

# REMEMBERING BENZIE:

## An Oral History Project

### Fall 2019 Update



The Remembering Benzie Project is off to a great start. The four Benzie Central High School students selected as interns for this wonderful project are: Reeve Katt, AuSable Kreiner, Melia Lorenz, and Finn McLaren. These four outstanding students will work under the guidance of the Intern Coordinator, Benzie Central High School math teacher, Ferd de Guia. The interns meet with the intern coordinator once a week to discuss the project, get help and resources as needed, and fill out all the paperwork required for the project!



Finn, Melia, AuSable, and Reeve.

This group has already been hard at work. At a workshop on September 28 and 29, led by the University of Michigan School of Information, the interns learned how to use their video equipment and skills for interviewing. Each intern was issued a MacBook, a Canon DSLR camera, a tripod, and other video equipment for this year-long project. The interns also practiced with their new equipment, becoming familiar with the features, and how to properly setup the audio.

The interns participated in a presentation on setting up interview protocols, follow-up questioning, and other interviewing techniques. To close out the session, the interns had a chance to practice their new skills with an actual interview, which they then critiqued, gaining invaluable feedback. The great group from the University of Michigan School of Information provided expert guidance and was terrific to work with.

Currently, the interns are working on several tasks. They have set up a YouTube channel to present their journey through the project: search for "Remembering Benzie" on YouTube.com. The students are also in the process of starting the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Each intern will be interviewing two local veterans and videotaping their stories. These interviews will then be sent to the Library of Congress for their national archives where anyone can watch them. These interviews will also be included in the Remembering Benzie Project.



Practicing with the equipment.

Please stay tuned for the group's updates through newsletters, the Benzonia Public Library website, and their YouTube channel. Please email them at [rememberingbenzie@gmail.com](mailto:rememberingbenzie@gmail.com) with questions.



Trainers and trainees

## Holiday Memory Videos:

During BPL's annual Holiday Party on December 14th, our interns will be hosting a holiday memory video workshop on the Lower Level of the Mills Community House from 12pm-2pm. During that time interns will assist families in recording interviews focused on sharing favorite holiday memories. Videos will be archived and shared on the library website and may even be featured in the Remembering Benzie movie scheduled to premiere at the Garden Theater in the spring. **Bring your family and join the fun!**