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Medium brown logs combined with a darker metal roof and bronze-colored window cladding will stand the test of time in both function and style in this lodge-style home.

# Piece of Heaven

A couple utilizes Wisconsin Log Homes' design-and-build services for a family lodge.

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After a rainy summer spoiled their family's tenting vacations, Tim and Colleen purchased a small lakeside cottage in northern Wisconsin. The cottage worked well for the family, but it wasn't the log home that Tim dreamed about. "I just never got over wanting one, but our lot wasn't large enough to accommodate what I had in mind."

Over the next several years, Tim and Colleen purchased two adjacent lots, giving them a total of five acres with 800 feet of lakefront. The couple started looking for a log home company that could provide a turnkey vacation residence. They chose Wisconsin Log Homes, whose energy-efficient hybrid building system gave them design flexibility while providing the look

of full-log construction. Wisconsin Log Homes would also act as the builder. Working with the company's design team, Tim and Colleen created a lodge-style home that met both their desire for lake views and the mandated 100-foot setback from the lake. Since their wish list included as much visibility of the lake as possible, designing a home that was long



and relatively narrow brought views to every room on the main level.

The couple also wanted to accommodate family and friends. “When we have a whole house full of guests, at times we feel we need to be able to escape to a separate place,” Tim points out. “We designed the master bedroom suite as our oasis.”

Knowing that guests congregate in the kitchen, Tim and Colleen planned a central kitchen that flows into a large dining area adjoining a bar, wine room, three-season room and great room. This arrangement accommodates as many as 40 guests at one time and provides easy access to the outdoor patio, which connects to the dock, hot tub and fire pit.

Upstairs, visiting guests with small children enjoy a small suite with two bedrooms, a Jack-and-Jill bathroom and laundry facilities. An additional guest bedroom and full bath are available for adults with older or no children. A large bunkroom over the garage offers bunk beds, a couch and TV.

Tim and Colleen are thrilled to have a home where they feel like they’re on vacation. “This home lets us be together with our family and friends,” Tim says. “When we are here, we feel like it is a piece of heaven. We are able to let go of everything and relax.”

**OPPOSITE:** The soaring great room gable features log-trimmed windows that flood the room with light and frame the lake view.

**TOP RIGHT:** Rustic hickory cabinets pop against terra-cotta red walls, rich slate flooring and natural stone. Million-year-old fossilized fish in the backsplashes provide the perfect conversation starter.

**TOP LEFT:** A simple aromatherapy soaking tub with elevated faucet combines with a generous glass-enclosed shower to offer a private spa experience in the master bath.



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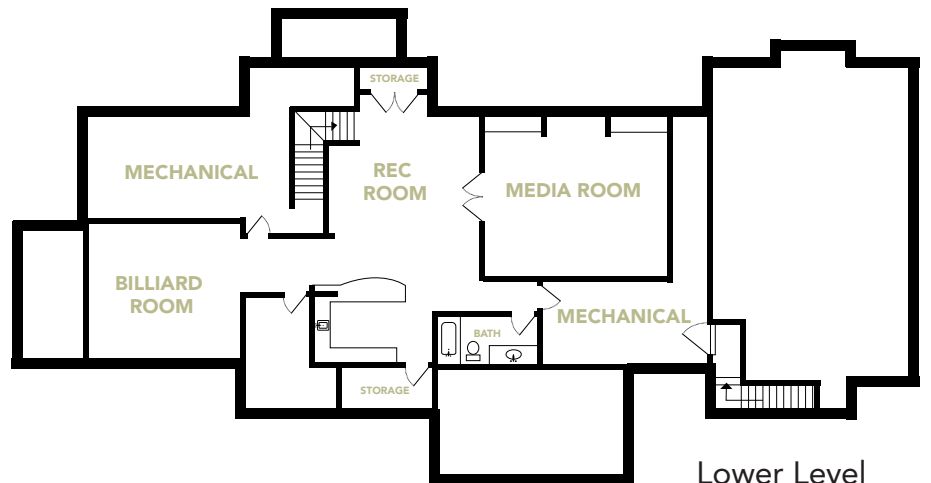
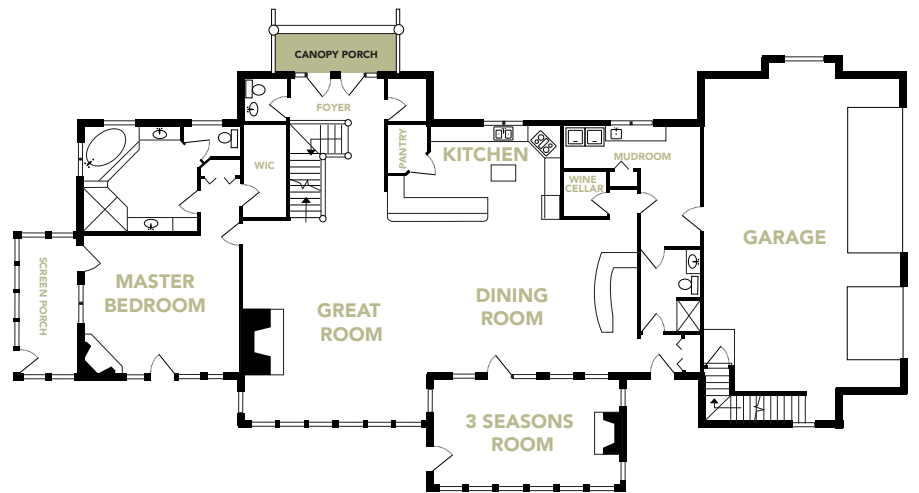
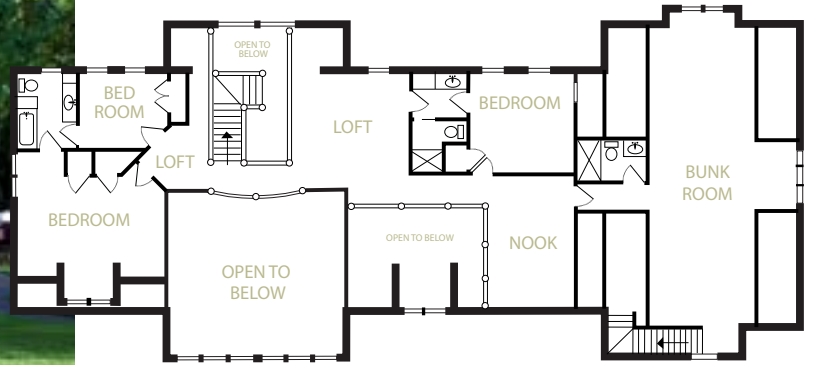
MODEL NAME

**Pickerel Lodge**

Bedrooms: 4 + bunkroom

Baths: 6 full, 1 half

Square Footage: 7,120



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