

WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS

2006 WISCONSIN STATE WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS ANNUAL 3-DAY EVENT

The Wisconsin State Women In The Outdoors chapter hosted another successful 3-day event. Over 115 women attended the ninth annual Women In The Outdoors event, held August 25th-27th at Camp Minikani near Hubertus, Wisconsin.

There were a lot of familiar faces and old friends in the crowd, and many brought along someone new this year! All combinations of friends and family were represented- mother-daughters, sisters, aunts and nieces, co-workers, and neighbors. This event offered them a chance to learn new skills, or polish up on old ones, while receiving cheers and encouragement along the way.

Participants began arriving at camp Friday afternoon, where they picked up their registration packets and headed off to their cabins to relax and get acquainted with the campground and cabin mates. After an evening dinner and a few announcements, everyone was entertained by a fashion show that consisted of the participants breaking up into teams. They each received the same bag of materials and each team had to create an outdoor outfit from the materials in the bag. Each team then selected a model and a spokesperson from their team and they each walked to the music, with the spokesperson describing the outfit and giving a short bio on the model. The rest of the evening was spent at the campfire, or trying out some 3-D laser shooting on the unit operated by the DNR.

Saturday morning brought everyone together for a hearty breakfast, followed by two 3-hour sessions of courses, morning and afternoon. A fortifying lunch was served in between. Courses offered this year included canoeing, dream catcher creating, deer hunting & tracking, fly tying, GPS navigation, horseback riding, low ropes, women's

awareness training, river fishing, taxidermy/pheasant wreath creating, trapshooting, waterfowl hunting, wilderness first aid, archery, fly fishing, muzzleloading, outdoor cooking, stick to staff, hiking, wood carving, backpacking, basic chainsaw operation, frisbee golf, high ropes, kayaking, turkey hunting, bow hunter's challenge, handgun shooting, making a wingbone call and a Lewis Shoot. Many participants took advantage of the marksmanship trap shooting, pistol/handgun classes offered down the road at the Daniel Boone Conservation Club. Ladies were excited to show off the dream ctachers, pheasant wreaths, wingbones, flies that they tied and the ornaments they carved and told stories of the clay pigeons they broke and the fish that were released.

Before dinner, the ladies had some free time which was used to learn how to back up a trailer, camo face painting, fish printing or doing a photo album craft. Ladies took advantage of the pool and cooled off with a quick swim. The Outdoor Cooking class had lots of leftovers which served as the best kind of camp hors d'oeuvres!

The day's events concluded with handing out the bountiful supply of prizes to the raffle winners and the successful bidders on the Live and Silent Auction. The Auctioneer tapped the competitive spirit spirit of the crowd and helped raise over \$1800 on the live auction.

Plans for next year's event are already underway and it will be held August 24-26 at Camp Minikani.

The people who helped put this event together were: Linda Hinz (Baraboo), Patti Bissen-Taylor (Brussels), Deb Welsh (Prairie du Sac), Rhonda Lehman (North Freedom), Cindy Way (Mt. Horeb), Coleen Skaife (Prairie du Chien), Jean Sylla (Black River), Tracy Neuburg (Hartfoird), Linda Imler (Neillsville), Jan Boettcher (Sauk City),

Deb Weisen(Germantown), and Diane Shelhamer (Hartford), along with Karyl Utke (Tomah), WITO Regional Coordinator for the NWTF. They should all be commended for their hard work, enthusiasm and desire to pass on their love for the outdoors to other women.

A very special thank you to Brigid O'Donoghue from the United Special Sportsman Alliance for attending our event on Friday as our guest speaker. Brigid gave a very heartfelt presentation about the USSA which is a non-profit organization which fulfills the dream wishes of the terminally ill and disabled children by sending them on outdoor dream adventures of a lifetime.

Last but not least, a very special thank you is also extended to the group of instructors who donated their time, skills and knowledge. They came from all over the state to volunteer their time! Without them, this event would not have been possible. Dan Fredrick, Beau Glaser, Mike Hazen, Jim Hemmy, Julie Bigler, Jim Hoefler, Chris Hoefler, Linda Imler, Greg "Kaz" Kazmerski, Dave King, Denise Leifer, Jackie Lindow, Larry Meicher and staff, Steve Merson, Joe Okla, Rob Olson, Mike Skaife, Tim Taylor, Terry Welsh, Pat Sylla, Linda Hinz and the Camp Minikani staff. We would also like to thank John Pluenke of the WIDNR for setting up and letting us use the laser shot machine and to Ken Ruspokf of Germantown who was our auctioneer.



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The mission of our program is to provide outdoor learning opportunities for women that are exciting and hands on. If you have any questions or would like help planning an event in your area please contact me: Karyl Utke at 608-374-2774 or e-mail at trib-ute@mwt.net.

Listed below are the current Wisconsin events scheduled for 2004:

April 17-18, 2004 at the Deer Creek Sportsmen Club, Verona

Hosted by Belleville High Flyers
Contact: Julie Bigler at 608-424-3759

May 8, 2004 at the Watertown Conservation Club, Watertown

Hosted by Jefferson County Displayers
Contact: Diane Knaatz at 920-262-3002

May 15, 2004 at the Wausau School Forest, Mosinee

Hosted by Marshfield Area Gobbler and Tri-City Longbeard Chapters
Contact: Diana Hayes at 715-255-8656

June 5, 2004 at the Gehrig Farm, Janesville
Hosted by the Blackhawk Tom's chapter
Contact: Spring Duffey at 608-373-0958

June 12, 2004 at JR's Grill, Big Falls

Hosted by the Little Wolf Chapter
Contact: Diane Krueger at 715-754-5234

June 13, 2004 at the Honey Creek Rod & Gun Club, North Freedom

Hosted by Glacier Valley Gobblers
Contact: Deb Welsh at 608-643-3593

June 26, 2004 at the Hermitage Club, Elkhart Lake

Hosted by Northern Kettles Chapter
Contact: Nadine Neuhaus at 920-894-4715

July 17, 2004 at the Wausau Skeet & Trap Club, Brokaw

Hosted by Timber Country Cutters Chapter
Contact: Andrea Krzanowski at 715-693-0744



July 24, 2004 at the Black Ash Rod & Gun Club

Hosted by Kewaunee County Women in the Outdoors
Contact: Sallie Markquardt at 920-487-5102

July 24, 2004 at the Columbus Sportsmen Club, Columbus

Hosted by Dodge County Chapter
Contact: Noreane Ziegel at 920-927-5477

July 31, 2004 at Wisconsin Sportsmen Association, Union Grove

Hosted by Root River Longbeards Chapter
Contact: Kim Kirkpatrick at 414-766-1644

August 7, 2004 at the Mekan River Discovery Center, Wautoma

Hosted by the Waushara Gobblers Chapter
Contact: Mary Pat Thompson at 920-787-2026

August 7, 2004 at the Century Trout Farm, Oregon

Hosted by Southern Dane Chapter
Contact: Lori Hackett at 608-835-2828

August 13-14, 2004 at the Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club

Hosted by Indianhead Area Chapter
Contact: Kay Tyree at 920-720-9226

August 21, 2004 at Holmen Rod & Gun Club

Hosted by BT Strutters Chapter
Contact: Sandy Heidel at 608-781-7620

August 27-29, 2004 at the Living Waters Bible Camp, Westby

Hosted by Wisconsin State Chapter
Contact: Linda Hinz at 608-356-8958

September 25, 2004 at Bethel Horizons, Dodgeville

Hosted by Southwest Wisconsin Longbeards
Contact: Michelle Helin at 608-935-9709

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