

# Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Update

## November 2019

Greetings Youth Conservation Congress Delegates,

I am excited to join your program as coordinator for the YCC. The YCC is at an exciting point as we are growing in terms of youth numbers and additional hands on opportunities. Click on the link to read more about my personal background and vision for the YCC: <https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/Chronicle/Fall2019CC.pdf>

I will be reaching out to you through email, phone calls and this monthly newsletter. Please take the time to read through this newsletter as it serves to inform and connect Youth Conservation Congress delegates to natural resource opportunities and events across the state.

I look forward to meeting all of you and supporting you in the YCC. Please feel free to contact me (by phone, email or text) with questions about the YCC or suggestions to enhance the program.

Kyle Zenz, Youth Conservation Congress Coordinator

## Picture Perfect!

This month send us pictures of you:

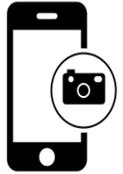
### Deer Hunting

*Each month we will ask for pictures of your outdoor adventures.*

*Please text pictures to Kyle Zenz at 715-299-0925 or email: [Kyle.Zenz@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kyle.Zenz@Wisconsin.gov)*

*We will select a photograph to be featured in next month's YCC newsletter*

Visit the WCC Facebook site to see what's new: <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinconservationcongress/>



## Make your experience meaningful!

Much of your experience in the YCC is driven by you! We are here to support your participation in the YCC and provide opportunities, but it is up to you to make the most out of it. Please reach out to your mentor, the YCC Oversight Committee and the YCC Coordinator.

Consider setting involvement goals:

- Attend meetings for the WCC with your mentor (district, committee).
- Attend the Wisconsin Conservation Congress annual convention, May 14-16 in Green Lake.
- Participate in at least 2 events or hunting/fishing/trapping opportunities with your mentor.
- Talk about the YCC and encourage others to join! Share your experiences with your classmates or community groups. Consider developing a presentation or poster highlighting your service-learning experiences.
- Join a planned YCC field day or event. This newsletter will serve to keep you informed of upcoming opportunities.
- Tell us what interests you! We are here to help connect you to natural resource professionals and assist with field days or job shadowing opportunities.
- Build friendships across the state, enhance leadership skills, and have fun!

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# YCC Upcoming Opportunities

## NOVEMBER

- DNR Pheasant stocking is occurring across the state - contact your local DNR wildlife biologist to volunteer with releases.
- 23rd to December 1st - Wisconsin Gun Deer Season. Good luck and have a safe hunt.

## DECEMBER

- DNR Pheasant stocking is occurring across the state - contact your local DNR wildlife biologist to volunteer with releases.
- Enjoy your winter break and get outside!
- Participate in an ice fishing tournament or see if your school is involved in the [Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association](#)

## JANUARY

- 18th—YCC event— Ice Fishing on the Petenwell Flowage - more details to follow.

## FEBRUARY

- February 8 - 23 - sturgeon spearing season on the Winnebago system. This could be an opportunity to work alongside DNR staff during sturgeon registration.

## MARCH

- Join a [Scholastic Shooting Sports](#) team at your school or check with local sporting clubs to see if they offer opportunities for high school teams.
- 21st - YCC Oversight Committee Meeting

## Save the date:

April 13 - WCC Statewide Spring Hearings

May 14-16 - WCC State Convention, Green Lake Wisconsin



## DNR Opportunity:

The DNR releases pheasants in suitable habitat across the state throughout the months of October - December.

This could be an opportunity for a field experience releasing pheasants with a DNR biologist. Contact your mentor to determine if this is an option for you. If you need assistance initiating contact with a biologist, or determining release dates, please contact the YCC Coordinator.

Are pheasants being released in your county?

Search by county to determine pheasant release locations:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/pheasantstocking/>

## Looking for training opportunities?

Snowmobile safety classes are currently being offered across the state. Check out the link to find a training near you.

<https://gowild.wi.gov/customers/safetiedclass>



## Creativity Counts!

The WI Department of Natural Resources is searching for a park sticker design for 2021. High School youth in Wisconsin are invited to enter the contest. The deadline to submit artwork is April 24. To find official rules and information, check out <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/stickers/>



## Thinking ahead...

Wisconsin has great opportunities for continued education in Natural Resources following graduation. It's never too early to start thinking about specific programs and degrees that our state universities and tech schools can offer.

- [November 22nd - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Information Session & Tour at UW-Madison](#)
- [December 6th - ViewPoint Day at UW-Stevens Point](#)



Learn more about what is going on in the Conservation Congress by reading the Conservation Chronicle Fall 2019 edition

<https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/Chronicle/Fall2019CC.pdf>

**GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!**  
This is a great reminder. Let us know what you think about the YCC website, articles, documents, or anything we are doing wrong at the Conservation Chronicle.  
Send your ideas, comments, questions and articles to: [YCC@dnr.wisconsin.gov](mailto:YCC@dnr.wisconsin.gov)  
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The Youth Conservation Congress Oversight Committee welcomed youth delegates to their Fall meeting on October 12th, at Mead Wildlife Area. Following the meeting, youth and adult delegates participated in an upland bird hunt utilizing the help of 3 dogs. Despite the cold, blustery weather the group flushed a Ruffed Grouse and a few Woodcock. The group was unsuccessful in harvesting any birds, but everyone enjoyed their time outside and appreciated the opportunity to hunt with dogs. Thank you Terri & Reed for bringing your dogs and teaching us about upland bird hunting.

