

# Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Update

June 2020

YCC delegates and mentors,

The outdoors can bring people together in countless ways. Lately, more people are spending time outside, walking, running, hiking, biking, and of course fishing. The DNR has reported a large increase in fishing license sales this spring, compared to last year. If you haven't gotten out yet, go find a nearby lake, river, stream or pond. The DNR lake finder can be useful in locating lakes, learning about the physical and biological characteristics of the lake and identifying access points. [dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakepages/](http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakepages/)

The weekend of June 6th & 7th is free fishing weekend in Wisconsin. Encourage a friend or family member who is new to fishing or hasn't gone fishing in a while to spend some time on the water!

Get outside. Take a walk, breathe fresh air and enjoy spring. ~Kyle, YCC Coordinator

## Please take note of the following reminders and notices:

- While our scheduled YCC activities have been put on hold, please know that we are working to plan future activities as soon as we are all able to get together again.

## 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](mailto:kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov)



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

## Outdoor Adventures!



Tommy, Vilas County enjoyed a day of fishing crappie with his dad.



Sam, Racine County fishing for bass on Rockland Lake.



Gavin and Gabby, Jefferson County. Gavin and his dad worked on taxidermy skills as they prepared his spring turkey.



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## Outdoor Adventures!



Gavin and Gabby, Jefferson County, trap shooting.



Trent Tonn, YCC Oversight Committee Chair enjoyed a day of trout fishing



Sam, Racine County captured a photo of this buck (just starting to show antler growth) on her snapshot WI trailcam. She is conducting a study on deer population for a FFA project.

Welcome



### NEW YCC DELEGATES

We are excited to welcome three new delegates to the YCC:

Zachary, Waukesha County

Payton, Clark County

Gabby, Jefferson County

### 2020 SPRING HEARING RESULTS

Over 60,000 responses were collected for the spring hearing questions. If you haven't already checked out the results, you can find the information here:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>



### 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>

### VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

All YCC delegates are members of the Natural Resources Foundation. You should have received information in the mail.

Each year the Foundation plans amazing field trips around the state. Unfortunately some of their field trips have already been canceled, and registration has been put on hold.

Check out the new addition of virtual field trips the Foundation has been posting each Friday: <https://www.wisconservation.org/virtual-field-trips/>



# YCC Upcoming Opportunities

## JUNE

- June 6-7 Free Fishing Weekend in Wisconsin - invite a friend or family member to fish who is new to fishing or who hasn't gone fishing recently.
- June 6 - National Trails Day: [americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/](http://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/)

## 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

## TRACK YOUR TIME

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

Please update your hours from September 2019 - June 2020.

Keeping track of your hours is important to the WCC. Please log them online: <https://forms.gle/2NsLvLPD33wQXmao9>



## ANNUAL CONSERVATION CONGRESS CONVENTION

Monday, August 17 - Wednesday, August 19

The WCC convention has been rescheduled 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!

We are currently working to reschedule our hands on field day, and trap shooting activity. We will update you as soon as we have a tentative schedule.

We will also be reaching out soon to see if you plan to attend the convention and your lodging needs.

Stay tuned!

## THE ANNUAL SECCHI DIP-IN



How many of you have used a secchi disk? This simple device is a monitoring tool for determining lake transparency.

The concept of the Dip-In is simple: individuals in volunteer monitoring programs take a transparency measurement on one day during the month of July. Individuals may be monitoring lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, rivers, or streams. These transparency values are used to assess the transparency of volunteer-monitored lakes in the United States and Canada.

What is more important, these annual Dip-In snapshots can be put together to form a changing picture of transparency over time.

Learn more about what it takes to volunteer for the annual secchi dip in: [www.nalms.org/secchidipin/](http://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/)



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>