

Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Update



Sunset on Rockland lake, photo by Sam

July 2020

YCC delegates and mentors,

Summer is officially here, bringing an abundance of new life. Look around you. Have you noticed wildflowers blooming along the roadside, fawns hiding in the tall grass, berries beginning to ripen, ducklings swimming in a row, trees setting fruit, mushrooms popping up out of nowhere, frogs chorusing, and last (but most definitely least) the dreaded biting bugs?

During summer, nature is on a fast track to create and sustain new generations. The woods, prairies and lakes are full of these stories, but cities and suburbs also share countless summer life cycles. The next time you see a Monarch butterfly, think about its incredible summer transformation. A new generation is created in just one month.

Summer in Wisconsin is special. Even during these uncertain times. Notice and appreciate new life everywhere you look, you might find some unexpected surprises.

Get outside. Take a walk, breathe fresh air and find simple joys this summer.

~Kyle, YCC Coordinator

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

Outdoor Adventures!



Tommy a YCC delegate from Vilas County caught this musky while fishing with his dad.



Olivia a YCC delegate from Chippewa County found a snake while hiking with her family in the Chippewa County Forest.



Avery, a YCC delegate from Green County has been busy fishing this summer. He is pictured with a bass he caught while fishing with a friend.



Scott from Green County with an 18" German Brown Trout. Scott is Avery's dad and mentor. He is also a committee member for the YCC.



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Outdoor Adventures!



Gabby and Gavin from Jefferson County competed at the Badger State Games for Trap Shooting. Gabby finished 3rd in her first competition and Gavin won gold in his division! Congrats!



Sam from Racine County caught this 19" bass at an old fish hatchery pond.



Sam also caught this beautiful pumpkin seed while kayaking on Rockland lake.

T-SHIRTS

The Friends of the WCC will be purchasing YCC T-shirts for ALL YCC delegates. These T-shirts will be mailed to you for FREE!



ALL YCC youth - please respond to the T-shirt survey with your T-shirt size and mailing address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWHTBH5>

Additional T-shirts will be made available for parents, mentors and WCC delegates. An ordering link directly from the T-shirt company will be provided soon.

YCC ON DAN SMALL'S OUTDOOR RADIO

Sam, from Racine County and Trent, our YCC chair spoke with Dan Small on his weekly radio program. It was a great opportunity to talk about the YCC and encourage other youth to join. If you missed hearing it, you can find it here:

Dan Small Radio, show #1525, Scroll down to Thursday, June 18th: <https://www.lake-link.com/radio/dan-small-outdoors-radio/100/>

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

The Friends of the WCC will be supporting YCC delegates who wish to attend the Future Trappers of Wisconsin camp at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River (August 12-15). The Friends of the YCC have pledged to reimburse up to \$100 for each YCC delegate who attends the camp. (Reimbursement will occur following completion of the camp)



This would be a great opportunity to learn more about trapping and spend time with your YCC friends. **Registration is due by July 1st** (late registration is still being accepted—sign up SOON). You will be responsible for sending in your registration forms and payment. If you do sign up for the camp, please contact Kyle so she can keep track of the number of YCC delegates attending. Information and registration forms were sent to all YCC delegates by email. For specific questions about the camp, you can contact the camp coordinator, Dick McCarthy 920-277-

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/2NsLvLPD33wQXmao9>

YCC Upcoming Opportunities

JULY

- July is Lake Appreciation month. Learn more and find ways to get involved: <https://www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/>

AUGUST

- 12 - 15 Future Trappers of Wisconsin: Basic Trapping Camp at Trees for Tomorrow
- 17-19 WCC Convention, Green Lake Conference Center

ANNUAL CONSERVATION CONGRESS CONVENTION

Monday, August 17 - Wednesday, August 19

The WCC convention has been tentatively scheduled for August 17-19. It will be held at the same location: [Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake](#). This property is located on 900 acres and includes paved and forested trails, lookout towers, recreational activities, and all you can eat ice-cream in the dining hall!

All YCC delegates are invited to attend this convention. Specific YCC focused activities are being planned in addition to attending some general Conservation Congress meetings. This convention will help you learn more about the work of the Conservation Congress, meet new YCC delegates, participate in a hands-on field day with DNR staff, and more!

Additional information will be shared soon. **Stay tuned!**

SKILL SHARING SURVEY

Skill sharing is a large part of the YCC. We learn best through experiential learning, but during this time it is hard for us to gather in person.

Would YCC delegates and mentors would be interested in gathering on-line for a virtual "face to face" skill sharing session?

- Are there any skills or topics you are interested in learning about?
- Do you have a skill you can share with the group either as a physical demonstration, informal talk, pre-recorded/edited video, or powerpoint?

This could be live while we are online together, or a video you create in advance. The duration of your skill sharing can be anywhere from 5 to 30 minutes. (examples: fly fishing, building or setting traps, creating a video tour of a unique natural area, sharing your tips for bow hunting, demonstration of snapshot WI camera, discussion on fishing bait selection...the topics are endless.

All YCC delegates and mentors please take a few minutes to fill out the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6MJTZC>

WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES SUMMER MAGAZINE

Be sure to check out the stories found in the summer edition: <https://dnr.wi.gov/wnrmag/>. Timely stories featuring summer adventures, invasive species, backyard owls, and a recipe for trout are just a few of the topics covered. Read online or subscribe for a print copy.

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>



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>