochure from their school counselor.

All grade 10 & 11 students will have an opportunity to sign up for BigFuture School and Connections. BigFuture School is a free mobile app that lets students view their scores and get customized career information and guidance about planning and paying for college. Available through the BigFuture School app, Connections™ is a free program exclusively for school day test takers that allows them to hear from non-profit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match. If you would prefer that your student **not** sign up for BigFuture School and Connections, please fill out the opt out form below. Filling out the form allows you to opt your student out of providing optional information that is not directly related to the administration of these assessments.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CTMsiUKD7R>

Opting out of BigFuture School and Connections does **not** mean your student is opting out of testing. **State testing is a requirement.**



COUNSELING INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam. Every year students and parents are defrauded by scholarship scams. Scam operations often imitate legitimate government agencies, grant-giving foundations, education lenders and scholarships matching services, using official-sounding names containing words like "National", "Federal," "Foundation" or "Administration."

Visit: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml to learn how to identify such scholarship scams.

In general, be wary of scholarships with an application fee, scholarship matching services that guarantee success, advance-fee loan scams and sales pitches disguised as financial aid

TAKE A LOOK AT SEVERAL COLLEGES WHEN LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need scholarship help to attend college, don't limit yourself by applying to just one or two schools. Competitive universities usually don't come knocking on your door offering scholarship monies like some of our other fine universities in Michigan. Many of them offer generous packages that are based on merit, not need. Students looking for scholarship help should apply to several schools to see which ones may offer help. Go to the colleges' websites to look at their scholarship offerings. Aggressive, timely research by students and parents is essential in the scholarship search. Be sure to check <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/high-school/counseling-center/>

ABHS TRANSCRIPTS - Ordering Transcripts for College

Anchor Bay has signed up with Parchment by Docufide, an electronic process, to send your transcripts directly to the college of your choice. The counseling office will not be mailing your transcript. Each student must register with Parchment by Docufide and place your request for transcripts to be sent out.

[Parchment—Ordering Transcripts \(Click Here\)](#)



ABHS 2025-2026 ELIGIBILITY POLICY

ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY (Goes Into Effect for the 2025-2026 School Year)

POLICY

It is the responsibility of the student to know and adhere to the eligibility code of their school. Participation in extracurricular activities is a student's privilege, not a right, which can be removed at designated times for failure to meet the standards and requirements of Anchor Bay School District. For the purpose of this policy, an extra-curricular activity is defined as any activity that is not part of the required curriculum for a course or is outside the regular course of study. This includes but is not limited to dances, athletic events, clubs, and performances.

These are the standards which must be met in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity:

1. Have satisfactory or better citizenship in five (5) of six (6) of their classes.
2. Pass six (6) out of six (6) classes.
3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 from the previous trimester.
4. Student must adhere to the Anchor Bay Schools Athletic Code of Conduct.

If a student does not meet all of these standards at progress report and quarter report card time:

1. The student is ineligible for a period of 1 week (including weekends).- The student will be allowed to sit on the bench, but not participate in games, while ineligible.
2. The student can regain eligibility if he/she submits a progress report signed by each of his/her teachers on Monday of the *following week* which indicates his/her grades have met those standards.

If a student does not meet all of these standards at the end of the trimester:

1. Student is ineligible for 60 scheduled school days.
2. A student may be granted a one-time exception to the 2.0 grade point average (GPA) if the student has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Any student who meets the MHSAA eligibility standards (passing 4 out of 6 classes for the trimester) but does not meet the eligibility requirements of Anchor Bay High School for the previous marking period can apply for provisional eligibility by meeting with the Athletic Director (athletes) or Assistant Principal (non-athletes) and developing an Academic Improvement Plan.

The plan must include:

1. A signed contract between the student, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and the athletic director or assistant principal detailing the steps the student must follow in order to work towards improving his or her academic performance.
2. A weekly report of the student's grades must be handed in to the athletic office by the student with:
 - a. Maintenance of grades which are currently above 2.0 must be verified.
 - b. Improvement of grades, which are below 2.0, must be shown.
 - c. Mandatory Attendance at weekly study sessions or lunch-time or after school tutoring.
3. The plan must include provision for:
 - a. Meeting with teacher(s) as appropriate.
 - b. Develop a daily schedule for time management.
 - c. Contact with school support services.

Plans will be developed by the athletic director/faculty on an individual basis. Students will be deemed provisionally eligible once a plan is signed. Failure to comply with the Academic Improvement Plan will result in the student being deemed ineligible for the remainder of the trimester.



