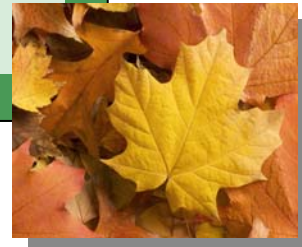


2009

# Wisconsin School Forest Summit & Awards

School Forest educators and administrators from across Wisconsin are invited to the Chippewa Valley for this networking and learning opportunity!



Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24, 2009  
Ramada Convention Center  
Eau Claire, WI

Sign-up  
now!



This will be an opportunity for you to...

- Learn how your school forest can be utilized to meet your district's goals
- Exchange curriculum resources
- Explore facility construction ideas
- Learn about school forest evaluation tools
- Identify common invasive species that threaten school forests and learn how they can be controlled
- Understand how your local DNR forester can help support the district's school forest
- Tour the Menomonie School District's School Forest



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# 2009 Wisconsin School Forest Summit

## Registration Materials

The 2009 Wisconsin School Forest Summit will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education (WAAE) Fall Conference. **When registering for the School Forest Summit**, complete the application form for the WAAE Fall Conference and identify yourself as a “Friday Only”, “Saturday Only” or both participant. **Place an “X” on the line indicating School Forest Summit participant** and be sure to indicate in the “Workshops and Field Trips” section if you are planning to attend the Menomonie School Forest Tour. **Notice all meals are covered in the registration cost.**

School Forest Summit participants are also able to participate in the WAAE Fall Conference offerings. For a full description of the conference, visit <http://www.uwsp.edu/CNR/waee/Events/fall.aspx>.

## Schedule

### **Friday, October 23, 2009**

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Exhibits Open

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast (included)

8:15 Announcements

8:30 - 9:30 Concurrent Sessions

Choose one from:

- School Forest Curriculum Exchange
- School Forest Facilities: Build for Success
- School Forest Invasive Species Identification and Control

9:45 - 10:45 Concurrent Sessions

Choose one from:

- School Forest Evaluation Tools
- School Forest Facilities: Build for Success
- School Forest & Natural Resource Management: DNR Forester Panel

11:00 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions

Choose one from:

- School Forest Evaluation Tools
- School Forest Facilities: Boston School Forest Museum Project
- School Forest & Natural Resource Management: DNR Forester Panel

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided at conference site)

1:00 - 4:00 Field Trip to Menomonie School Forest

4:30 - 6:00 Exhibitors Social/Citizen Science Poster Session

6:00 - 7:00 Banquet Dinner (included in cost)

7:00 - 8:00 Awards Ceremony for School Forest Award recipients

8:00 - 10:00 WAAE Auction

### **Saturday, October 24, 2009**

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast (Included)

9:00 - 11:15 Advancing Your School Forest Program

11:30-12:30 Lunch/Closing (included)



## Session Descriptions



### **Friday, October 23, 2009**

#### **School Forest Curriculum Resource Exchange**

Do you need new lesson ideas for your school forest field trips? School Forest educators will learn about and walk away with new activities to incorporate into their school forest programs. Each participant of this session is encouraged to bring copies of their favorite school forest lessons to share with others.

#### **School Forest Evaluation Tools**

Is your school forest an effective outdoor classroom? Have you ever wondered how to gather information to answer that question? Christine Kelly, PhD will discuss tools and strategies school forest educators can utilize to evaluate the learning that takes place outdoors and the effectiveness of their school forest programs.

#### **School Forest Facilities: Boston School Forest Museum Project**

Learn about the development of natural history exhibits for elementary aged students. Presenters from the Boston School Forest will share the process they went through to develop a small natural history museum that includes interactive exhibits that are hands-on and minds-on. Share in a discussion about how to design and develop interactive exhibits for your classroom, school forest or nature center.

#### **School Forest Facilities: Building for success**

Are you thinking of building a facility on your school forest property? Have you had thoughts like... "Where do I begin?"... "I don't have enough money to build a neat building"... Experienced school forest educators will share the wisdom they have gained through constructing facilities at their school forest properties. They will share ideas for incorporating local school forest resources and steps in the facility construction process that will help ensure a successful project completion for your school district.

#### **School Forest & Natural Resource Management: Invasive Species Identification and Control**

Are there alien invaders taking over your school forest? Do you know how to identify invasive species on your school forest property? What do you do once you find them? A representative from the DNR's Endangered Resources team will show school forest educators how to identify invasive species plaguing school forests and possible methods to control their invasion.

