



RESORTER REPORTER

Congress of Minnesota Resorts

Yo Resorters!

Are you feeling the need to run away yet? No matter how much I enjoy the 'people' aspect of resorting I am more than ready for a break and always start planning my own fall get-away plans in early August (OK . . . maybe I start thinking about it in June, but don't tell anybody . . . only 3 more Saturdays and counting, by gawd!) That said, have you put the CMR Fall Conference on your calendar yet? We're gathering in Grand Rapids this year, at Sugar Lake Lodge on October 30, 31 and November 1. They are gifting us a steal of a deal on rooms (\$89.00/night -- best rooms go first! so call soon 1-800-450-4555) A beautiful area in the fall, feel free to come up a day early and visit the great shopping, Judy Garland Museum, Hill Annex Mine State Park or maybe the Forest History Center. At the moment, I'm thinking maybe we could all just use an extra bonus day to come up and relax before the big 'shing-dig' starts. Would some of you be interested in coming up early just to hang out and play at the Lodge? And YES! I've been allowed to bring my drums for us to have a drum circle -- so we now have the excuse to beat the crappola outta something (a much safer outlet than thunking bratty guest kid's upside the head, yes?) and letting off some steam at end of season. They apparently have fabulous golf on-site, and local fishing guides for those of you into that sort of thing. I'm thinking about planning a couple of simple small game tournaments (i.e. croquet, horseshoes) for some structure, maybe a Ladies's Wine 'N Whine pontoon cruise, asking some local massage therapists over in the afternoon and I've been talking to a local naturalist who might give a walking tour. We're considering the possibility of a couple bonus School of Resorting classes, too, perhaps yet another Social Media one for those of you still struggling with utilizing the free marketing of Facebook, You Tube, Twitter, etc. Conference is still in the planning stages so we welcome topic ideas from you! Keep posted on the chatline for more information as speakers get confirmed and the conference itinerary starts to gel. Can't WAIT to see you!

Kim Bowen, Crow Wing Crest Lodge, Fall Conference Co-Coordinator

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October 31st is the CMR Fall Conference Vendor Show! It will be held at Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids during the annual CMR Fall Conference. Need more information about the Vendor Show, please contact Su Ugstad at 218-566-2346 or email rsugstad@means.net

Message from the CMR President; Ed Fussy

Talk about some nice weather! It sure is nice working outside, getting things buttoned down for the winter all without having to wear gloves. With another open water season coming to a close, I hope everyone had as good as expected season.

I hope you have your calendars marked for the CMR's Fall Conference coming up October 30th. It's a good way to wrap up the season by sharing some stories and lots of laughs. A bunch of us are going on Saturday to have even more fun. Watch for more details coming soon. Come and join us!

We are in need of some new board members to replace the off going board members. If you have never been on the board, it is an opportunity to broaden your knowledge on resorting and the CMR. I know as independent business owners we are all a bunch of know-it-alls, but you might be surprised you could learn something, so give an existing board member a call and let them know that you are interested.

The last 2 years as President of the CMR has been an enlightening experience. It is time for someone else to take over. Thanks to all the board members and Vicky our Office Manager, for your help the last 2 years. It's been a pleasure!

Hope to see you all at the Fall Conference!

Ed Fussy, Pimushe Resort

PLEASE MAKE THIS CHANGE IN YOUR RECORDS!

Office Contact Information Changes

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts mailing address has changed.

Congress of Minnesota Resorts

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CMR Renewal Notices

Renewal notices for 2011-2012 membership year were sent out the end of July. Your dues should have been mailed to the office by September 1, 2011.

Don't miss out on your benefits with the Congress of Minnesota Resorts. If you need a new form you can go to the Membership page and print one from the CMR website: www.Minnesota-Resorts.com or contact the office at

CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com

NEW MEMBERS

New members/owners, please give them a call or email of encouragement and welcome them to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts.