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ABHS 12TH ANNUAL OSCARS

12th Annual
ANCHOR BAY [REDACTED]
OSCARS
[REDACTED] **FEBRUARY 2025**

February 27, 2025
7:00 pm
Red Carpet at 6:30 pm

Tickets are \$5.00 @ the door
Proceeds will be donated to the
American Cancer Society



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ABHS Drama/Forensics



The Anchor Bay High Schools drama program has been working on its dramatic main stage festival one act production since mid-December; *Back Cover* by Emily Hageman is a show that addresses the power of personal story and legacy in ways that will touch and inspire audiences. The cast and crew members are listed below:

CAST

Role	Name
Madison Now	Peyton Sieg
Madison Then	Michaela Pawl
Dad	Griffin Smith
Mrs. Lee	Maria Stoianovski
Father	Mick Barnes
Jessica	Vivian Dombro
Mom	Kaylee Coltman
Alyssa	Rosa Palomba
Katie	Abigail Thompson
Matt	Malikai Strong
The homeless	Noah Vandenbossche
	Melissa Jablonski
	Alivia Fink



Area	Name
Hair	Haleigh Brandenburg
	Marie Einowski
	*Skylar Geremesz
	Ford Overholt
Makeup	Yoselin Thoel
	*Ollie Brooks
	*Olivia Comerio
Costumes	London Hudgins
	*Mick Barnes
	Alivia Fink
	Melissa Jablonski
Construction	*Leah Mitchell
	Jenasis Bolding
	*Sam Dahlman
	Hunter Trinity
Props	*Jason Weed
	Ruth Hubbert
	*Alanna Riggs
Sound	*Kelsey Traczuk
Lights	Liliana Craven
	Liam Hass
	*Derrick Hosking
	Peyton Sprague
Back Office	*Vivian Dombro
	*Noah Vandenbossche

*Denotes Head of Area



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ABHS Huron Pointe Youth Trap

[Want to Join \(Click Here\):](#)

WANT TO JOIN A SPORTS TEAM THAT REQUIRES NO EXPERIENCE??

JOIN THE ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM!



Attention all ABS boys or girls **grades 6 thru 12:**
Anyone interested in joining the **Michigan High School Youth Clay Target League (MISHSCTL)**
Anchor Bay High School team through Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Club

Informational Meeting for Prospective Players and Parents
Feb 17 or Feb 24 at 6:00

Contact Tom at (586)405-0868
or email hpysp23@gmail.com
for more information

Join us for ONE of the informational meetings for all players interested in joining.

Huron Pointe Clubhouse
35800 East 28 Mile Road, Lenox
We look forward to seeing you there!



Call (586) 405-0868 or email hpysp23@gmail.com for more information

[Fundraiser \(Click Here\):](#)

Huron Pointe Youth Trap Program proudly presents...

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Sponsored by Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association Fundraiser

Saturday April 5th

6PM	Doors Open
6:45	Dinner Served
7:50	Wagering Windows Open
8 PM	Post Time – Race #1
11PM	Races End

Join us for an evening of friends, food and friendly wagers!
Take a trip to the Grandstand as pre-recorded thoroughbred horse races are called by a veteran caller.

BE AN OWNER - Buy & Name your horse for \$25 / Horse
Owner of the winning horse from each race will receive \$50

BE A SPONSOR - For \$125 your ad will be included in the program, displayed on screen between races & your company will be announced during the event and you get a horse!

> Horse Wagering
 > Horse Auction Race
 > 50 / 50 Raffle
 > Coolers of Cheer
 > Heads & Tails Game
 > Lottery Ticket Box

\$60/Person
Includes Dinner and Open Bar

Prize awarded for Best Derby Day Attire ~ Male & Female ~

Reserve your tickets by March 18th
No tickets sold at the door

Cash Only Event – Adults Only

Tina's Country House & Gardens
50828 North Ave Macomb, MI 48042

Questions? Contact Rich Koscielski 586-994-2121 / email richi@tanktruckservice.com or Kathy Koscielski 586-556-3451



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ABHS Air Force Junior ROTC



AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC NEWS

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Laura Laskowski

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Senior Master Sergeant (Ret.) Stephen Quintana

Aerospace Science Instructor

HAPPY NEW YEAR, from the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets and Instructors! As we head into 2025 it brings to a closure semester one, but things never slow in the JROTC. We have plenty of opportunities planned for the cadets to stay involved with our program, school and community.

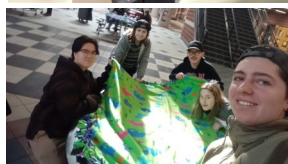
Our Middle School Club at MSS is in full swing and we have a lot of energized cadets willing to impart their knowledge to the middle school students. We will continue to take sign-ups throughout the duration of the club which will end on Feb 24. It has been a lot of fun teaching the students about leadership, teamwork & followership. There are many fun activities built in to solidify those concepts. We will be hosting the same at MSN in April & May.

