



2009 Calendar of Events at the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

January



17 & 18 Timber Wolf - Winter Tracking & Ecology

9 am Saturday to noon Sunday. *Timber Wolf Information Network* discusses wolf ecology, population biology, management issues, and field study techniques, including winter tracking in the field. \$75 fee includes instruction materials, two meals, dorm lodging, and field trip into wolf territory. BYO Saturday lunch and refreshments. Register by January 9. Limit 25 people. *Repeated February 14 - 15.*

31 Winter Mammal Tracking Clinic

9 am - 3 pm. Learn to identify winter animal tracks. Grab a pair of snowshoes and follow their trails through the snow. \$15 fee; snowshoes provided. BYO lunch and refreshments. Register by January 23. Limit 20 people.

February

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21 Porcupine Ecology on Snowshoes

9 am - 2 pm. Join staff as they conduct porcupine ecology research at Sandhill. Search for sign and check live-traps. We provide the snowshoes, coffee and hot chocolate. You provide lunch and \$15 registration fee. Register by February 13. Limit 20 people.



March

7 & 8 Snowshoe Weaving

9 am Saturday - 3 pm Sunday. Snowshoeing is more popular than ever, so join the craze and weave your own traditional snowshoes. The functional beauty resulting from your handiwork will amaze you! \$175 fee includes kit (wooden frame, lacing), bindings, instruction, Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast, and dorm. Contact us for information about snowshoe styles. Register by February 20. Limit 15 people.

April

4 & 5 Wilderness First Aid Basics - Plus

Taught by Rod Erickson, M.D. Sandhill is offering the American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Basics course, focusing on major back country emergencies, with additional training on the management of minor, but more common medical problems encountered outdoors. This is an intensive 18 hour, two day course. CPR is recommended, but not required. Those successfully completing the course will be certified in Wilderness First Aid Basics by the American Red Cross. \$90 course fee includes: Wilderness First Aid Basics workbook, *Wilderness First Aid Mountaineering*, "When Help is Delayed" handbook, patch for those who successfully complete the course, supper and breakfast. Additional dorm fee, see **Dorm Use**, BYO lunches. Limit 20 people; register by March 25.

April (continued)

25 Friends of Sandhill Open House Day!

10 am to 2 pm. Join volunteers of Friends of Sandhill for a day of family fun exploring nature's secrets on Sandhill. Something for everyone!



May

2 Dutch Oven Cooking

10 am - 3 pm. Great food makes any outdoor experience better! Join Laura Huber and practice techniques for successful outdoor meals. This workshop specializes in the use of Dutch ovens. Participants eat what they cook! \$25 fee includes meal and refreshments. Register by April 24. Limit 25 people.

9 & 10 Orienteering--Fun with Compass & Map

8:30 am - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 2 pm Sunday. Learn how to navigate in the out-of-doors with compass and map. A must for hunters, hikers and backpackers. Learn how to use detailed maps & compasses. Navigate through several compass courses, including a cross-country exercise of several miles! BYO own lunches. Fee \$35. Additional fee for Dorm Stay, see **Dorm Use**. Register by April 29.

16 Calling all Frogs!

6:00 pm - 11 pm. Learn about Wisconsin's marshland frogs & toads in a discussion of frog ecology and status. Join herpetologist Dan Nedrelo on a night-time "frogging" adventure, searching for and identifying frogs in their marshland boudoirs. \$20 fee. BYO meal & refreshments. Hip-boots required, and available on request. Register by May 8. Limit 25 people.

June

13 Turtle Tagging!

5:30 to 10:00 pm. Join Sandhill Wildlife Area staff biologists in research surveys of nesting female turtles. Aid them in collecting biological information by marking snapping turtles, painted turtles and Blanding's turtles. \$15 fee; register by June 5. Limited to 10 people, ages 12 and up. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Special Public Deer Hunt Within Sandhill

The decision to hold public hunts within Sandhill are based on the deer density during that particular year. To see if Sandhill will be having one this year, please call the Sandhill Wildlife Biologist at 715-884-6331 after July 1st.



Please Visit us at Sandhill Wildlife Area!
<http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/reclands/sandhill/>

September

12 Wild Plants: Food, Medicine, Survival

Take a walk on the wild side! Join plant expert and survivalist Jason Faunce and learn traditional uses for common plants. Wear comfortable walking clothes and shoes for outdoors. BYO lunch. \$20 registration fee. Limit 15 people; register by September 4.

19 & 20 Trapper Education Workshop

9 am - 2 pm. Ages 12 and up. Required by law for first-time trappers, this 2-day course provides hands-on learning about humane and efficient manners of trapping. Learn to select, care for and set traps, prepare pelts. Co-sponsored with the *Wisconsin Trappers Association*. BYO Saturday lunch. \$25 fee includes 3 meals, dorm stay and manual. Register by September 9. Limit 25 people.

October

3 & 4 Morning on the Marsh

2 pm Saturday - 11 am Sunday. Camp on rim of Gallagher Marsh and witness the spectacular migration of over 5,000 cranes. Listen to marsh music as birds fly across the sunset and across the dawn sky. Plenty of ducks, geese and bald eagles too! BYO camping gear. \$35 fee includes 2 meals, guide and plenty of entertainment! Register by September 23. Limit 20 people.

