



RESORTER REPORTER

CMR Fall Conference Nov 1-3

It's getting to be that time of the year again....the sun is setting earlier, kids are getting ready to go back to school, and things are starting to wind down. The end of summer is near. It is too early to start thinking about winter projects, but it is never too early to start planning for the CMR Fall Conference. This year the conference will take place at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria MN from November 1st to the 3rd. There will be many great topics, including advice on how to set up wireless internet, an update on how the new sales tax will be spent, tips on how to keep your life and workplace organized, and the always informative cracker barrels. Arrowwood Resort is offering the CMR a discounted room rate of \$94 per night during the conference. This room rate will be available until September 30th, so act now before it slips your mind. To take advantage of this rate, call Arrowwood Resort at (866) 386-5263. Feel free to come early on Saturday, October 31st, and visit with fellow CMR members. We look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Jason Ball, Conference Committee Chairperson, Cass Lake Lodge

Attention CMR Members:

New Amenity Search Feature and Spelling Helper is now available on the website (www.minnesota-resorts.com).

Our web visitors can now search for our resorts by amenities offered. It is programmed for partial matches so smaller resorts will continue to show up in search results with as little as *one* selected amenity. User friendly **check boxes** makes it easy for potential guests to search resorts statewide or by region. Best of all, CMR members can easily update their listings to include applicable amenities without having to add to their descriptive content, or write one at all...(but it's still a good idea to have some descriptive content).

So *please* log on to your listing by going to: www.minnesota-resorts.com/membership.aspx and enter your member log-in information. On your Member Profile page click on the Edit Amenities link. Then just check the amenity boxes that apply to your resort and click **Save Profile**.

It's that simple! **If your listing isn't updated, it won't come up in an amenity search!**

The second new feature is a spelling helper added to the quick search and advance search page. So even if you have a hard to spell resort name, lake name or city, web visitors will be sure to find you. Check it out by going to the website www.Minnesota-Resorts.com and search for your resort with incorrect spelling.

Member Reminders and Information

- The MN Sales Tax Increased July 1st and is now 6.875% (I found out that the computer doesn't do things automatically- I guess you are supposed to tell it what to do).
- Carbon monoxide detectors are required starting August 1st. Regulations and information can be found at the Department of Public Safety website:
www.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal/PublicEducation/HomeFireSafety.html#SmokeDetectorInformation
- The Congress of Minnesota Resorts website has had updates that require you to update your resort information to gain the benefit. Visit www.Minnesota-Resorts.com and Log-In to update.
- The Small Business Administration is currently offering up to a \$35,000.00 loan to small businesses, interest free. Check with your banker. (SBA ARC Loan)
- Congress of Minnesota Resorts membership is a great VALUE. Membership Renewal is due by September 1st. Renewal notices were mailed on August 1. If you did not receive, or misplaced your renewal form, go to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts website www.Minnesota-Resorts.com. Scroll to the bottom left on the home page and click on CMR Membership On the Membership Page, scroll to "Join the Congress of Minnesota Resorts Today!" and click on "Membership Form". Fill the form out and mail in.
- The CMR Fall Resort Tour is scheduled for September 8th, in the Blackduck/Pennington Area. Reserve the date to visit and learn. Resorts on tour are: Pimushe Resort, hosts Ed & Joanne Fussy; Paradise Resort, hosts Wade & Mary Smerling; Morning Star Resort, hosts Cheryl & George Dockter. Watch for more info to come your way from the CMR office via emails and posting on the Yahoo Chatline.
- The CMR Fall Conference is scheduled for November 1-3rd in Alexandria at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. The Fall Conference is an awesome time spent with your peers. Special room rate of \$94.00 per night. For more information on Arrowwood Resorts accommodations, call 320-762-1124 or visit www.arrowwoodresort.com

Attention Associate Member Vendors!

Don't forget the upcoming Fall Conference Vendor Show on November 2 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. We had a fabulous turnout last year and this year shouldn't be any different! We are planning drawings again this year so come prepared. If you have goods to display and sell, bring plenty! It will be worth your while. See you at the Arrowwood Resort on November 2!

Sheldon & Mary Schiebe, Vendor Show Chairpersons, Knotty Pines Resort

P.S. CMR Membership renewal forms will be in the Fall Conference Vendor Show Mailing!

NEW MEMBERS

New members/owners since the January/February newsletter. Please give them a call or email of encouragement and welcome them to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts.

*WELCOME
&
GOOD LUCK!*

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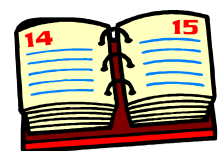
NEED \$500 FOR SCHOOL?

It is not too early for your child or grandchild to get the application started!

Each year the Congress of Minnesota Resorts offers three \$500 scholarships to a junior or senior in high school or a current undergraduate or technical school student. March 15, 2010 is the deadline for the scholarship application to be returned to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts office. A scholarship application can be printed out by going to the CMR website www.Minnesota-Resorts.com Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on CMR Member (left corner), then by using your Login and Password you will be able to go to Applications and click on Scholarship Application and print a copy. If you need further assistance please contact Vicky by emailing: cmr@minnesota-resorts.com or call 888-761-4245.

CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline Extended	Resorter of the Year nomination forms due at CMR office
September 1, 2009	Membership Dues to be paid
September 8, 2009	CMR Fall Resort Tour, Blackduck Area
Nov 1-3, 2009	CMR Fall Conference, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria, more details to follow



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The Congress of Minnesota Resorts exists to help family owned and operated resorts in Minnesota to continue as a viable segment of the Minnesota tourism industry

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