



# WISCONSIN WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2017 Annual Meeting September 21-24, 2017 Lakewoods Resort, Cable

*The Northwoods welcomes WWOA members for a beautiful fall weekend celebrating WWOA's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Lakewoods Resort near Cable in Bayfield County will host our weekend of fun tours, educational speakers, engaging exhibitors, and historic field day visit to neighboring Forest Lodge. Won't you join us—a variety of registration options are available.*



## **Conference Resort...Lakewoods Resort on beautiful Lake Namekagon near Cable...**

is offering a special rate for WWOA members. Contact your favorite member or couple to share a condominium or make new friends by sharing with someone you haven't met yet, at a rate of **\$85 per condo bedroom per night** plus tax. Make your lodging reservations now by calling Heidi at 800-255-5937 or 715-794-2561. The special rates expire on **August 21, 2017**. Also call these resort numbers to reserve your golf tee time or boat rental. If you have special needs, contact the WWOA office at 715-346-4798 prior to booking your room. Remember to specify that you are with **WWOA** to receive the discounted rate. Check in time is 4 pm. Each room has a coffee maker, refrigerator, iron and Wi-Fi. Resort is on the lake, has a restaurant and bar, indoor pool, 18-hole golf course, boat rentals, tennis courts and fire pit area. Visit [lakewoodsresort.com](http://lakewoodsresort.com).

**Conference Overview...** On Thursday, join our paddler's adventure on the Namekagon River or tour historical Madeline Island in Lake Superior. Enjoy Sharing Experiences presentations in the evening. Friday presents opportunities to tour Louisiana-Pacific Corporation's mill, Bayfield County forests, the Lac Courte Oreille Ojibwa tribal lands, or Copper Falls State Park but that isn't all...browse the tour descriptions on the next page. Friday evening Ojibwa singers and dancers will share their culture. Saturday morning's keynote speaker, Ben Popp of the American Birkebeiner Foundation will discuss the unique partnerships that benefit the region. WWOA's 38<sup>th</sup> year Annual Business Meeting agenda highlights our accomplishments. Saturday afternoon has a variety of breakout sessions to suit everyone's interests. Celebrate WWOA and Wisconsin Tree Farm award winners at our banquet dinner. Sunday morning take a short shuttle ride to historic Forest Lodge for a special day.

## ***Important Reminders...***

### **DEADLINES:**

AUGUST 21—Special WWOA lodging rates end  
POSTMARKED by AUGUST 26—

Early Annual Meeting Registration rates end

T-shirt orders due for meeting pick up

WWOA Photo Contest entries due

*Receive a discount by registering for the full meeting or weekend packages!*

- You will receive a confirmation letter from WWOA with your activity schedule and additional details.
- Check [wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://wisconsinwoodlands.org) under What We Do, Annual Meeting for additional information, meeting agenda changes, or to determine if a tour has filled.
- Tours are filled on a first come, first serve basis and limited in size. Dress appropriately for field tours including footwear. Tours are held rain or shine.
- 1<sup>st</sup> time meeting attendees are invited to a reception on Friday evening with WWOA Board & Chapter Chairs.
- The Gift Shop, silent auction, annual fundraiser, and raffles help WWOA continue to provide you with quality educational programs. Bring cash or your checkbook to support WWOA and do your holiday shopping early!
- Special Resort rates for Thursday & Friday activities—Forest Ridges Golf Course rate \$35/pp includes cart; Boat rentals for \$75/day for 12' Alumicraft or \$125/day for 16' Starcraft fishing or \$180/day for 20' pontoon.
- WWOA staff at 715-346-4798 or [wwoa@uwsp.edu](mailto:wwoa@uwsp.edu) can answer your questions.

