

Notice is hereby given that the
2023 Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Annual Convention
 will convene
Thursday, May 11 - Saturday, May 13, 2023
 at the
Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel
1 North Main Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901



Shaded events are specifically designed for YCC delegates and their mentors, but all WCC delegates are encouraged to attend and interact with YCC delegates during their socials.

Thursday, May 11, 2023

(Please note: times are approximate)

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00 pm	Registration, raffle, merchandise, and exhibits	South Concourse
2:30 pm	WCC District Leadership Council Meeting <i>(see DLC agenda)</i>	Paul L
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own	Explore Oshkosh
6:00-7:30 pm	Option #1: Pier fishing near the hotel Bring your own pole or borrow a pole. Fish with WCC delegates.	Outside of hotel, Fox River
6:00-7:30 pm	Option #2: Field Trip to M Toxins Venom Lab Learn about snake ecology, and venom extraction.	Meet at 6:00 near registration table. Carpool to 717 Oregon St, Oshkosh, WI 54902
7:00- 12:00 am	Hospitality Room —Hosted by D11 (must be 21 to attend)	Athearn AB
8:30-10:00 pm	Youth delegate social —Group activities, fly tying, YCC planning, snacks will be provided	Lake Poygan

Friday, May 12, 2023

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6:00-8:45 am	Breakfast buffet	North Half
6:30 am-5:00 pm	Registration, raffle, merchandise, and exhibits	South Concourse
7:00 am	New Delegate & YCC Breakfast with leadership and WCC training and information	Thistle
CONVENE THE FULL DELEGATION OF THE WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS		
9:00 am	Call to order •DNR Color Guard	South Half

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Pledge of Allegiance ▪Land Acknowledgement ▪Roll call of counties ▪Adoption of the rules of order ▪Agenda approval or repair ▪Memorial resolutions 	
9:30 am	Chair's address to the 2023 delegation <i>Rob Bohmann, Chair</i>	
9:45 am	Natural Resources Board Chair's comments <i>William Smith, NRB Chair</i>	
10:05 am	DNR Secretary's comments <i>Adam Payne, DNR Secretary</i>	
10:30 am	Wildlife Management Update and Spring Hearing Questions <i>Eric Lobner, Wildlife Bureau Director and Scott Karel, Wildlife Rules Coordinator</i>	
10:50 am	Fisheries Management Spring Hearing Questions <i>Justine Hasz, Fisheries Bureau Director and Meredith Penthorn, Fisheries Rules Coordinator</i>	
11:20 am	Office of Applied Science: Fish production responses to a whole-lake addition of coarse woody habitat in a northern Wisconsin Lake <i>Greg Sass, OAS Fisheries Research Team Leader</i>	
11:50 am	2023-2024 District Leadership Council Election	
12:00-1:00 pm	LUNCH BUFFET	NORTH HALF
1:00 – 4:00 pm	YCC Field Trip - Learn about Lake Winnebago, fish populations, electro shocking demonstration, and sturgeon biology.	Meet at 1:00 near registration table. Carpool to Asylum Bay Rough Fish Station, 3395 Sherman Rd, Winnebago, WI 54985
1:00 pm	Announcement of the 2023-2024 WCC District Leadership Council	South Half
1:02 pm	Governor Evers video address to the WCC	
1:10 pm	Division of Public Safety and Resource Protection: program update <i>Casey Krueger, Chief Warden</i>	
1:30 pm	Forestry: program update <i>Ryan Severson, District Forestry Leader</i>	
1:50 pm	WCC Spring Hearing Questions <i>Rob Bohmann, Chair</i>	
3:00 pm	<i>Working Collaboratively to Shape the Future</i> <i>Terri Roehrig, Vice-Chair & Kari Lee-Zimmermann, WCC Liaison</i>	
3:25 pm	Resolution Review Process Update & Code of Procedures Changes (pending DLC action on 05/11/23) <i>Terri Roehrig, Spring Hearing Process Improvement Committee Chair</i>	
4:00 pm	Friends of WCC award MOHEE travel grant money <i>Rob Bohmann, Friends of WCC</i>	
4:00-6:00 pm	YCC free time — Join WCC delegates at the annual convention or enjoy fishing, swimming, or relaxing.	

4:10 pm	Learn to Hunt Bear tag recipient announcement <i>Mike Rogers, Bear Committee Chair</i>	
4:20 pm	Presentation of Years of Service Awards <i>Rob Bohmann, Chair</i>	
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6:30 pm	WCC AWARDS BANQUET	NORTH HALF
	<p><i>Presentation of Awards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reed Kabelowsky, 2022 David A Ladd Delegate of the Year</i> • <i>Lower Chippewa River Alliance, 2022 Local Conservation Org. of the Year</i> • <i>Lakeshore Trout Unlimited, 2022 Statewide Conservation Org. of the Year</i> • <i>Brandon Smith, Department of Natural Resources Outstanding Professional</i> • <i>Adam Foehringer, Department of Natural Resources Outstanding Professional</i> • <i>Darren Ladwig, Department of Natural Resources Outstanding Professional</i> • <i>Paul Cunningham, Department of Natural Resources Outstanding Professional</i> • <i>Bob Jumbeck, 2022 Waterfowl Officer of the Year</i> • <i>WCC Hall of Fame Inductee: Bob Ellingson, Sr.</i> <p>Raffle winners announced</p>	
Following banquet- 10:00 pm	Youth delegate social—Hands on activities and trivia	Lake Poygan
9:00 pm – 12:00 am	Hospitality Room—Hosted by D11 (must be 21 to attend)	Athearn AB

Saturday, May 13, 2023

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6:00-8:45 am	Breakfast buffet	Athearn Ballroom
8:30 am	WCC 2023-2024 District Councilors convene to conduct elections for 2023-2024 Executive Committee	South Half
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9:00 am	Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call of counties • Pledge of Allegiance • Announcement of the 2023-2024 WCC Executive Committee 	South Half
9:15 am	Rules & Resolutions Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 resolution committee assignments <i>Kevin Smaby, Rules & Resolutions Committee Chair</i>	
9:45 am	Spring Hearing & Open House Pilot Project Recap and Next Steps <i>Kari Lee-Zimmermann, WCC Liaison & Terri Roehrig, Vice-Chair</i>	
10:15 am	Other business (county issues/ discussion)	
~11:00 am	Adjourn	