

Forest Guild 2011 Lake States Regional Meeting

Wisconsin Badger Camp, Prairie du Chien
September 23-24, 2011

Agenda

Friday, September 23

1:00pm Welcome and Introduction

Mike DeBonis, Forest Guild Executive Director

1:30 – 4:30 pm Discussion Sessions

- **The Ecological History of Southwest Wisconsin and The Driftless Area**
Bob Wernerehl, UW-Madison
- **Management of Forest Communities for Birds and Cerulean Warbler Study**
Jon Stravers / Mike Mossman, WDNR
- **Aesthetics and Forest Management in The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (LWSR)**
Mark Cupp,,Executive Director, Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board
- **Stand Relative Density as A Cross Disciplinary Management Tool: Rule thinning**
Dr. Robert Rodgers, Professor Emeritus UW-Stevens Point

5:00 pm Dinner and speaker

Leopold in the Driftless: Soils, Waters, Forests, Wildlife, Agriculture, and the Land Ethic
Curt Meine - conservation historian and Aldo Leopold biographer

7:00 pm Campfire

Saturday, September 24

Field Visits 8:30 to 4:30

Stop 1: A tour of Badger Camp forests & savannas

The tour will explore the forest management history, savannah remnants, and rare species of the camp. Discussions will focus on integrating habitat restoration and wildlife with timber growth, as well as regenerating early successional species vs. managing toward later successional communities.

Stop 2: Hallock Demonstration Forest

The tour will explore Oak silviculture and ecology: Discussions will focus on relative density as a cross disciplinary management tool.

Stop 3: Millville late successional forests

The tour will explore Millville's late successional, sugar maple dominated forests. Discussions will focus on prescribed burning as a management tool and breeding bird surveys and management.

4:30: Return to Camp

Meals

Friday dinner, Saturday coffee and pastries, and Saturday box lunch are included in the registration fee.

Facilities and Lodging

Camping and lodging will be available at Wisconsin Badger Camp's Sunshine Lodge for \$5/per person (Friday night).

The Sunshine Lodge provides an "open" setting with separate dorms for men and women. The lodge provides beds, bathrooms, and showers. Guests are required to provide their own bedding (sleeping bags, pillows, etc).

Alternate lodging options located near the camp:

Bridgeport Inn \$64/night

37502 US Hwy 18 South, Prairie du Chien, WI
(608) 326-6082
bridgeportinn.com

Best Western \$86/night

37268 US Hwy 18 South, Prairie du Chien, WI
(608) 326-4777
Bestwestern.com

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