

Molly's Pond Party



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Book Introduction

Molly the Mouse has a new canoe. She wants all of her friends to join her for a "Pond Party". But Molly's voice is tiny. She will need help to call to her friends across this great land. Will you help Molly invite her forest friends to the party? Do you think they will come? Do you think Molly and her friends will have a good time?

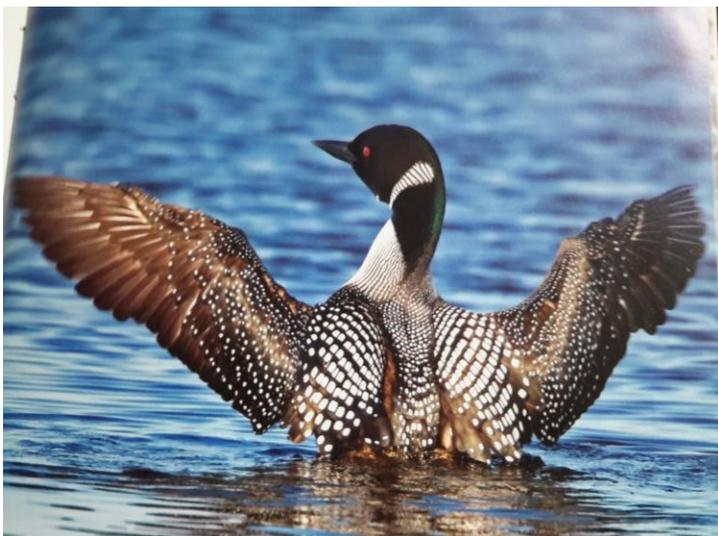
Today is very special,
I have something brand new.
I just got a sturdy,
cedar canoe!



Friends, let's have a party.
It will be fun.
We'll gather at the pond,
We'll play in the sun.

My new canoe will
bring everyone together.
Splashing and paddling,
in warm sunny weather.

Some animals will swim,
Some will run, some will fly.
I hope you all come.
I hope you all try!



But, my voice is tiny,
You know that I'm small,
Children, will you help me
Send out a loud call?





Children and Molly
made up a fine rhyme.
They brought out their drums
And drummed every line.

Will you help Molly
sing each animal's song?

The rhymes are easy.

Just follow along.

Children, Molly needs you,

It's certainly true.

If her friends are to hear you,

You know what to do!



Pond party! Pond party!

Come, come, come!

Pond Party, Pond Party

Fun, fun, fun.

Eagle, Owl, Raven,
and Mr. Dragonfly,
will you come to the party?
Molly wants you to try!



Pond party! Pond party!

Come, come, come!

Pond Party, Pond Party

Fun, fun, fun.

Moose, please join us

for food and a song,

If you run fast,

it won't take you long.



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Pond party! Pond party!

Come, come, come!

Pond Party, Pond Party

Fun, fun, fun.



Squirrel and Chipmunk,
If you leave real soon,
You'll get to the pond
before Mrs. Loon.



Pond party! Pond party!

Come, come, come!

Pond Party, Pond Party

Fun, fun, fun.



Beaver, frog, turtle,

You know the way.

Come play and swim

It's Molly's special day.

Pond party! Pond party!

Come, come, come!

Pond Party, Pond Party

Fun, fun, fun.



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Mother Bear, Father Bear,

Baby Bear too,

Come join the party.

Come see Molly's canoe.

Pond party! Pond party!

Come, come, come!

Pond Party, Pond Party

Fun, fun, fun.



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Now Molly the Mouse jumped
into her new boat.

While waiting for the animals,
She enjoyed a good float.

But while she waited
for her friends to stop by,
She heard a loud something
High up in the sky.

The rumbly noise
makes Molly wonder.

This big noise ,
Could it be thunder?



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But when Molly looked up,
There was no rain in the sky.
Only Eagle, Loon, and Raven,
all on the fly.

Hurray it's not thunder,
making that loud din.
It's just Molly's friends calling
As they all come rushing in.