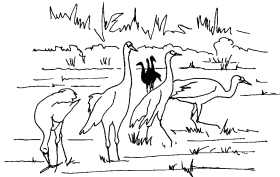
17 & 18 Advanced Outdoor Photography

10:00 am Saturday - 2 pm Sunday. Capture the autumn migration on film or digital during this advanced clinic for camera buffs. Learn various wildlife and outdoor photography techniques and other skills from expert Doug Alft. BYO lunch, & photo equipment. \$65 fee includes 2 meals and refreshments. Fee for dorm stay, see **Dorm Use**. Register by October 7. Limit 20 people.



24 Crane-watch Magic

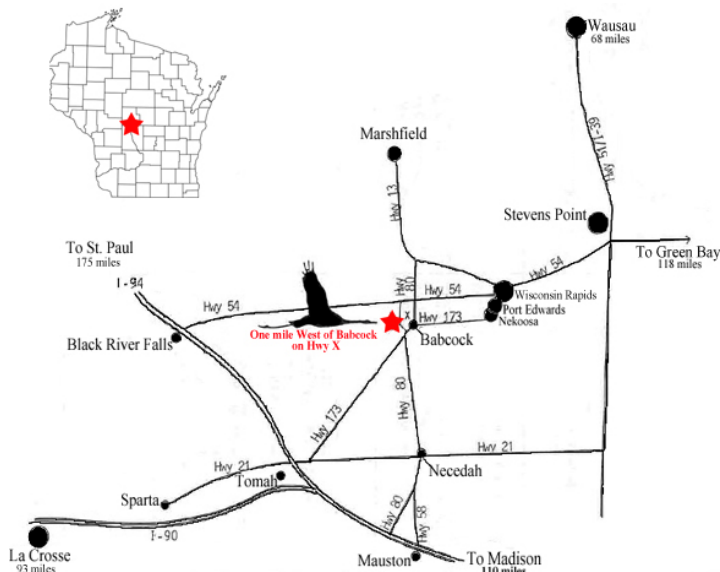
3 pm - dark. Experience the flight of 6,000 cranes as they return to the Gallagher Marsh after a day of feeding in surrounding fields. Dress warm in neutral colors (camouflage preferred). Rain or shine (the birds will be there). Scopes, binoculars and cameras welcomed. Register by October 16, \$15 fee. Limit 25 people.



December

5 Volunteer Carnivore Training & Refresher Clinic

9 am to 2:30 pm. Sponsored by the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources' Wolf Project, this training clinic is mandatory for persons seriously interested in contributing volunteer time (3 X's per winter) assisting the DNR in their census of wolves and other Wisconsin carnivores. Other workshops exist if you are curious about wolves (see January 17/18 and February 14/15, above), but are not serious about this *commitment* in time. A recommended pre-requisite for those who are serious about helping in census work is the *Wolf Ecology* workshops sponsored by TWIN (see January 17/18 and February 14/15 above; at Beaver Creek Reserve; and Treehaven each winter), and TWA's annual event held in August. Fee: \$15.00. Register by November 25. Limit: 35 people.



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Workshop Registration & Dorm Use Policy

To register for a workshop, send:

1. Workshop name and date
2. Name, street address, daytime phone and e-mail of all persons registering.
3. Check or money order in the amount listed made out to **DNR-Skills Center - we do not accept credit cards.**

Dorm Use

You may reserve a space in the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center dormitory for the evening before, and/or following any of the workshops by sending :

1. Name, sex, age and relationship(s) of each individual
2. Day and date dorm lodging is requested
3. A donation of \$15 per person, per night is appreciated.

You must supply a sleeping bag, pillow, and personal gear. We supply a bunk bed in one of eight, 4-person rooms, and shower-equipped bathrooms. Registration is based on receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis.

How To Register

Tabulate registration fee(s) and dorm lodging donation, and make check out to: **DNR-Skills Center**. Provide necessary information on workshop, participants, and lodging requests. Mail to: Sandhill DNR, Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413.

Cancellation Policy

No refunds for cancellations 5 working days before the event. Registration is based on receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons sending in registrations after the clinic/workshop is filled will have their checks returned. For more information consult our website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/reclands/sandhill/> or contact: 715-884-6333, Richard.Thiel@Wisconsin.gov or 715-884-6335, Britt.Searles@Wisconsin.gov.

Learn to Hunt Deer "Hunt/Workshops"

Applications will be available at all DNR Service Centers and Regional Headquarters in early-March and must be post marked by May 31. All participants, **including beginner adults**, must be enrolled or have completed a Hunter Safety course. The hunt will be on Saturday and Sunday, tentatively November 7 and 8. **Previous participants are ineligible.**

YOUTH WORKSHOPS* - August:

Thursday, August 20 Saturday, August 22 Monday, August 24
Wednesday, August 26 Saturday, August 29

*Youth must be less than 16 years old on the dates of the hunt, November 7th and 8th. Workshops are one-day 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Fee: \$40. BYO lunch. We will provide refreshments.

BEGINNER ADULT WORKSHOP* - September 26

*Applicants must sign an affidavit indicating they have never hunted deer with a gun before. Age 16 + eligible. Fee: \$40. BYO lunch and refreshments.



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