



The Northern Center

Northern Michigan University's newly renovated Northern Center is the premier conference facility in the Upper Peninsula. It is used not only by the university community but by the entire region.

The Northern Center is the only venue in the U.P. that can accommodate 1,000+ attendees for events, including conferences and banquets, and it is centrally located to all points of the region.

The renovation enables NMU and the Marquette community to attract conferences and events on a national scale.

2018



2020



Interior



BALLROOMS



BOOKSTORE



RESTAURANT



The Wildcat Den at the Northern Center

The Northern Center renovation included the redesign of the Wildcat Den, NMU's longtime cafeteria-styled restaurant.

The Wildcat Den is a critical and strategic component to increasing conference and event possibilities. To draw national conferences and events to the Upper Peninsula, a full-service restaurant on-site is essential.

The Northern Center has the necessary license to provide

alcohol at regularly scheduled conference events. However, a separate liquor license is required to operate a restaurant (The Wildcat Den) at the Northern Center.

Northern has a liquor license and is not petitioning for a new license; NMU owns a license from its purchase of what was formerly Whiskers restaurant and the Whiskers property at a fair market value. This license needs to be approved for transfer to the Northern Center for use at the Wildcat Den.