



## 2009 Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment

# Sponsorship Request

## **OUR CHANGING FORESTS:** Challenges and Opportunities for Wisconsin Students

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Dreyfus University Center, UW-Stevens Point  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin  
8:00 am – 2:30 pm

The Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment is an annual event that provides over 200 high school students and teachers opportunities to learn about current environmental issues, network with other students, and obtain tools and skills to share what they learn with others. The [Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education](#) has been coordinating this event and hosting it in Stevens Point, Wisconsin for 18 years.

### **Conference Overview**

This conference will showcase what students throughout the state are doing to sustain Wisconsin's forests. Students will have the opportunity to learn about issues affecting Wisconsin's forests, opportunities to address these challenges, and forest-related careers. They will develop initial personal, class, and community action plans to help sustain Wisconsin's forests.

### **Need for Sponsorship**

All aspects of the conference are supported by generous sponsors and staff-time contributions from the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education. Every year we must raise enough money through grants and donations to host the event and provide participants an inspiring program. This year's fundraising goal is \$10,000. We are asking you to make a financial contribution to ensure the continuation of this event. Your generous support will make a difference to the teachers and students who participate.

*"Excellent," "Very informative," "Learned a lot," "Students grew and learned a lot"*  
~ 2008 teacher participants

### **The Need for Forestry Education**

Our forests face great challenges including invasive species, climate change, and land-use changes. As our population grows and the demands on our forests increase, Wisconsin's citizens will need to play an active role in sustaining our forests as ecosystems and human systems. Students as future decision-makers and current community members need to understand the challenges facing our forests and need to be prepared to take an active role in sustaining their ecological, social and economic values.

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## Audience Overview

- Approximately 250 people will participate in the conference
- 85% are high school students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade (14-18 yrs old); 15% are teachers
- From biology classes, environmental science classes, environmental clubs, etc.
- School diversity – urban and rural, small and large schools, socio-economic diversity
- Teachers can bring up to 8 students who possess environmental interest and leadership skills

## Use of Funds

Donations are used for nearly every aspect of holding this conference:

- Site fees – main hall, breakout rooms, exhibit hall, green power offset
- Lunch and refreshments for participants
- Substitute teacher reimbursement – without this, some teachers are unable to bring students
- Travel reimbursement for schools – some groups receive no support from their districts
- Services and supplies – printing and mailing conference materials, office supplies

## Benefits to You

- Investing in the creation of lifelong learners capable of understanding complex systems and their relationship to the environment, communities, and the economy
- Exposing students to natural resource career opportunities
- Building leaders who can think critically and respond to today's problem-solving needs
- Promoting responsible natural resource management involving informed and active citizens

## Sponsorship Levels

- **GOLD Level** – \$2,000 and above
- **SILVER Level** – \$500 - \$1,999
- **BRONZE Level** – up to \$499

*"I had a great day here and learned so much about the environment."*

*~ 2008 student participant*

## Other Ways to Help

Non-financial contributions are important and welcome. Consider:

- Donating a door prize to be given to participants at the close of the conference
- Contributing in-kind donations
- Volunteering for the day of the conference
- Promoting the conference in your publications, emails, on your web site, etc.

Sponsors who commit to supporting the conference by August 1, 2009 will have their name and/or logo printed in the conference registration packet. Sponsor names will also be listed on the website and printed in the conference program.

**More Information:** [www.uwsp.edu/wcee/youthconference](http://www.uwsp.edu/wcee/youthconference)

**Questions:** Jeremy Solin, [jsolin@uwsp.edu](mailto:jsolin@uwsp.edu), 715-346-4907

# High School Conference on the Environment Sponsorship Form

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (day): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of my/our gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund:** Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment

Check enclosed (*please make payable to UWSP FOUNDATION*) and completed form included.

Donate online using a credit card or paying by check: [www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation).  
Navigate to "Give Now" at the bottom of the page. Indicate that your gift be used for the "High School Conference on the Environment" or enter Online Code *09CNREC*.

Call the Foundation at 800-858-5267 or 715-346-3812 if you would like to donate using a credit card. Please indicate that your gift be used for the "High School Conference on the Environment"

*Donations are tax deductible through the UWSP Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to the extent allowed by law. You will receive a receipt from the UWSP Foundation. Your donation will be entered into the High School Conference on the Environment account.*

**Mail this form to:**

UWSP Foundation, 2100 Main St Suite 212, Stevens Point, WI 54481

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**Thank you! This event would not be possible without donations from our generous supporters!**

# Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment Donation Form

PLEASE NOTE: Non-cash contributions to the conference are important and welcome.

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (day): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Yes, we would like to donate a door prize or other in-kind donation!*

Door prizes will be given to students at the end of the conference. Other in-kind donations may include pencils, notepads, or other materials/resources related to the conference theme.

Enclosed is:

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### *Yes, we would like to volunteer!*

Name of person who can assist on the day of the conference:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Jeremy Solin, 800 Reserve St, Room 110 TNR, Stevens Point, WI 54481

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