

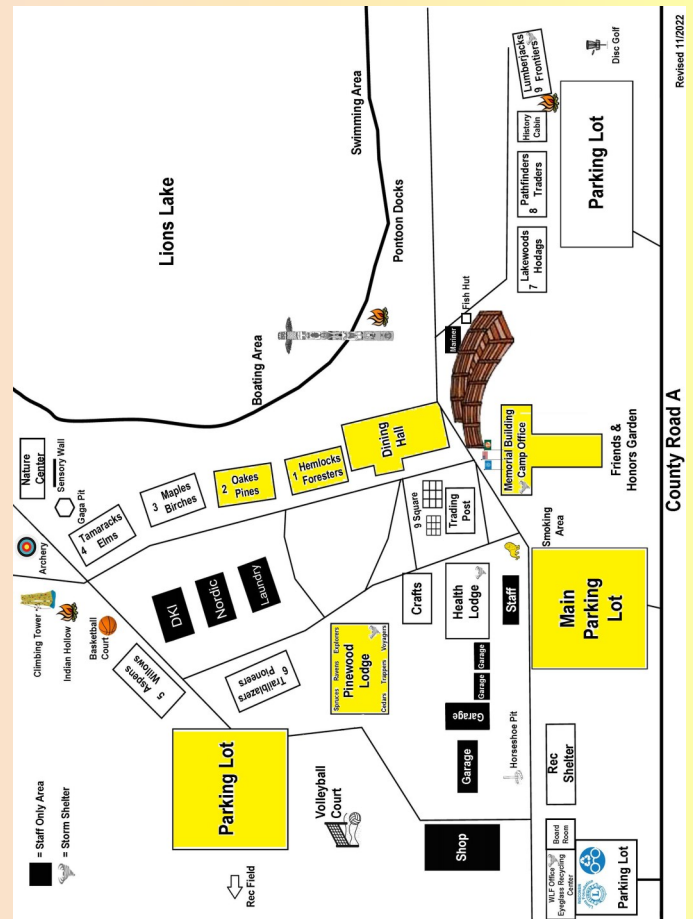
# Woodland Gathering

## Wisconsin Women's

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# Welcome

Weekend Schedule  
Session Options  
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Map



Revised 11/2022

### Friday

- 4:30 pm — Participant Registration & Check-in for Lodging
- 5:30 pm — Dinner and Welcome
- 7-9 pm — Dessert & Drinks & Show ‘n Tell

### Saturday

- 6:45- 7:30 am — Optional Sunrise Bird Walk
- 7:30am — Breakfast for Friday Overnights
- 8:30 am — Registration
- 9:00 am — Welcome Circle & Overview of day
- 10:00 am — “Welcome to the Forestry Community”
- 10:30 am — Break
- 11:00 am — Session 1 - Indoor or Field Session
- 11:45 am — Lunch
- 12:30 pm — Session 2 - Indoor or Field Session
- 1:15 pm — Break
- 1:45 pm — Session 3 - Indoor or Field Session
- 2:30-3:30 pm — Closing and Sharing Circle

### Session 1 (choose one)

- Developing a Wildlife Management Plan—Jamie Nack (indoor)
- Spring Foraging — Colleen Matula (field)
- Amazing Amphibians — Rebecca Christoffel (field)
- Forest Health Trifecta: Insects, Disease and Invasive Plants — Alex Feltmeyer & Mary Bartkowiak (field)

### Session 2 (choose one)

- Wisconsin’s Woodland Pollinators — Julia Weissing (indoor)
- Forest Health Trifecta: Insects, Disease and Invasive Plants — Alex Feltmeyer & Mary Bartkowiak (field)
- Watching for Wildlife — Rebecca Christoffel (field)
- Tree Identification — Nancy Bozek (field)

### Session 3 (choose one)

- The Art of Nature Looms — Häven Epstein (indoor/outdoor)
- Silviculture: Tools and Tidbits in Management — Colleen Matula (field)
- Engaging Kids Outdoors— Jamie Nack & Kris Tiles (field)
- Spring Ephemerals & Woodland Flora: Identification, Exploration, & Connection— Olivia Kovacs (field)

## Speaker Bios

**Alex Feltmeyer** is the Forest Health Specialist covering the Central Zone for WI DNR. She is located in Plover and provides diagnosis, monitoring and management of forest insects and diseases across State and private lands. She has an undergraduate in Urban Forestry from UWSP, Master's in Plant Pathology from the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities.

