

# CAVOC Newsletter

## Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Classroom

### School District of Rhinelander School Forest

Winter 2011



Tony Jones enjoyed snow shoeing with his son, Nicolas. It was the first time Nicolas had tried to snow shoe. After the CAVOC experience, he wrote to say that both of his children have decided to take up skiing saying, "We had a great time at CAVOC. Please give my thanks to all who organized and made the day so much fun."

### CAVOC Open House

On Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, the School Forest Committee hosted an Open House at CAVOC, to which all students, parents, teachers, and the community were invited. Over 300 people attended this event and enjoyed all there was to offer. Sleigh rides, ice fishing, hot cocoa and cider, cross-country skiing, campfire and s'mores, snowshoeing, and chili were all a part of the fun-filled afternoon. We hope to continue this event each winter, to showcase our school forest and all it has to offer to our community.



Families enjoyed ice fishing under the watchful eye of fishing professional, Mike Wojtuski (RHS teacher).



Families enjoyed trying out the snow shoeing experience.

Planning a class trip to CAVOC? Contact Carol to book your dates—  
365-9714 or [carlscar@rhinelander.k12.wi.us](mailto:carlscar@rhinelander.k12.wi.us)

Busing—be sure to plan trips with several classes to save on busing costs.



A family tries out cross country skiing.

Class visits to CAVOC – when you visit CAVOC with your students, please think about sharing your experience in an article and sending it along with a few pictures to Carol or Kelli in the Curriculum Office. We would love to include your stories in the CAVOC Newsletter



Sleigh rides were enjoyed by many.



The campfire was a popular spot for warming up and making s'mores.



### School Forest Advisory Committee

Committee members who worked to make the open house possible took the final sleigh ride of the day: (left to right) Bob LeFebvre, Glenn Witmer, Carol Carlson, Paula Schneider, Cheryl Esslinger and granddaughter, and Manny Oradei. Missing from picture: Kelli Jacobi, Krista Matyska, Arnie Plamann, and Mike Wojtusik. If you are interested in learning more about the committee or joining, please contact any of the committee or call 715-365-9714 and talk to Carol or Kelli.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The SFAC is always looking for volunteers. We have several projects that would make great Eagle Scout Projects

### Trails at CAVOC

There are miles of trails to explore at CAVOC. These trails are great for hiking and are groomed for skiing in the winter. There are also handicapped accessible trails that are paved and wheel chair accessible. Plans are in the works to create snow shoe trails. Trail maps are available in the CAVOC brochure and on the CAVOC website.

Check out the funding proposals on the CAVOC website. You can submit a proposal to help fund environmental education projects. Only one available per school or department.

<http://www.rhineland.k12.wi.us/cavoc/>

Please send CAVOC questions, concerns, and suggestions to Carol or Kelli in the Curriculum Office.

Our Mission Statement – At CAVOC (Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Classroom) and all of our school forest parcels, we will provide hands-on, outdoor learning experiences that help students acquire the awareness, knowledge, skills and commitment to become responsible stewards of their natural environment.