## Thursday, September 21 bus leaves from Lakewoods Resort Lodge

- 7:00 AM **Resort restaurant opens for breakfast**
- 8:00-10:30 AM & 4-7 PM **Meeting Registration in Lodge**
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **WWOA Board of Directors meeting in Lodge followed by a tree planting in Cable**
- 9:00 AM – 5:15 PM **Option A – Madeline Island Tour with lunch...** travel north to Lake Superior then board the ferry to the largest of the Apostle Islands, Madeline, for our guided tour. Enjoy lunch while learning about the natural features of Big Bay State Park followed by an optional hike. Tour the Madeline Island Museum to learn about the fur trading history of the island. Handicapped accessible.
- 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Option B – Namekagon Paddle Trip with lunch...** enjoy a fall day on the Namekagon River, a tributary of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Follow in the historic paddle strokes of Native Americans, fur traders and lumberjacks while enjoying the beautiful scenery. River route will be chosen based on water levels. Bring your own life jacket and canoe/kayak or contact us to rent.
- 7:00—8:30 PM **Members Sharing Experiences...** hear from WWOA members about how they are caring for their woodlands... **His and Hers - Lessons Learned about Forest Management, Bobbi & Rick Freitag, Birchwood; 2001—The Year of Our Tornado, Randy Schacht, South St. Paul; Finns in the Northwoods, Kent Makela, Maple; and Learning Forestry through Mistakes, Mike Fauerbach, Hurley.**

## Friday, September 22 buses leave from Lakewoods Resort Lodge

- 7:00 AM **Resort restaurant opens for breakfast**
- 7:15 AM–6:00 PM **Meeting Registration in Lodge**
- 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Tour 1 – Woods and Water Tour with lunch...** tour Louisiana Pacific Corporation’s Oriented Strand Board (OSB) mill in Hayward. Then get hooked on the view from the Muskie’s mouth or see the history of fishing lures at the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. After lunch, see a special horse logging demonstration in the old growth white pine at the Uhrenholdt Memorial Forest. Tour has ½ mile of mill walking and some stair cases. Handicapped accommodations available.
- 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Tour 2 – The Ojibwa Way—Then and Now Tour with lunch...** spend the day learning about the culture and history of the Lac Courte Oreille (LCO) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Tour the Kinnamon School museum, LCO forest lands and flowage, the St. Francis Solanus mission, and the LCO College campus. Tribal Council Member, Jason Schlender, will be our special tour guide. Handicapped accessible, however there are 5 disembarking stops on the tour.
- 8:45 AM – 3:15 PM **Tour 3 – Forest Regeneration Tour with lunch...** visit the Bayfield County forest to learn more about regenerating northern hardwoods. Discuss oak silviculture, how to regenerate oak stands, shelterwood harvests, and the impacts of deer browse. Spend the afternoon visiting the exhibits at the Cable Natural History Museum and enjoying a naturalist presentation or wander around the Town of Cable for a bit. Woods sites are not handicapped accessible, some off trail walking.
- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM **Tour 4 – Elk & Copper Falls State Park Tour with lunch...** venture into the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to learn about the WI DNR’s elk reintroduction program. Then beautiful scenery and unique geology of Copper Falls State Park creates the perfect picnic spot. Hear about these features and history of the park followed by the opportunity to take a guided hike ( 1.7 miles with lots of steps) around the falls or explore on your own (handicapped accessible ½ mile trail).
- 3:30 – 6:00 PM **Friends & Exhibitor Social...** enjoy our cash bar and light snacks while you meet your WWOA friends from across the state to share the day’s experiences. Visit our exhibitors to find the resources you need. Stop in the WWOA Gift Shop for our show specials and new items! Buy your Friday night raffle tickets or a few more Annual Fundraiser tickets. Keep up with the bids on our amazing Silent Auction items. Remember to bring cash or your checkbook.
- 4:30—5:00 PM **1<sup>st</sup> time Annual Meeting Attendees Reception...** New WWOA members and first-time Annual Meeting attendees are invited to a reception with WWOA Board of Directors and Chapter Chairs.
- 5:30 –6:15 PM **Special cultural experience** with Ojibwa singers, dancers, and drummer, a gift from the Marion Mycynek Memorial donations.
- 6:15 – 8:30 PM **Buffet Dinner, Friday Evening Raffle, and AmeriCorps Presentation...** Enjoy a casual evening of friends, food and fun—with a delicious buffet dinner followed by the Friday Evening Raffles. WWOA’s 2016-17 AmeriCorps member, Anastasia Wolf Flasch will share her WWOA experiences. Continue the fun around a bonfire—bring your musical instruments and voices!

