End the Summer with a Real Pirates Adventure!

Milwaukee—The UWM-School of Continuing Education JASON Project is discovering The Mystery of Sunken Ships and Monster Storms. This is a week long adventure, August 13-17, 2007, for middle school students, grade 6-8. The swashbucklers are challenged to learn how and why massive storms cause ships to sink, explore a simulated ship sinking area and search Lake Michigan for real sunken boats.

During the five day-long trips kids will spend their time learning and tracking storm boundaries and they will snorkel and explore an educational quarry for sunken ship’s treasures. Young naval explorers will use scientific techniques for gathering data related to storm boundaries on the coast of Lake Michigan. After learning how storms work, they get to dive an educational simulated ship sinking site, examining the debris field and keeping an eye out for clues to why the ship sank. Leading the expedition is Gaye-Lynn Clyde, certified instructor and owner of Diving Unlimited & Underwater Educational Services.

Another highlight of the adventure is when the young buccaneers board a search boat and find real ship sites on the high seas of Lake Michigan. Captain Jerry Guyer and his mates at Pirates Cove Diving Inc. have been traversing and searching the great lake for nearly 30 years. The two vessels in his fleet use a sophisticated Marine Sonic Side Scan Sonar to find sunken bounty.

Middle Schoolers would love to spend a week studying massive weather patterns and the sunken ships that lie in their wake beneath the waves of Lake Michigan. This is a very hands on experience. Students should be proficient swimmers and be ready to have some fun with a group of other kids.

The adventure starts on August 13 and runs 8am-4pm until August 17. Pick up and drop off is at the UWM School of Continuing Education, 161 W Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. Participants should prepare a bag lunch for each day of the trip.

For more information on The Mystery of Sunken Ships and Monster Storms, or the JASON Project in Milwaukee, see our website at, www3.uwm.edu/sce/course.cfm?id=12882, or contact Cathie Sanders via email at csanders@uwm.edu or call 414-227-3366. ###