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Century College Hosts “Save the Poles” Event Sept. 3 Featuring Polar Explorer

Century College will host polar explorer Eric Larsen of Grand Marais for an evening of conversation focused on what individuals can do to promote clean energy solutions to address the climate change problem. The public is invited to attend this free event on **Thursday, Sept. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the college’s East Campus.**

Larsen will share stunning photos, video and demonstrations featuring his past travels and upcoming November 2009 journey to Mount Everest and both the North and South Poles. His “Save the Poles” expedition aims to educate people about climate change and energy solutions that are both global and local.

Larsen’s appearance will kick off local East Metro community sustainability projects, including the Zephyr Wind Project in Mahtomedi.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with an hour of free refreshments provided by River Market Coop and information from local eco experts representing The Alliance for Sustainability, Century College, Metro

Clean Energy Resource Teams, Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Commerce and Transit for Livable Communities.

Larsen's keynote speech beginning at 7 p.m. will focus on his plan to travel to the North Pole, South Pole and the summit of Everest all in one year – the first time anyone has ever attempted such a trio of feats. In his quest to promote clean energy solutions, Larsen has been on The Tonight Show, in the New York Times, and was named an Eco All Star by Outside Magazine. (Learn more at www.savethepoles.com.)

At 8 p.m., representatives from Mahtomedi and Oakdale will discuss initiatives in their communities. Small-group community conversations will be held from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

This event is hosted and supported by Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative, Century College, Clean Energy Resource Teams – Metro Area, ISD 832 Community Education, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Environmental Stewardship Team, White Bear Unitarian Universalists Church's Global Climate Crisis Committee and the Alliance for Sustainability.

For more information, please call Sean at the Alliance for Sustainability, 612-331-1099.