

WILD about D.A.R.E.



Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officers Association Winter Training Conference 2008

Season Greetings from your MNDOA board members!! We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am sure you are all very busy with the holiday season, but we wanted to get you the information for the 2008 MNDOA Winter Training Conference so you can begin planning for it. With all the training opportunities and social events, we are sure this is a conference you will not want to miss.

The Training will be held **February 15-18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna, MN.** The conference is filled with a number of different training topics. The sessions include media and its influence on kids, energy drinks, inhalants, responding to bomb threats in schools, internet safety and more.

The **NEW DARE RX/OTC** supplemental lessons **certification training** will also be offered. This training is mandatory in order to present the lesson. Upon completion of the training you will receive the elementary, junior and senior high curriculum plus the community presentation and the DVDs. To provide more information in this area we are having a pharmacist speak and answer your questions.

Activities at the conference include the banquet for officers and spouses while the kids attend a free pizza party. Sunday's family night will be an exciting bowling tournament for the whole family. This may be more fun than we are allowed to have!!

The hotel has a very **WILD indoor water park** to keep the family entertained during the training day. At the end of the day it will be a great place for you to relax.

Next to the hotel is the **famous Cabela's**, an attraction for the entire family. With all the **WILD animals** at **Cabela's** it is sure to be a success with the kids. This will be a place they can visit during our training day and you can attend after training. I said after training!! **Cabela's** has opened their doors for us to have a scavenger hunt for DAREN, which should be a blast!!

Other activities and opportunities are available through out the community. Pack up the family and come join us in Owatonna for an educational and fun weekend, as we go **WILD ABOUT D.A.R.E!!!**

For more info and updates check out the association's NEW website at www.dareminnesota.com.

Have a great holiday season and be safe.
Dave Holmquist
MNDOA President

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