



## 2009 Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment

# CALL for Student Presenters!

## **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**

We are seeking students to present about forestry projects they have conducted. Projects can be part of class work, independent research, or club activities. Forestry projects include experiments, research, and community action plans. The goal is to showcase to other students around the state the various types of projects that are being done.

The Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment is an annual event held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The [Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/) has been coordinating this event for 18 years to provide 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.

This year's conference offers students and teachers an opportunity to learn how to make a difference. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of issues in Wisconsin regarding our forest resources and with knowledge of what they can do to make a difference. Participants will visit with forest resource management professionals and discover what other high school and university students are doing at their schools to address challenges of invasive species, climate change, and land-use related to Wisconsin's forests.

**Proposals are due Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

You can find information and a presentation proposal form at:  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/youthconference/index.htm> . Click on Presenters.

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# Student Presenter Details

## Goal of the Day

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 personal, class, and community action plans to help sustain Wisconsin's forests.

## Audience Overview

- Approximately 250 people will participate in the conference
- 85% of participants will be high school students in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade (14-18 yrs old)
- 15% will be high school teachers
- Sessions will have 20-30 participants
- Participants are from all parts of Wisconsin – urban and rural, small and large schools, socio-economic diversity

## Presentation Overview

- Three student groups from different schools will present during one concurrent session time
- During a session, each of the 3 student groups will have 10 minutes to present with 2-3 additional minutes for questions
- Students can present individually or in groups of up to four
- A moderator will introduce student groups and transition from one group to the next
- Student presentations can utilize PowerPoint but **we will not** be providing projection equipment or computers.

## Presentation Guidelines

- Student presentations should include:
  - Introduction of students, name of school, city
  - Descriptive title of forest project
  - Location of the forest project
  - Dates of the forest project
  - Description of forest project
  - Outline of project steps
  - Results of project
  - What was done with the results
  - What was learned from the project

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## Student Presentation Proposal Form

**Teachers:** If you would like to have students present but will not know student names or presentation details until fall, please return this form by June 17, 2009 with a presentation title and general description of the research that will be presented. Student names and presentation descriptions can be submitted by September 30, 2009.

**Presentation Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Description:** Write a short (80 words or fewer) description of your presentation. This text will be used in conference registration materials.

**School name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of presenter(s) – maximum of 4:**

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**Name of teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Teacher phone number (day):** \_\_\_\_\_

**AV equipment needed (check all that apply)**

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