

KAMO Monthly Newsletter

Month: December 2011

Website News:

If you haven't already noticed, I have made some progress on the website. We now have the structure of the new kamokids.org site up and running. I am currently in the process of filling it with content. I couldn't simply pull over all the content from the old website because much of it was out of date. That is where you come in to play. I am in need of updated info on all of our chapters. This includes officers, upcoming events, monthly meeting information, and anything else you feel important that demands some webspace. I will continue to keep updating the website with the information I receive. I want to shout out a special thanks to Elaine Stecker-Kochanski and Tim Pape. They inquired about certain things on the new website, and that helps me to address those issues. Please remember to keep sending in your pictures and videos. I know the media portion of the website is not up yet, but we are in the process of making some tweaks and getting it up and running. Submitted Paul Braun

Mark's News – State Information

Hello KAMO Members,

This is KAMO President, Mark Walters with my monthly update.

The Mackenzie hunt went perfectly and we can thank The Baraboo River Chapter and some WDNR employees for that.

If you have not taken part in this hunt I would suggest doing it in the future. It appears to me that everyone involved fully realizes how cool of an experience this really is.

I am asking for recommendations for The Presidents Award for the KAMO member of the year. This is simply a thank you for a person's contribution. This award will be given on March 24th at our state convention.

Please put this in your January agenda for your chapter meetings.

As I wrote last month, our state convention will be held at the Stevens Point, Holiday Inn on March 24th.

Please write this date down and try to make the meetings.

I know that it is kind of a bummer to pencil out a Saturday, on the other hand, that day and what we accomplish defines much of the decisions made for our organization.

Paul Braun is working on completing the website.

Elaine Secker -Kochanski has been forwarding her advice to him.

Please send Paul your information and let him know what you like and do not like. We need your input!

Another year is coming to an end. In late February KAMO will have been in existence for five years. Though we have many mountains to climb, we have reached the top of several.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for that and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mark G Walters

Indianhead Chapter

The January monthly meeting of KAMO will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Pioneer Bank meeting room, just off the east entrance, 200 Miner Avenue, West, Ladysmith, Wi. Discussion items will include the upcoming ice fishing event as well as the annual bunny hunt.

The ice fishing event is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2012. It will be held on Potato Lake, from 10AM to approximately 1PM. In order to insure that we have sufficient food, bait, and equipment available, we ask that you PLEASE call KAMO Treasurer Jim Kurz to register, and get directions. His phone number is 715-532-7246. You can also use that number to check the morning of the event in case we have weather which might threaten to cancel the event. A special invitation also goes out to the Kinship Kids and their mentors to attend this event.

The date for the bunny hunt has not yet been set. Please check next months' paper for the details of that event. We are always looking for new members. If you enjoy being around our local youth and enjoy being outside, you may want to consider becoming a KAMO mentor. You need not be a hunter or a fisher to qualify. We try to provide many types of outdoor activities. Our dues are \$15 per year with an additional \$10 the initial year for a criminal background check. We also have special prices for 'mentor couples' and 'youth mentors'. For additional information, please check our website at www.kamokids.org and click on the Indianhead Chapter. Submitted by Vern D.

Baraboo River Chapter

There was no meeting for the BRC in Dec with the MacKenzie hunt going on, but there is still one scheduled for Jan. 9 2012 at River's Edge Resort. The only info I have for Dec. is in regards to the MacKenzie hunt which took place Dec. 9-11 at the MacKenzie Educational Center near Poynette. There were 17 "first time deer hunters" that participated this year. Each hunter was accompanied by an experienced mentor for the weekend. The temperature was cold but there was no blizzard to deal with this year. There was one young doe shot on Sat. morning, an adult doe shot Sat. evening, and a 7-point buck killed on Sunday morning. The number of deer killed was down, but there was just as much fun and excitement by everyone involved. We would love to increase the size of this event but it demands more mentors as well as kids, so keep

your eyes open for both. If you have any pictures of the hunt on an (sd) card I will bring my laptop to the next meeting or you can forward them to Paul Braun and he will add them to the website. Please bring some ideas for some upcoming events.
Submitted by Rick Miotke.

Northwoods Chapter

December meeting held at our new location...Leff's on Keyes lake. We put some final touches on our Feb.4th fish-crib outing...materials always the main chore on this one. We were asked and agreed to help with a kids area for the first "Leff's Ice Fishing Outing" on Feb. 11th. Our Raffle is going forward, with some of the prizes being placed in the local area taverns to help our sales. And the final tally for our pheasant hunt came in...we spent 745 dollars, with some ammo left over for next year. This is our most costly event...the pheasants being the largest portion.

Make jolly with the fatman...or celebrate someones birthday? A merry Christmas to all...

Submitted by Mick Mlinar -Northwoods Chapter

Meadow Valley Chapter

Nothing Reported.

La Crosse (forming) Chapter

Just as an fyi, the La Crosse Tribune does have the KAMO write up finished, but is going to print it in the Thursday, January 5th Outdoor section instead of the last week in December as mentioned previously. This will be just a few days before our next meeting (Jan. 9th) and a few weeks before the GFH Ice Fishing event which we hope will connect us with many families. Bass and Rainbow Trout (not Brook as mentioned earlier). I heard at our last meeting that the trout are about 4-5 years old, so there should be some beauties.

Submitted by Mike Brown