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**DON'T GO FAR THIS SUMMER:  
"STAYCATION" IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

*TopLine Federal Credit Union Hosts Vacation Planning Fairs, Offers Giveaways*

**BROOKLYN PARK, MINN. — May 20, 2008** — Imagine riding a horse this summer through a majestic pine forest. Or staying the night and enjoying breakfast at an 1867 Queen Ann Victorian. How about a weeklong PGA golf extravaganza? Who knew this could all happen in the Twin Cities? Given high gas prices and expensive airline fares, this summer is the perfect time to save money and explore taking a vacation in your own backyard.

To help educate prospective and current members about close-to-home travel options, and to encourage vacation savings programs, TopLine Federal Credit Union is partnering with Visit Minneapolis North for "staycation" travel fairs, Sat., June 7, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. at several TopLine branches. These free events are open to prospective and current members of TopLine Federal Credit Union, all part of TopLine's June 2-7 open house and member appreciation week.

"Whether you prefer sampling locally crafted wine at Goose Lake Farm or meeting ghosts in Anoka County, the Minneapolis and St Paul north and west suburbs have something for everyone. And TopLine Federal Credit Union is offering easy, affordable options at our travel fair to help our members and friends experience new things without spending a fortune on a getaway," says Mark Hodowanic, Market Manager, TopLine. "We'll even have smart savings ideas and giveaways to help plan bigger dream vacations."

The travel fair will take place at TopLine's Brooklyn Park, Plymouth and Maple Grove branches, including special presentations, prizes, food and fun. Guests may register to win \$150 gift certificates redeemable at theaters, shops, sporting facilities, hotels and restaurants in the Minneapolis and St Paul north and west suburbs. For more information and directions, visit [www.TopLinecu.com](http://www.TopLinecu.com) or call 763-391-9494.

“Our Smart Savings accounts are unique because they require zero minimum balance and they can be named anything, such as ‘Dream Vacation’,” adds Hodowanic. “It’s a great way to get back into the habit of saving for specific goals, especially in these uncertain financial times. And we’re even kicking in an incentive.”

Members can open multiple accounts named for different purposes. TopLine will match up to \$25 on a deposit made into a Smart Savings account the week of June 2-7. TopLine is also offering a \$50 gas card for new checking accounts with direct deposit, a \$50 gas card to existing members for referring a new member, and a 2.9 percent Visa balance transfer offer.

Visit Minneapolis North is a destination marketing organization that represents 11 cities in the north and west suburbs of Minneapolis & Saint Paul including Anoka, Arden Hills, Blaine, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Ham Lake, Maple Grove, Mounds View & Shoreview. For more, visit [www.visitminneapolisnorth.com](http://www.visitminneapolisnorth.com).

TopLine Federal Credit Union is Minnesota’s 13<sup>th</sup> largest credit union, with assets of more than \$250 million. Established in 1935, TopLine offers a complete line of financial services from its headquarters in Maple Grove, and six branch offices located in Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Downtown Minneapolis, Edina, Maple Grove and Plymouth, as well as by phone and online at [www.TopLinecu.com](http://www.TopLinecu.com). Membership is available to anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school or volunteers in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington Counties and their immediate family members.

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