

## ***Trail News – 11/2/2013***

### **Next Meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council: Friday, November 8, 2013**

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Friday, November 8, 2013 at the Sparta Community Center, Room D, 1000 E Montgomery Street, Sparta, WI. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is expected to conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Members of the State Trails Council (STC) are appointed by the Governor under the authority of statute 15.347(16) to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for finding solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of trails in Wisconsin.

Agenda items will include council member updates, DNR report and other trail issues. Information about the STC, including meeting agendas and minutes, can be found online: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/stc/> .

**Please RSVP** to [DNRWIStateTrails@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRWIStateTrails@wisconsin.gov) if you are planning to attend the November 8 meeting.

### **Transportation Alternative Program Funding Application Process Has Begun**

The Wisconsin Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) incorporates three multi-modal transportation improvement programs: Safe Routes to School, The Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Program, and Transportation Alternatives (formerly Transportation Enhancements/TE). Trail facilities for nonmotorized transportation are among the eligible funding categories.

Application materials were released October 31 and can be found here <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/tap.htm> , along with program background & guidelines, and application timeline. If you plan to apply, be sure to carefully read all of the application materials and background documents!

## Calling All Bicyclists!

The Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and Tourism are conducting a survey to assess and learn more about bicyclist preferences in Wisconsin. Through this survey, we hope to obtain feedback from a wide spectrum of riders across the state with the aim of using the results to provide better information and opportunities for riding. The survey will provide us with valuable input as we plan current and future projects. Information gathered from the survey will be used to inform the content of an upcoming edition of the *Wisconsin Biking Guide*. (The previous *Wisconsin Biking Guide* can be found here: [http://www.travelwisconsin.com/pdf/2008\\_biking\\_guide.pdf](http://www.travelwisconsin.com/pdf/2008_biking_guide.pdf) .)

The online survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013WIBike> .

## Do you Love Devil's Lake State Park?

Casey R. Schmitt, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin, is seeking people who spend time at Devil's Lake (and love it) who are willing to participate in an online interview about their experiences at the Park. As part of his dissertation project on outdoor spaces, he intends to collect individual impressions, experiences, and opinions about the natural spaces people revere.

The interview will be confidential and no personal information will be recorded or distributed. All e-mail contact information will be deleted upon reception and responders will not receive any e-mail not directly related to the interview process itself.

If you are willing to participate, or just want to learn more, please contact Casey at [crschmitt@wisc.edu](mailto:crschmitt@wisc.edu) by December 1st.

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