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AWLS was a Great Big Adventure

There were 34 students that attended this AWLS class. With a mix of Doctors, Paramedics, RN's, EMT's and MFR's along with a few military medics as well, we had a wide spectrum of experience and knowledge in the group!

Some of the opinions from the class we: "Excellent hospitality, food, and organization!" stated Fred Davis. "It makes me more comfortable rendering

aid". "It was AWESOME" says Kevin Walk! It was a great opportunity to learn new techniques and gain knowledge about outdoor injuries and I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the class as much as I did! The instructors did a wonderful job! It isn't easy to get in front of people and teach. Much kudos to the instructors! Anyone that is interested in becoming an AWLS Instructor should contact

Alexanne at 616-451-8438. Great job everyone!

Upcoming CERT Class/ BWLS Class

The Intro to CERT class will be held on October 15th 2007. One of the following three will happen on the following dates: Triage, Search and Rescue or Fire Suppression, 17th, 22nd and 24th. Final exercise will be at the Grand Rapids Fire Training Facility on October 30th. All classes are from 6 – 10pm. The locations are yet to be announced. To sign up and get more information on this please contact Alexanne, through email.

Kent County MRC is putting on a BWLS for non-medical persons. These classes will use the Adventure Med course as a guide line but we will be breaking out and expanding the class with much more practical uses. The Location is TBD. Again this is for non-medical personnel with a focus on hunters, hikers, campers, etc. Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 9am – 3pm. There will be a lot of Practical application skill training. Brochures on the way

next week.

Executive Committee News

An Executive Committee meeting was held on Friday the 28th of September. Hearing that there is a lot of support for our working towards public outreach and education, volunteer recruiting and retention and sustainability.

We currently have a subcommittee for retention and recruitment,

which has had some wonderful ideas and progress. We are looking at having a table at the Rampage and Griffins games along with having advertisements on their websites and on the teletext banner during the games. We are also looking at all the events in the Grand Rapids area to see what makes the most sense for recruitment possibilities! We will be

presenting some ideas and plans at the next meeting. If you have any suggestions, please let us know at the next MRC Meeting on October 11, 2007 at 6pm or let Jennie Goss know at 616-451-8438.

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Kudos

Many thanks go out to MMRS for their support for this coming year! We couldn't have succeeded like we did without your help or the help of all our volunteers for that matter! We are working towards full sustainability and doing a wonderful job with everyone's help. Thank you to all for a job well done!!!

Retention and Recruitment Committee

We had a meeting on September 26, 2007 and it was very productive. First off thank you Vicki Huffman for being such a gracious host! We are looking at ways to get all of our current volunteers more involved. We want

everyone to feel needed and appreciated within our group! We are looking at a buddy system for new volunteers so they don't feel out of place and it gets everyone more connected. More to come at the MRC meeting on

October 11, 2007. Hope to see you all there. Some changes for the good are to come and we would love the input of all those who are interested in helping. Feel free to call Jennie Goss at 616-451-8438 with any suggestions!

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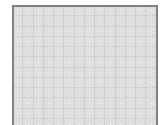
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