**Saturday, September 23****Lakewoods Resort Lodge**

6:45-8:15 AM	<b>WVOA Board of Directors &amp; Chapter Chairs meeting</b>
7:00 AM	<b>Resort Restaurant opens for breakfast</b>
7:30 AM – 2:45 PM	<b>Meeting Registration</b> , Exhibits, Gift Shop, Annual Fundraiser & Raffle tickets, Silent Auction
8:30—9:00 AM	Door Prize Drawings followed by <b>Welcome</b> , <i>Bobbi Freitag, Northwest Chapter Chair</i>
9:00 – 10:00 AM	<b>Keynote: The Role of Trees in Outdoor Recreation</b> , <i>Ben Popp, American Birkebeiner Foundation</i> – The American Birkebeiner (Birkie) is the largest and one of the longest cross country ski races in North America. Racers ski from Cable to Hayward each February. Learn more about the unique partnerships between the American Birkebeiner trail and race, and the forests and forest owners adjacent to the trail. Together, outdoor recreational opportunities and sustainable forest management, create a variety of benefits for the local communities and NW region of Wisconsin.
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Break</b> – Refreshments, Exhibits, Gift Shop, Photo Contest, Silent Auction & Fundraiser Tickets
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>38<sup>th</sup> Year Annual Business Meeting</b> , <i>President Steven Ring</i> (agenda enclosed)
11:30 AM – 2:45 PM	<b>Landowner Café</b> – <i>food for thought and your woodlands... come and go as you please to learn more about a topic or get your questions answered by experts: <b>Managed Forest Law (MFL) Program</b>, Steve Edge, WI DNR Tax Law Team Leader; <b>Herbicides &amp; Invasives</b>, Dave Hall, WVOA member; and several others.</i>
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>Buffet Lunch</b> followed by Exhibits, Gift Shop, Photo Contest, Silent Auction & Fundraiser Tickets
1:00 - 2:15 PM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> , <i>no preregistration necessary, just attend the one of your choosing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Good Neighbor Authority</b>, <i>Paul Strong, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and Jeffrey Olsen, WI DNR, Division of Forestry</i> – Good Neighbor Authority, a provision of the 2014 Farm Bill, has given the US Forest Service and WI DNR an opportunity to work in partnership to accelerate the pace of restoration and management of national forest lands in Wisconsin. Early efforts have focused on desired silvicultural treatments of forests on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) with the benefit of increased levels of pulp and saw log products. Learn how this new program works, its benefits, and future direction.</li> <li>• <b>Update on status and management of the Wisconsin Wolf Population</b>, <i>Adrian P. Wydeven, Timber Wolf Alliance</i> – Learn about the latest wolf population information, and current status by state and federal government. Discussion will also include the biology and ecology of wolves and why they may be of value to woodland owners.</li> </ul>
2:15 – 2:45 PM	<b>Break</b> – Refreshments, Exhibits, Gift Shop, Photo Contest, Silent Auction & Fundraiser Tickets
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> , <i>no preregistration necessary, just attend the one of your choosing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Managing Hardwood in Northwest Wisconsin</b>, <i>Jeffrey G. Groeschl, Groeschl Forestry Consulting LLC. &amp; Jon Harris, Douglas County Forestry Department</i>— The evolution of understanding northern hardwood and their performance on the course glacial till soils common in northwest Wisconsin. Managers need to understand the true site characteristics, stand history, and species demands in management decisions both short and long term.</li> <li>• <b>Tax Implications of Conservation Easements</b>, <i>Geary Searfoss, Geary N. Searfoss CPA LLC. &amp; Board Member Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust</i> — Learn about conservation easements - what are they, how they are created, what is accomplished, costs, and tax savings/implications in choosing this method of land conservation.</li> </ul>
4:00 PM	<b>Winners pick up Silent Auction items</b>
4:30 – 6:00 PM	<b>Meet Your Neighbor Social</b> , gather to discuss the day's events, enjoy the cash bar, and purchase your raffle tickets before the evening's drawings
6:00 – 9:00 PM	<b>Banquet followed by Tree Farm and WVOA Awards</b> —Help us recognize Wisconsin's Outstanding Tree Farmers of 2017 and surprise selected WVOA members for their volunteer efforts.

