YCC delegates and mentors,

I know many of you are looking forward to all things fall. Whether it is pheasant hunting, bow hunting, hiking, sharing campfire stories, or just enjoying the changing scenery, it is a favorite time of year for many reasons.

I have been enjoying seeing and sharing the photos you send me. Your smiling faces are a reminder that spending time outdoors is good for the body and soul.

2020 has brought many changes to our lives, but hopefully the outdoor traditions that you love best about fall will give you a reason to smile.

~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**

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Gabby from Jefferson Co. got out for an early morning duck hunt with her father and mentor, Lowell.
Gavin from Washington Co. spent time fishing with family and caught this northern pike.
Sam from Racine Co. enjoyed the views from Grandad Bluff in La Crosse.
Gavin from Jefferson Co. had a successful hunt the first week of blue-winged teal season.
WCC COMMITTEES

2020-2021 WCC advisory committees have been assigned. YCC delegates are typically invited to attend YCC Oversight Committee meetings. There are also a variety other committees within the WCC. If you are interested in learning about other committees or attending their meetings, please talk to your mentor, and the chair of the committee.

Committee information: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/Committees

PHEASANT HUNTING MAPPING TOOLS

Are you new to pheasant hunting? Or just looking for appropriate public land to hunt near you?

In addition to finding out stocking locations, the DNR has a mapping tool of the entire state. FFLIGHT is the Fields & Forest Lands Interactive Gamebird Hunting Tool, an online map showing properties stocked with pheasants, managed dove fields and suitable cover for ruffed grouse and woodcock.

Stocking information: https://dnr.wi.gov/pheasantstocking/
Mapping information: https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=FFLIGHT

CITIZEN SCIENCE

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is asking the public to participate in Operation Deer Watch, an annual citizen-science survey that collects information on Wisconsin's white-tailed deer and gives residents an engaging opportunity to assist with deer management efforts.

Participants can report their deer sightings through an easy-to-use online form. The data collected provide insights into the reproductive status of Wisconsin's deer herd and help shape deer management for the state. Now through Sept. 30, participants are asked to record all bucks, does and fawns seen during the day.

Read more: https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5216
Watch the video: https://dnrmedia.wi.gov/main/Play/54c4b4e608be148cebd32f07aa8b8b181d

Outdoor Adventures!

Avery, from Green Co. spent time practicing at the range this summer preparing for deer hunting.

Tommy from Vilas Co. loves fishing for all sizes and species. Big smiles for this huge pumpkinseed.

Olivia from Chippewa Co. captured this bear photo on a trail camera. She received a bear permit this year, and is looking forward to the upcoming hunt.
Youth Conservation Congress delegates say “THANK YOU” to the WI Conservation Congress for new YCC T-shirts.

Thank you also to Mark LaBarbera with the Outdoor Heritage Education Center for fundraising efforts on behalf of the WCC and YCC.
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 2020 - August 2021. Keeping track of your hours is important to the WCC. Please log them online: https://forms.gle/zNsLvLPD33wQXmao9

2020 HUNTING FORECAST
Hunters and trappers across Wisconsin are in the final countdown to the fall season openers. To help get ready, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has pulled together the 2020 fall forecast series, which details everything Wisconsinites need to know ahead of the game.

Forecasts can be found at the links below and on each corresponding species page.

2020 Fall Deer Hunting Forecast
2020 Fall Upland Game Bird Hunting Forecast
2020 Fall Migratory Bird Hunting Forecast
2020 Fall Bear Hunting Forecast
2020 Fall Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Forecast

More information on hunting, including regulations and season dates, is available on the DNR website.

For more updates throughout the fall hunting seasons, follow the DNR on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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/safetyedclass

CONTRIBUTE TO THE WCC NEWSLETTER
We want to hear from you. Do you have a story about a recent hunting, fishing, or outdoor experience? The Fall newsletter for the WI Conservation Congress delegates will be published soon and we would love to include voices from the YCC.

Please consider writing about a specific experience, participation in the YCC, or share about what you did over your summer break related to the outdoors.

Send your article to Kyle by September 14th.