

## KAMO Newsletter for July, 2016

Hello KAMO Members,

This is KAMO President Mark Walters with my monthly update for The Newsletter. In mid-July I spent a weekend with The Meadow Valley Chapter camping with 15 kids at Petenwell Lakes Wilderness Park. This is an annual adventure for this chapter and they are excellent at it. We fished with a pole and bow. Lots of tubing, campfire time, excellent meals and yard games. This chapter can be very proud of the way they pull this big job off each July.

I went to Baraboo River Chapters meeting which was held at Kevin Seymour's home by a campfire. That was a very cool way to hold a meeting and I would like to remind everyone that "The Joe" hunt is coming up and please start thinking about kids for the hunt, mentors for the hunt and what you can do to help.

Ben Gruber is working on the MarshPoint Chapter and our 7th chapter appears to be on the horizon.

I am heading to Camp Lefeber in a matter of minutes on another mission and as usual want to say thank you to every one of you for all that you do for KAMO.

**Mark**

### **REMINDER from our KAMO State Treasurer, Tony Biasi:**

Jim, please issue a reminder for all chapter treasurers to submit their semi-annual (Jan-June) report to me. I have only received 2.

### **July Mentoring Tip:**

#### **July's mentoring Tip of the Month is submitted by Elijah Keller from the Lake Wisconsin Chapter of KAMO:**

July is a great month for the kids to hunt night crawlers. School is out, the ground is still wet with rain, it's staying warm at night and the fish are biting! My daughter was catching her own worms when she was two years old, so anyone can do it with a little help to get started. The best time to find them is after it rains, with a good rain right before dark being best. A good rain will push the worms out of the ground making them easier to find and easier to catch. If it's not raining but the ground is still wet, you'll still find worms. Use a dim flash light that does not give off a lot of heat, L.E.D. lights work best. Worms can sense heat and will quickly go back down the hole. If you haven't hunted worms at night you are going to be amazed at how fast they are back down. Also, worms can feel vibration so you'll need to be very quiet and sneak around- being as light on the ground as possible. Once you go through an area move on because everything you've stepped on or crawled through won't be worth looking through for a

while. I like to focus on shaded areas like under trees or patches of grass that is not too thick or a freshly mowed lawn. Some places have more worms than others so if you're not seeing them move to another place. If you are walking very slowly and quietly and not seeing any, then try a different spot. Once you catch one, pin it down firmly and start slowly working it out as close to its hole as possible. The more practice you get the better you'll be. Once you catch and want to store them, use shredded newspaper and get it wet for bedding. Keep in a cool insulated container and they'll last a long time as long as it's not too wet and over crowded with worms. So I hoped I covered most of the basics and you'll be able to start showing your kids how to catch their own bait. This is a great way to get the kids outside and save some money at the same time. If anyone has any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me any time!

***Tradition forward! Elijah Keller, ekeller80@live.com***

### **News from the Baraboo River Chapter:**

The Baraboo River Chapter met at Kevin Seymour's house for our monthly meeting. We had two new young men come to the meeting, and I believe they both will become future mentors. One of the young men is working on creating an app that will match landowners and hunters looking for places to hunt. He said it could also be modified for KAMO to match landowners and those allowing youth hunters or learn to hunt situations. It will be interesting to see how that all pans out. We joined the LWC for a fishing event in Merrimac where there were 6 kids, but unfortunately the fish were not cooperating. We are going to give fishing another try in August with our chapter hosting and cooking. We will be camping at White Mound County park from August 19-21. A Lake Wisconsin Chapter member will be taking over the "hunt master" for the Joe Hunt this year, and will be getting together with us at our next meeting to hand those duties over. If any other chapters will be a part of this year's hunt, please start lining up mentors and the kids they will be taking. We will be getting out more info to you about the new contact person and a time table for having paperwork in. We are going to be donating to the Wisconsin Bow Hunters Association anniversary shoot this year for their entertainment. Our next meeting will be at Kevin Seymour's home again as the Rivers Edge is just too busy this time of year.

Writing this update from Denali Park, Alaska but still thinking of home.

Tradition Forward

***Rick Miotke***

### **News from the Coulee Chapter:**

Just after the last newsletter, on Tuesday, June 21st, Coulee had 8 pontoons at the West Clinton Street Boat Landings to take the public past the downtown area and back. There were 77 participants from kamo families and the public.

On Tuesday, June 28th, 17 kids and 14 adults Paddled canoes, Pedaled bicycles, and Picnicked (3P) at Goose Island County Park. For some participants it was their first time at the park even though they have resided in La Crosse for a lifetime.