**Sunday, September 24****Forest Lodge**

7:00 AM	<b>Resort restaurant opens</b> and check out of hotel
8:00 AM - 3:10 PM	<b>Shuttle buses run from Lakewoods Lodge to Forest Lodge</b>
8:45 – 9:00 AM	<b>Welcome by Northland College representative</b>
9:15 – 10:15 AM	<b>Time Period A</b>
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<b>Time Period B</b>
11:30 – 12:30 PM	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>
12:40 PM – 1:40 PM	<b>Time Period C</b>
1:55 PM – 2:55 PM	<b>Time Period D</b>



## Sunday Field Day...

*Registration includes shuttle buses, morning coffee, catered lunch, field day presentations and tours, handouts and activities. Shuttle buses will run between Lakewoods Resort Lodge and Forest Lodge during the field day starting at 8:00 am. Please leave your vehicle at Lakewoods Resort and take this short shuttle ride to help us preserve the historical and natural features of the Forest Lodge property.*

Nestled nearby in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is the preserved estate of a time gone by, called Forest Lodge. In the late 1800s the area was logged over and the site housed a logging camp. In 1902 a wealthy St. Paul, Minnesota businessman purchased an initial 100 acres for \$904 to serve as a country retreat for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

As the surrounding forests recovered and grew, so did the estate. In 1916, noted Twin Cities architects were hired to design and build a lodge, guest houses, out buildings, recreation areas and gardens on the property. They used native stone and natural crafted wood to create a classic, elegant, rustic-style Northwoods estate. Over time the family added acreage to the property as it became available. It eventually became the family summer home for three generations of the Livingston, Griggs and Burke families. During this time estate was partly self-sustaining including its own private-label dairy.

In 1998 and 1999, the family through the Trust for Public Land, donated Forest Lodge to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service assumed control of the estate in 2012 after Mary Griggs Burke's (Livingston's granddaughter) passing. In January 2017, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and Northland College signed a 60 year Historic Property Lease allowing Northland College to operate and maintain Forest Lodge estate. This lease is the first to be structured under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act. Northland College will develop, manage, and coordinate opportunities at the Lodge that connect people to place through education and the arts. They will also use Forest Lodge to foster policy dialogues that provide leadership on the environmental issues of our times.

Forest Lodge is an 872-acre estate with a 50-acre historical district of 15 buildings. It was added to the National Registry of Historical Places for its design in 2002. It includes more than two miles of undeveloped shoreline on Lake Namekagon. Lake Namekagon is the headwaters of the Namekagon River, part of the St. Croix National Scenic River. Four Special Management Areas have been designated for the property: the 50-acre historic district of the buildings and surrounding grounds; a botanical area of unique ecological plant communities in the mature mesic and dry-mesic forest which also encompasses the Forest Lodge Nature Trail, an outstanding example of a northern hardwood forest; an area of old growth hemlocks know as Fairyland Research Natural Area; and the extensive and undeveloped Lake Namekagon shoreline.

Sunday's field day will offer a variety of historical and natural resource based stations.

More information on the Sunday field day will be posted on the WWOA website as it becomes available.

Visit [wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://wisconsinwoodlands.org), What We Do, Annual Meeting for updates on the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Information on Sunday's schedule and station options will also be available when you arrive at the Annual Meeting.