

Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Update



View above the Mississippi, photo by Sam

August 2020

YCC delegates and mentors,

Is August an end or a beginning? It can mean both depending on your interpretation. Often folks see August as the end of summer, and the end of care free days. However, the passing of August means new adventures during the school year, seasons changing, and new hunting opportunities ahead.

As we transition towards September, take the time to wish graduates luck in their future endeavors. Exciting times are ahead! For those returning to school, in whatever form that might be, we wish you the best. Take advantage of new opportunities that come your way and continue to grow your knowledge and leadership in the outdoors.

Get outside. Take a walk, breathe fresh air and enjoy these fleeting days of summer.

~Kyle, YCC Coordinator

Wishing our 2020 graduates the best on their future path:

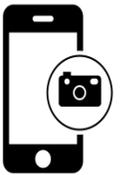
- Hunter Bault, Ozaukee County
- Bailey Broullire, Florence County, mentored by Roxanne Broullire
- John Dienger, Chippewa County, mentored by Don Dukerschein
- Rowen Donaghue, Sawyer County, mentored by Rick Olson
- Bode Guthrie, Oneida County, mentored by Dave Blunk
- Devin Hall, Marathon County, mentored by Marcell Weiloch
- Cyrus Hill, Milwaukee County, mentored by Barbara Dahlgren
- Isabella Lonetti, Pierce County, mentored by Jason Brazzale



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REQUEST FOR PICTURES



Do you have photos featuring you involved with:

- YCC events or activities?
- Mentored hunting experiences?
- Archery, trap or fishing competitions?
- A successful fishing, hunting or trapping experience?
- Unique outdoor experiences?

Email pictures to Kyle at: kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov



Visit the [WCC Facebook site](#) to see what's new

T-SHIRTS

A YCC shirt has been sent to all YCC delegates.



Check your mailbox, it should arrive soon!

Promote our program by wearing your shirt and don't forget to snap a photo and send it in.

Outdoor Adventures!



Olivia from Chippewa Co. spent time exploring the Black River State Forest and climbing the lookout tower at Castle Mound.



Gavin from Jefferson Co. and his dad, Lowell enjoyed a day of catching catfish together.



Gabby from Jefferson Co. and her dad, Lowell supported the Sportsmen's Alliance at their annual fundraiser held at the Waterloo Gun Club.



Tommy from Vilas Co. enjoyed some outdoor time spent camping, fishing, waterskiing and relaxing with his dog.



Sam from Racine Co. raised a Yorkshire pig to show at the Racine County Livestock Show. She also raised a turkey and placed first with both animals. Great job!



Gavin from Jefferson Co. traveled to Ohio to compete in the Scholastic Clay Target Nationals.

TRACK YOUR TIME

Please keep track of your time spent participating in WCC meetings, mentored outings, YCC promotions, and other conservation related activities.



Please update your hours from September 2019 - August 2020. Keeping track of your hours is important to the WCC. Please log them online: <https://forms.gle/2NsLvLPD3zwQXmao9>

LOOKING FOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES?

Several DNR safety classes have been rescheduled and are now listed online. A variety of classes will be offered across the state throughout the next few months. Check out the link to find a training near you.

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



YCC Upcoming Opportunities

FALL WCC DISTRICT MEETINGS

Meetings will be held online through zoom or in person. YCC delegates are welcome to join these meetings. The agenda will include: DNR program updates, discussion of the spring hearing results and providing feedback on a local level, WCC district elections, and other important updates in each district.

District meetings are currently underway, and some have already met. Please consider joining these meetings. Call your mentor if you have specific questions about your district details.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/documents/Agenda/2020/2020FallMtgSchedule.pdf>

CITIZEN SCIENCE INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING OPPORTUNITY

Help the River Alliance of Wisconsin document invasive species on rivers and lakes during a one day event: Snapshot Day, Saturday, August 15th.

This statewide, one-day event connects volunteers, water lovers, and local groups in a search for aquatic invasive species (AIS). You can help protect Wisconsin's rivers and lakes from these invasive plants and animals that negatively impact habitat, wildlife, recreation and health.

*Safety first: The event will be modified this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

Wear your mask, maintain social distancing, and attend with members of your household.

Step 1: Prior to the event, all volunteers will participate in a virtual training hosted by River Alliance. The training is scheduled for August 6th at 11 am but the recording can be viewed anytime before the event.

Step 2: On Snapshot Day, August 15, 2020, participants will be ready to venture to selected monitoring sites to get to know their waters and help to discover any aquatic invasive species. This is a free event that is recommended for ages 8 and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Schedule:

(Select locations may have modified times)

9:00 am- 9:30 am: Supply Pickup and Check-In *

9:30 am-11:30 am: Search for aquatic invasive species at Monitoring Sites

11:30 am- 12:00 pm: Return to check-in location to drop off supplies and report your finds! *

(*Site dependent; social distancing and COVID guidelines will be in place)

For more information and to register: <https://www.wisconsinrivers.org/statewide-snapshot-day/>



Locations:

Choose the site where you would like to participate when you register. This is a free event. You will be contacted by your Site Leader with specific details prior to the event.

-Appleton- Calumet County -Ashland- Ashland County -Door County (exact location TBD) -Eagle River- Vilas County -Fond du Lac- Fond du Lac County -Green Bay- Brown County -La Crosse- La Crosse County -Lakewood- Oconto County -Madison- Dane County -Manitowoc- Manitowoc County -Menasha- Winnebago County -Montello- Marquette County -Oshkosh - Winnebago County -Rhineland- Oneida County -Shawano- Shawano County -Siren- Burnett County -St. Croix Falls- Polk County -Viroqua- Vernon County -Waukesha- Waukesha County -West Bend- Washington County -Winneconne- Winnebago County -Wisconsin Dells- Juneau County -Wisconsin Rapids- Wood County