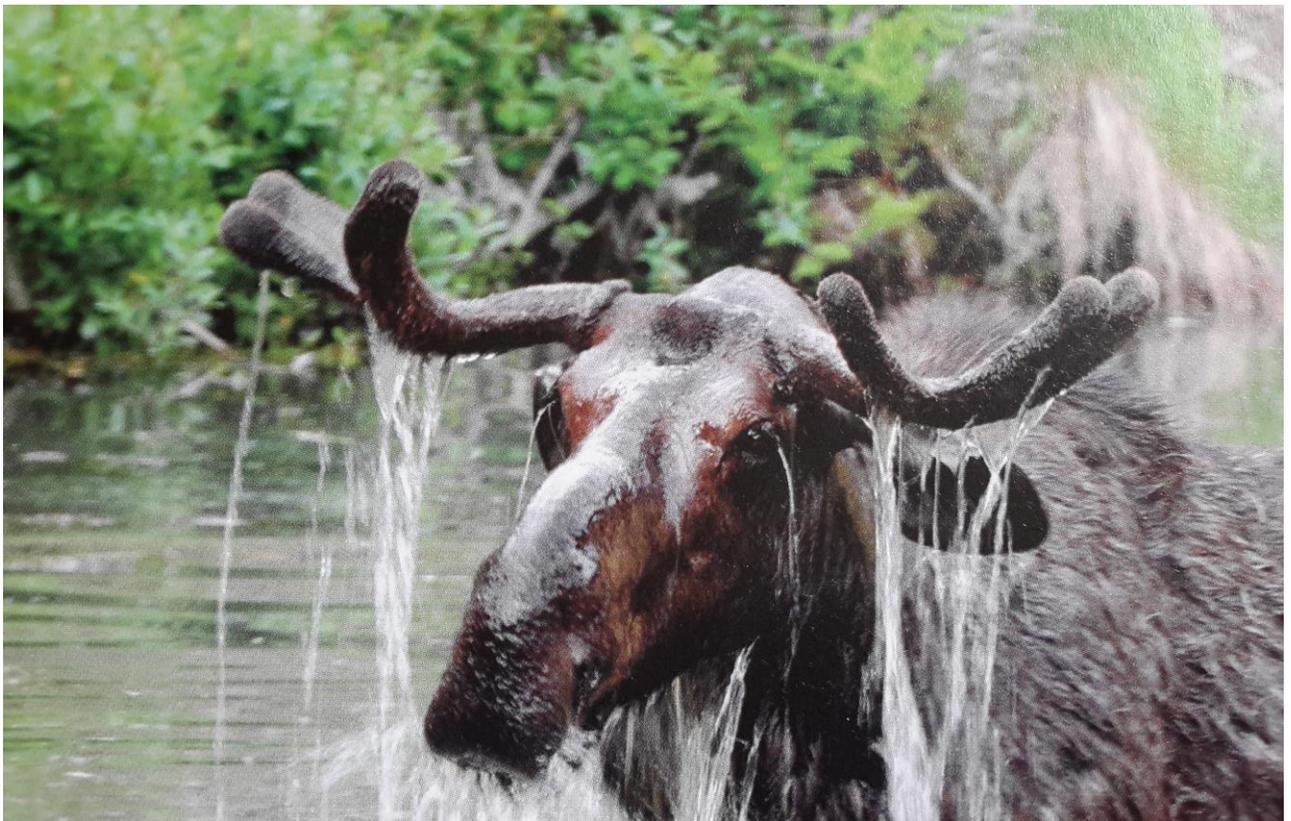


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Molly's friends are eager
to see her canoe.

They jump into the pond.

Laughing and shouting "Yahoo"





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All this jumping
made the pond no longer flat.
Moose' splashing and dashing
put an end to all that.



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Molly's canoe went high
up into the air.
Now she is looking down
At the birds and Baby Bear!

But Molly's canoe is special,
It knew what to do.

Suddenly it turned
into a FLYING canoe!

When Molly landed safely,
into the pond she jumped in.
Joining her friends splashing,
all enjoyed a great swim.



After stories were told
about being on the land.
Molly gave to all a paddle,
she made with her own hand.

Next there was drumming
And singing a song
Hand in hand they made a circle,
When together, all felt strong.

Splashing and playing
In warm sunny weather,
Molly's magic canoe
brought everyone together.



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Children, when you helped
send out the call,
you made Molly the happiest
mouse of all!

And the best part is when
winter takes hold,
Molly will remember her party,
and won't feel the cold.

She will remember the circle,
She will remember the song,
Yes, she will always remember,
How friends keep us strong.



