

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Chapter of SAF Summer 2010 Report

Inasmuch as members of the student chapter were scattered about the country over the summer on summer jobs, there were no formal meetings of the chapter. Below are some updates of developments that did occur over summer 2010 into the start of the Fall semester.

*Melinda Vokoun has been selected by the students to serve as co-advisor to the student chapter. This will allow Paul Doruska to concentrate more time on the Timbersports arm of the group.

*A membership drive is underway to boost national members of SAF within the student group. The student chapter is an official chapter of SAF – that sometimes gets lost amongst the students. At the same time, because we are a university group, meeting on campus, that does receive student government association funding, our meetings must be open to all who wish to attend, we cannot exclude individuals from attending if they are not national SAF members.

*The group is considering implementing a cost structure and/or restrictions on who can use/participate in events held under the name SAF. National members get full participation, non-national members might pay more or not be able to participate in SAF events for which funds were raised under the name of “SAF” or for which no student government association funding is used.

*Timbersports continues to gain momentum and is a membership draw. Conclave this year will be in Spring 2011 (a change from the past as driven by STIHL sponsorship) at Purdue, with UWSP hosting in Spring 2012. A more modern crosscut saw was recently obtained to aid in our ability to be competitive in sawing events. Fundraising activities, with the assistance of the Dean’s office, are underway to further expand our equipment base for timbersports.

*10-12 Students are planning to attend the National Convention in New Mexico, with 2 presenting a joint research poster.

*The student chapter website, <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/saf/>, was awarded 2nd place amongst all student websites. The website was revamped this past year and the efforts paid off.

*Planning is underway with the Mid-Wisconsin chapter for a joint meeting this Fall on campus – hopefully to tour the paper machine.

*Several students are signing up for mentors within the WI SAF mentor program. Linking them quickly to a mentor is suggested to maintain their interest in SAF.

Respectfully submitted,

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