**Colleen Matula** grew up in the wilds of Michigan's Upper Peninsula which instilled a deep love for the Northwoods. After receiving a BS and MS in Natural Resources, she worked for the US Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest, for ten years and then retired after 22 years from the WDNR as a Forest Ecologist/Silviculturist. Here she helped develop many silviculture management guidelines and educated landowners and forestry professionals in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Minnesota.

**Häven Epstein** is the Volunteer Coordinator at the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association's (WVOA) serving through AmeriCorps. Häven has worked across the United States in wilderness trails management, public lands ecological monitoring, historic preservation, and dog mushing. Growing up in the Driftless Area inspired Häven to learn more about the intersection of conservation, education, and community engagement and, as such, holds a B.S in Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies from UW-Madison. You can connect with Häven at [volunteer.wwoa@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.wwoa@gmail.com).

**Jamie Nack** is a Senior Wildlife Outreach Specialist with the Division of Extension and the Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Her programming focuses on attracting and managing wildlife on private land, succession and estate planning for woodland owners, wildlife damage management, hunting and trapping awareness and conservation education, as well as programs about Wisconsin's wildlife resource for youth and adult audiences. Jamie has a B.S. degree in Wildlife and Biology from UW – Stevens Point and a M.S. degree in Wildlife Ecology from UW – Madison.

**Julia Wiessing** is a Wisconsin native that grew up running around in her families forested property. A recent graduate from UW-Madison, Julia works in the Crall Lab studying bumblebee behavior and novel ways to track insects.

**Mary Bartkowiak** is the Forest Invasive Plant Program Coordinator for WI DNR. Located in Rhinelander; program management and policy development for the statewide forest invasive plant program for the Division of Forestry. Bachelor of Science (Biology); Master of Science (Forestry/Biology) from UW-Stevens Point. You can reach Mary at 715-493-0920 or [Mary.Bartkowiak@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Mary.Bartkowiak@Wisconsin.gov)

**Nancy Bozek** is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association ([wisconsinwoodlands.org](http://wisconsinwoodlands.org)). WWOA's mission is to educate Wisconsin's private woodland owners about sustainably managing their natural resources. WWOA created a Women of WWOA group in 2014 and has successfully held Gatherings twice a year for women woodland owners. Our next event will be held on October 21 near Mauston – all women are welcome! Nancy has a B.S. degree in Forestry from UW-Stevens Point.

**Olivia Kovacs** works for UW-Madison Extension as a Natural Resources Educator, and is passionate about connecting people, resources, and the natural world. She has worked towards developing strategies of engaging and educating the public on environmental concepts, from her time working at environmental learning centers around the US and South American to working on Conservation Contracts with the Federal Government. She'd love to talk to you about what brings you outside and you can reach her at: [Olivia.kovacs@wisc.edu](mailto:Olivia.kovacs@wisc.edu)

**Rebecca Christoffel** founded Christoffel Conservation in 2015 and is co-director of Turtles for Tomorrow (<http://www.turtlesfortomorrow.org>), a small non-profit dedicated to the conservation and management of Wisconsin's rare amphibians and reptiles. Rebecca has always been fascinated by animals and has focused her work and outreach on unhuggables, i.e. amphibians, reptiles and bats. She can be reached at <http://www.christoffelconservation.com>, [rebecca.christoffel@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.christoffel@gmail.com) or 608-440-1138.