At the High School level, we recently worked with the Key Club to make blankets and positivity cards for the children's hospital. This was a great way to make a difference in the lives of sick children and brighten their spirits as they go through challenging times. Additionally, we hosted a cadet game night on a Friday evening where we enjoyed an intense Jeopardy game, board games, rock paper scissor challenge, food and prizes. The cadets also hosted a skating party at the Mt Clemens Ice Arena which was a blast. As you can see, we are much more than a class. JROTC is a program that engages students and provides opportunities during & after-school to include some weekend activities.

Our Drill Team recently competed at Springfield High School in Toledo, OH. Cadet Capt. Wolf placed in the Armed Knockout event, Cadet Senior Airman Matti placed in the Unarmed Knockout and the team placed 3rd overall. Our next competition will be at Waukegan HS in Chicago. We will be taking a group of cadets on our annual multi-night trip to the Windy City in March. This will be a fun-filled educational trip that all cadets are eligible to attend, not just the drill team. This is a low-cost trip that includes activities such as the Drill Meet, Dinner at Medieval Times, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science & Industry, Willis Tower, The Navy Pier & a visit to Great Lakes Naval Base. All entry fees, meals, transportation & lodging are included all for the low price of \$500 per person. This is all due to the huge fundraising efforts by the students and our amazing Parent Booster Club that helps to offset the cost to the cadets.

Our program is for all students and you can still participate in other programs such as Band, Sports, Cheer, DECA, OHSA, BPA or any other club. Nolan Wincel shows us just that, he recently made it to States for his Extemporaneous Speech with BPA. Congrats Nolan!

If you have any questions about the program or are interested in joining, please reach out to your school counselor or one of the instructors, Lt Col Laura Laskowski (email llaskowski@abs.misd.net) or Senior Master Sergeant Quintana (email squintana@abs.misd.net) or phone 586-648-2525 ext. 2357 or 2356. The Air Force JROTC just may be the right place for YOU!



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GENERAL NOTICES



STUDENTS SIGNING OUT

When a parent or guardian gives permission for their student to leave school for emergency or medical appointments, the following must be adhered to for dismissal:

1. If parent/guardian is picking the student up, the parent needs to come into the Security Office and sign the student out.
2. If the student has a vehicle at school the Parent/guardian can call the school and speak to a secretary. A secretary will then call the student out of class, sign them out, and give them a pass.

ABHS CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

We have a closed campus policy at Anchor Bay High School which means that students are required to stay in school during lunch hour. Student may not exit the cafeteria during lunch without permission since classes are in session.

DRESS CODE

Students should dress and groom in good taste and in a manner that will do honor to Anchor Bay High School and themselves. Student dress should be clean, safe, and not disruptive to the educational process. The dress code can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).



STUDENT BOOK DEBTS

Please remind your student that when he/she is assigned a textbook that they return the book to the teacher who issued it to them. Students will sign their initials upon receipt and return of their textbooks. This will ensure that your student will not obtain a book debt at the end of the school year.

APPLICATIONS FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS

Parents/guardians may download an application off of the Anchor Bay website under Food Service Department page. Parents can also apply online at www.lunchapp.com. Only one application needs to be completed per family each school year. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service office at 586-598-7663.



GENERAL NOTICES



REMEMBER, YOUR' NOT JUST MAINTAINING YOUR CAR.....

Did you know that just four quarts of oil can form an eight-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain? With over four million vehicles in Southeast Michigan, we all need to practice good car care to protect our lakes and streams.

How does caring for you car affect our waterways? Storm drains found in our streets and yards and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, if motor oil and other fluids are dumped or washed into the storm drain, they pollute our local waterways.

What can you do? Simple.

Maintain it. Keep your vehicle properly tuned and use the owner's manual to guide decisions about how often it is necessary to change fluids such as oil and antifreeze.

Take advantage of business expertise. Consider taking your vehicle to the shop to have the oil and other fluids changed. These businesses have the ability to recycle the used materials and clean up accidental spills.

Recycle. If you choose to change your oil and other fluids yourself, label the waste containers. Then take them to your community's household hazardous waste collection day or to a business that accepts used oil. Never dump used oil antifreeze or other fluids on the ground or down the storm drain.

Soak it up. Use kitty litter promptly to absorb small amounts of spilled vehicle fluids. Then sweep it into a bag and throw it in the trash. Don't leave these spills or wash them off pavement. They'll be flushed into the storm drains.

Do it under cover. Whenever possible, perform vehicle maintenance in a well ventilated, but covered location. This minimizes the potential for rainfall to wash those inevitable spills and rips into our lakes and streams.