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RE: Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress initiative

To whom it may concern:

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for high school-aged students. The **Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress (YCC)** is a new initiative to inspire and inform the next generation of dedicated, ethical, and conservation-minded citizens. The YCC program will afford participants the opportunity to expand and develop important transferable skills while encouraging and preparing them for civic involvement.

Students will be exposed to various aspects of natural resource management and have access to professionals in those fields. They will also gain real world experience through a variety of service-learning opportunities. They will gain an understanding of the process by which Wisconsin's natural resource policy is determined and the role and history of the state's statutorily recognized citizen advisory body, the Conservation Congress. Participants will strengthen valuable skills such as problem-solving, effective communication, teamwork, and leadership competencies through working with other Youth Conservation Congress delegates, WCC delegates, and DNR staff, while building an appreciation for the many facets of resource management.

For more information on the Youth Conservation Congress go to dnr.wi.gov and search "Youth Congress" or contact Kari Lee-Zimmermann (DNR/WCC Liaison) at (608) 266-0580 or Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov for more information.

Sincerely,

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