#### **School Forests & Natural Resource Management: What can your local DNR foresters do for you?**

This session will be hosted by a panel of DNR foresters who actively work with their local school forests. They will discuss topics including school forest management plans, invasive species control, public relations regarding management issues at the school forest, and timber sales. There will also be question and answer time for you to inquire about natural resource management on your school forest properties.

### **Field Trip – (Friday 1:00-4:00)**

#### **Menomonie School Forest**

For the past 33 years, students in the School District of the Menomonie Area have been able to learn and experience the natural environment at the Menomonie School Forest. All students in grades K-8 attend trips to the forest and many high school students attend as well through science, language, special education, and recreation classes. This field trip to the school forest will include a tour of the facilities, a hike around the forest property, and a demonstration of school forest lessons.

### **Saturday, October 24, 2009**

#### **Advancing Your School Forest Program**

"How can I encourage the educational programming at my school forest to grow?" This session will be a time for school forest educators to network, share ideas, and discuss how to overcome barriers facing the facilitation of your school district's school forest program. We will look at how learning outcomes at the school forest can drive a successful school forest program.

# 2009 Wisconsin School Forest Awards

Awards will be presented at the WAEF Awards Ceremony during the School Forest Summit

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 School Forest Awards. To nominate a candidate, student, class or youth group, complete the following form and provide the information requested under the appropriate categories below. All nominations are due by **September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. If you have questions, please contact the awards committee via the WAEF office at 715-346-2796 or [wae@uwsp.edu](mailto:wae@uwsp.edu).

## Nomination Criteria:

For individuals and organizations who have provided leadership for local school forests. LEAF (the Wisconsin K-12 Forestry Education Program) and WAEF will recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to school forest programs.

There are 4 categories in which awards can be presented. Nominees in any category can be individuals or organizations.

Categories include:

- Teachers (k-12 public or private school teachers, teacher organizations, etc.)
- School administrators (district administrators, principals, curriculum directors, etc.)
- Resource professionals (extension agents, educational or environmental organizations, college faculty, state agency staff, natural resource managers, etc.)
- Community members (citizens, community organizations, etc.)

## Recognition:

Paid registration to the WAEF fall conference, engraved plaque, recognition on the LEAF School Forest website and formal acknowledgement at the WAEF Fall Conference banquet.

## Provide the following information:

- 📄 A one-page description describing the nominee's involvement with programs, projects, or initiatives that have advanced the school forest program. Please describe for how many years and in what capacities the nominee has been involved with school forests.
- 📄 A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- 📄 Reference letters from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts. Letters are not required but highly recommended.
- 📄 Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAEF publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)
- 📄 Completed nomination form (see below)



# Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education and School Forest Awards Application Form

Applications must be postmarked by September 25, 2009.  
Please use one copy of this form for each application in an award category.  
Make additional copies as needed.

## Check the Award you are applying for:

- Earthguard Award
- Student Award
- Educator of the Year Award
- Formal Non-Formal Administrator
- Aldo Leopold Award
- WAEE Award
- Wisconsin School Forest Award (Please check the appropriate subcategory.)**
  - Teacher
  - School Administrator
  - Resource Professional
  - Community Member

## Nominee Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

H Phone \_\_\_\_\_ W Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

H Phone \_\_\_\_\_ W Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Nominator Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## List 2 references who are aware of the nominee and would support this nomination.

### Reference #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## For publicity purposes, please provide the following information:

Nominee's local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's regional newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

This form and other requested application materials should be completed in their entirety and sent to:

WAEE Awards Program

08 Nelson Hall

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Questions? Contact WAEE office at 715/346-2796 or email [wae@uwsp.edu](mailto:wae@uwsp.edu).

**Completed application materials must be postmarked by September 25, 2009.**



## Conference Registration 2009 WAEE Fall Conference October 21 – 24, 2009 Ramada Convention Center Eau Claire, WI

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ **School Forest Summit Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees – *Meals Included!*

**Full Conference** (Thur. lunch, dinner; Fri. breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner; Sat. breakfast, lunch)

	WAEE member	non-member*	65&over – mem / non
● Early Bird Registration .....	___\$197	___\$232	___\$177 / \$212
● Late Registration (postmarked after September 30, 2009) .....	___\$217	___\$252	___\$197 / \$232
● Student .....	___\$75	___\$75	
<b>Thursday Only</b> (Thursday lunch and dinner included)			
● Early Bird Registration .....	___\$71	___\$106	___\$51 / \$86
● Late Registration (postmarked after September 30, 2009) .....	___\$91	___\$126	___\$71 / \$106
● Student .....	___\$30	___\$30	
<b>Friday Only</b> (Friday breakfast, lunch and banquet dinner included)			
● Early Bird Registration .....	___\$79	___\$114	___\$59 / \$94
● Late Registration (postmarked after September 30, 2009) .....	___\$99	___\$134	___\$79 / \$114
● Student .....	___\$35	___\$35	
<b>Saturday Only</b> (Saturday breakfast and lunch included)			
● Early Bird Registration .....	___\$47	___\$82	___\$27 / \$62
● Late Registration (postmarked after September 30, 2009) .....	___\$67	___\$102	___\$47 / \$82
● Student .....	___\$20	___\$20	