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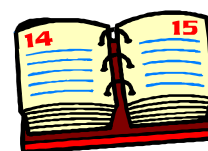
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CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 30, 31 & Nov 1, 2011 CMR Fall Conference, Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids

Winter 2012 Day on the Hill, dates to be announced

Spring 2012 Spring Workshop date and location to be announced



Congress of Minnesota Resorts Scholarship

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts (CMR) was established in 1984, with our theme of "Resorters Helping Resorters." One of our goals is to provide scholastic achievement within the resorting community. Scholarship moneys became available from the previously pledged \$1000 to the Minnesota Office of Tourism, Endowed Chair and in March of 1996 the CMR Scholarship Program was set in motion. With the addition of the Carol Kirchner Memorial Scholarship in 1999, three \$500 scholarships are awarded each year. The scholarships are to be used for tuition and/or related fees by providing assistance to students in pursuit of their academic or vocational advancement.

The scholarship funds are made available to children and grandchildren of CMR members. An eligible member is one who has been a member for at least three consecutive years and is currently a member in good standing. Associate members are not eligible for scholarships.

Who is eligible to receive a scholarship?

A junior or senior in high school who is planning to attend a four year college, a community college, or a vocational/technical college. A current undergraduate or technical school student.

NOTE: There are no requirements regarding the course of study a student intends to pursue.

How are applications obtained?

1. CMR website www.Minnesota-Resorts.com CMR members only section
2. Contact the CMR office at CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com or 320-212-5107
3. Contact your high school Counselor's Office for information on the Minnesota Career Information System
4. Access the website www.scholarships.com

On a yearly basis, the CMR will award three scholarships. Deadline for applications is March 15. NO EXCEPTIONS! Recipients of the scholarships will be notified no later than May 1st. The CMR President or a representative chosen by the President will present the scholarships. The president of the CMR will notify the winners by mail and set up a time for award presentation. Winners of the scholarships, along with photos and essays, will be published in the Minnesota Resorter.

Applications are to be mailed to the CMR office in a sealed envelope marked "Scholarship Application". No one should see the submitted applications until after the committee meets to choose the winners. At that time the committee chairperson will open and present the applications anonymously. Selection of the recipients will be made by the scholarship committee (consisting of three members and one chairperson) designated by the CMR Board of Directors. The scholarship committee shall meet as soon as possible after the March 15th deadline. Considerations in selecting recipients shall be completion of application by announced deadline, letter of recommendation, academic achievement, and personal essay and comments.

Scholarships are to be paid by check to the school of the recipient's choice after the student has completed the first grading period (quarter/semester/trimester) the following fall. Scholarships may be applied to the second or third grading period of the year, but their transcript must be submitted by June 15th of the school year the Scholarship was awarded for to utilize the Scholarship money.

Scholarship Application-Due March 15

Any application received after deadline will not be considered.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cumulative G.P.A _____

Graduation Date _____ High School Attended _____

*****INCLUDE TRANSCRIPT FROM HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED AND COPY OF EITHER ACT OR SAT SCORES*****

Birth date _____

Name and address of your parents/guardians or grandparents resort _____

Consecutive years as a CMR member _____ Date most recent dues paid _____

What field of study do you plan to enter and why have you chosen this field of study?

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend _____

Address of school

Phone number of this school's admission's office _____

Are you currently registered at this school? Yes ___ No ___ If no, when do you plan to complete registration?

Please answer all three questions as thoroughly as possible.

Use attachment if necessary.

List paid work experiences you have had outside of your family's resort.

List your school, community, church activities, organizations, and leadership positions.

List special service, awards, or special recognition you have received in school, community and/or church.

ESSAY: How has living and working at your family's resort shaped your present character and your future plans? (Not more than 200 words-Use a separate sheet of paper.)

REFERENCE LETTERS: Include with this completed application **sealed reference letters** from three of the following: Teacher, Employer, Coach, Religious leader, or Organizational leader. (Scouts, 4-H, Etc.)

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN THE ENVELOPE:

_____ **Application –Pages 1 & 2**

_____ **Transcript**

_____ **ACT or SAT Scores**

_____ **Essay**

_____ **Reference Letters**

Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than May 1st.

Any application received after the deadline of March 15th will not be considered.

Please note: Recipients cannot be awarded a scholarship two years in a row. Please feel free to reapply after this time. If you have any questions you may call 320-212-5107.

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Keep your listing current
on the CMR website.

CMR MISSION STATEMENT

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

CMR MOTTO

The Congress of Minnesota Resort's motto is "Resorters Helping Resorters" We believe that none of us is as smart as all of us.

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