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2011 GAAR Results

AMES, IOWA

Weeks of preparation were set in motion early Sunday morning when 56 canoes and kayaks set out across the lake at Ada Hayden Heritage Park on the first leg of the fifth annual Great Ames Adventure Race. By mid-morning, participants, family, friends and dozens of volunteers were on their way to the Moose Lodge for pancakes, prizes and awards.

The 2011 GAAR First Place winners were:

Susan Fritzell (Ames): Women's Solo

Jeff Anker (Ames): Men's Solo

Heather Spong and Joyce Burch (Pella): Women's Tandem

Mike Eilers (Indianola) and Bryce Gilbert (Milo): Men's Tandem

Jason and Jessica Plunkett (Cambridge): Mixed Tandem

Travis and Darren Konda (Hastings MN and Omaha NE): Men's Relay 2

Jarad and Camille Niemi (Ames): Mixed Relay 2

Heidi Hadley, Alison Doyle and Lara Olson (all of Ames): Women's Relay 3

Dennis and Nick Chamberlin, and James Pritchard (all of Ames): Men's Relay 3

Kerry and Chuck Gilarski, and Adam Nelson (all of Ames): Mixed Relay 3

Mark Murphy, Jeff Downs, Theresa Stromberg-Murphy and Craig Kreman (all of Ames): Mixed Relay 4

The new Corporate Cup trophy went to Skunk River Cycles (the Chamberlin-Pritchard Team) for their performance in the Relay 3 Corporate sub-category, and the 2011 GAAR's Greatest trophy went to Travis and Darren Konda for their fastest time across all categories.

The GAAR Committee would like to congratulate everyone for a fine race and thank the many sponsors, supporters and volunteers for their contributions of time, money and prizes. A donation will be made to the local chapter of the American Red Cross after expenses have been paid.

Complete results and hundreds of event photos can be found online at www.greatamesadventurerace.org.