**Subtotal:**

**Meal preference:**  Omnivore  
 Vegetarian (no meat or fish)  
 Any food allergies or other needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations received after October 16<sup>th</sup> will have NO MEALS provided.**

\* The non-member fee does not include WAEE membership. To become a member, please go to [www.waee.org](http://www.waee.org)

### Student Lodging (Full time students ONLY)

Students have special housing available at Beaver Creek Reserve ([www.beavercreekreserve.org](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org)). Cabins, holding 20 persons each, will be made available for the nights of the conference. Separate shower-house/restroom available. Students need to bring their own bedding and clean any facilities that are used. Transportation to and from convention center will not be provided.

**Cost = \$11 per night.** Please add total lodging (\$11 x number of nights) cost to registration total.

### Additional Conference Opportunities

- \_\_\_ I would like to sign-up for the Energy and Technology Toolbox FREE Resources and training session. (You MUST attend any one of the three sessions offered during the conference to receive your kit).
- \_\_\_ I would like information on receiving graduate credit from the University of WI – Stevens Point.
- \_\_\_ I am willing to donate an item for the **auction**: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ I will bring an old inkjet cartridge, cell phone, digital camera or laptop to recycle through the WAEE EcoPhones Fundraiser.
- \_\_\_ I would like to volunteer during the conference.
- \_\_\_ My contact information may be included in a participant list to be handed out at the conference.

# Workshops and Field Trips

Please mark each workshop or field trip that you would like to attend and add the cost to the registration fee.

## Workshops

### Thursday, October 22

- Being Green is for the Birds..... \$15
- Branching Out With PLT..... \$0
- Leopold Education Project..... \$25

### Friday, October 23 – Morning

- Green Ink: The Poetry of Place..... \$0
- Rain Barrels Made Easy-Just Add Water..... \$0

### Friday, October 23 - Afternoon

- Toward a Sustainable Food System..... \$0

### Saturday, October 24

- Hands-On Environmental Health..... \$0

## Field Trips

### Wednesday, October 21 - Evening

- The Night Sky..... \$10

### Thursday, October 22 – Morning

- Soils Can you Dig It?..... \$10
- Science Facilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.... \$10

### Thursday, October 22 – Afternoon

- Bio-Blitz at Sherman Creek..... \$10
- Tour of Beaver Creek Reserve..... \$10
- The Night Sky (Evening Trip)..... \$10

### Friday, October 23 – Morning

- Tour of Children’s Museum of Eau Claire \_\_\_\$10
- Ace Ethanol Plant Tour..... \$10
- Adventures in History:
  - Being Green Then and Now..... \$20
  - Wise Solar Home Tour..... \$10

### Friday, October 23 - Afternoon

- Menomonie School Forest (School Forest Summit Trip, Open to all participants).... \$ 10
- Fun on The Farm..... \$10
- Green Initiatives at Leinenkugels..... \$10

### Saturday, October 24

- EE at Lake Wissota State Park..... \$10

**Subtotal:**

## Conference Costs

- Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Lodging \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Workshops and Field Trips \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:**

## Payment Information

**Checks:** Make payable to WAEE

**Credit Card:** \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card (print)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarships

Partial scholarships to assist students and educators with registration costs of the conference are available. Go to [www.waee.org](http://www.waee.org) for more information.

## Cancellations

All cancellations will be assessed a processing fee of \$30. All cancellations must be received in writing by Oct. 9. There will be NO refunds after Oct. 9, except for workshops or fieldtrips that are canceled due to inadequate enrollment or weather conditions.

## Lodging

Conference participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. A block of rooms have been reserved at a special rate at the Ramada Convention Center until September 23<sup>th</sup>. Call 715-835-6121 and mention you are attending the WAEE 2009 fall Conference to get the special rate.

**Need more information?** Visit the WAEE website at [www.waee.org](http://www.waee.org).

**Questions?** Call: 715-346-2796, Fax: 715-346-3835, E-mail [waee@uwsp.edu](mailto:waee@uwsp.edu)

**Send form and payment to the WAEE Office at:**

**08 Nelson Hall – UWSP  
Stevens Point, WI 54481**