Coulee had a booth at the Youth Outdoor Festival on Saturday, July 9th. On July 23rd, several mentors are taking several youths on a new canoe trail from Lytel's Landing to the Fred Funk Boat Landing on Brice Prairie. There will be a morning meeting for refreshments, brief dedication ceremony for the new trail, and then the actual canoeing on the trail.

From Monday, July 25th to Wed. 27th a host group (mentors and their children) will be camping at Goose Island and running activities for parents, mentees, and other mentors who would like to come in during the day for activities and have the option to stay for a campfire at night. This is open to the public as well. Members of the host group will be going to a horse ranch near the campground on that Tuesday.

Coulee is starting to attract younger adults as mentors, something that has been missing. Our activities have been attended by both original and new families making it a challenge to have the mentor volume for some of these. Sometimes we have to recruit our relatives and friends.

The mentoring collaborative mentioned from time to time is starting to get off the ground. The first mentoring training session will be in mid-September on a week night. The collaborative will eventually be advertising for the recruitment of mentors for all the mentoring organizations in the area. This is exciting stuff - the hope is that there will be an increase of mentoring in the region because of this concept.

Coulee is gearing up for the youth hunting seasons this fall.

***Submitted by Mike Brown***

#### **News from the Indianhead Chapter:**

Our stint at the Mardi Gras concession stand went really well this year, well enough that we aren't worried about doing it next year; received our \$500 already.

We did archery and fishing at the 4H camp in July and it seemed to go well; how we could lose 10 bobbers is still a small mystery. Our recent \$450 investment in whisker biscuits, finger tabs, arrow tubes, bow cases and trigger loops was a good investment. We did archery and pontoon rides/fishing (one fish) for 37 kids from China on July 24 and 27. No, I mean it, we really did! What a circus--ended in an inch and a half of downpour.

We will do archery for the Girl Scout camp and for one day at the county fair. Attendees will get to play with Lobster's shooting simulations and his cast-into-a=bucket every day of the fair.

Instead of a camping trip on the high Chippewa River, this year we decided to rent the Trails End Camp for Saturday night, July 30, canoe Saturday afternoon, eat pizza pudgy pies over a campfire, and sleep in cabins!

***Submitted by Jim Kurz***

#### **News from the Lake Wisconsin Chapter:**

Yay summer is here!! Our chapter has been busy the last few months with fundraising and fishing. For our one on ones mainly fishing, Elijah and others have been getting kids out fishing. We've had our fishing day in June and July with the Baraboo chapter, not a lot of fish caught but loads of fun. It's nice to see the same kids fishing again this

year and seeing the growth in confidence of their fishing skills. July 9th our chapter had fun canoeing from Portage to Dekorra Landing, stopping to fish, swim and eat along the way. Many thanks to Steve Stine and Terri Jahn for the use of the canoes and picking us up and getting us to where we needed to go.

Bob and Linda cooked at the American Legion that day for a KAMO fundraiser at their Bean Bag Tournament. Canoeing was so successful that they all requested we do it again this year yet. August 2nd our chapter is hosting Bill McCrary's Bow Hunting History presentation at 7pm American Legion in Poynette, anyone is welcome. Bill has many historic Bow hunting equipment for us to view and learn about the early days of Bow hunting in Wisconsin. Tradition Forward!!

***Submitted by Bob and Linda Brodeur***

**No news this month from the Meadow Valley Chapter:**

**News from the Northwoods Chapter:**

Our July meeting had four members in attendance. However, we were all there for our kids Hooked on Fishing outing on July 9th. Thirty-nine kids were in attendance, along with a host of volunteers, parents and grandparents. Nice weather, six boats, food, prizes and custom KAMO tee shirts were enjoyed by all. It always surprises me how many kids have never been fishing. I guess, we are doing our job by holding this annual event.

We are finally going to take some seniors fishing the third week in August. This outing has been on the burner for a while, and hopefully, can be done more than once a summer depending on how this first one goes.

Dwaine has been in contact with his local Mason's group and they would be interested in helping to construct a brat barn as a community project to benefit the local youth groups fundraising events. Looks like a late fall/winter project before this one comes to fruition.

Dwaine also up-dated us on the great progress being made at the Camp LeFeber former Boy Scout Camp. From the ashes, a Phoenix has arisen. Looking forward to future stories I can pass along.

No meeting in August...pheasant shoot planning meeting in September.

Enjoy those dog days of summer...

***Regards, Mick Mlinar***