



## Society of American Foresters

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# Wisconsin Society of American Foresters Training and Education Committee Report

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and,  
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### Science Olympiad:



Support of the 2012 Wisconsin Science Olympiad is well underway. The following websites are important sources of information <http://www.wisconsinso.org/> and <http://www.wisaf.org/olympiad.htm>. The current make-up of this branch of the WISAF Training and Education committee includes: Jeremy Solin, Director UWSP LEAF; Prof. John Duplissis UWSP Forestry Outreach Specialist; The Current WISAF State Chair; Jim Kerkman, Forester Fort McCoy; Prof. Charles Bomar UW-Stout; and Brian Spencer WDNR Forestry Staff Specialist. This is a national event with 47 states and nearly 6000 k-12 schools from across the country participating.

Kickoff started Saturday December 17, 2011, at the Boyceville, WI Invitational. There were approximately 50 teams in Division C (High School) and 18 teams in Division B (Middle School) Wisconsin Science Olympiad (WSO) Forestry Event Exams. In Division C: Moundview (Mn) C (1) took 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by Boyceville (WI) Purple (1) taking second. In Division B: Boyceville (WI) Purple took 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by Boyceville (WI) Magenta taking 2<sup>nd</sup>. Top teams were awarded medals during a public ceremony at the end of the day!

Great support comes from the WSO board of directors in accepting the WISAF Learning Objectives in development of the various exams. The Learning Objectives can be found at the WISAF website <http://www.wisaf.org/olympiad.htm>.

Below is a table summarizing the most current information regarding the WSO Forestry Events (information is subject to change):

Location	Date	Tournament Director	Forestry Event Supervisor(s)	SAF Forester(s) Assisting	Exams
Boyceville Invitational	Dec. 17, 2011	Andrew Hamm < <a href="mailto:andyha@boyceville.k12.wi.us">andyha@boyceville.k12.wi.us</a> >	Zechariah Meunier zoologist.zechariah@gmail.com	Brian Spencer, Jim Kerkman	Complete
UW- River Falls Invitational	Jan. 21, 2012	Earl Blodgett < <a href="mailto:earl.d.blodgett@uwrf.edu">earl.d.blodgett@uwrf.edu</a> >	Elliott Wolf elliott.wolf@my.uwrf.edu	Gary Zielske, Jim Kerkman	WiSAF Rules
UW-Milwaukee SE Regional	Feb. 4, 2012	Ray Scolavino < <a href="mailto:rscali3@yahoo.com">rscali3@yahoo.com</a> >	Paul Jutrzonka jutrzopx@milwaukee.k12.wi.us	Al Johnson ruthalj@wrr.rr.com Jeff Kante jkante@chenequa.org	WiSAF Rules
UW Marathon County Wausau North Regional	Feb. 18, 2012	Keith Montgomery < <a href="mailto:keith.montgomery@uwc.edu">keith.montgomery@uwc.edu</a> >	Todd and Dylan Wegner	Gary Vander Wyst gary.vanderwyst@dnr.state.wi.us	WiSAF Rules
Edgewood College South Central Regional	Feb. 18, 2012	Amy Schiebel aschiebel@edgewood.edu	Jim Kerkman james.r.kerkman.civ@mail.mil	Buenzow, MaryAnn MaryAnn.Buenzow@wisconsin.gov	WiSAF Rules
Menomonie West Regional	Feb. 25, 2012	Harold Vlcek < <a href="mailto:Harold_Vlcek@msd.k12.wi.us">Harold_Vlcek@msd.k12.wi.us</a> >		Steve Edge steve.edge@wisconsin.gov Chris Widstrand christopher.widstrand@wisconsin.gov	WiSAF Rules
UW Stout State Tournament	March 31, 2012	Stephen Nold? [ <a href="mailto:NoldS@uwstout.edu">NoldS@uwstout.edu</a> ]	John Duplissis john.duplissis@uwsp.edu	Gary Vander Wyst?	WiSAF Rules
University Central Florida, National Tournament	May 18-19, 2012				
Others?					

Additional assistance is still needed by SAF foresters if approached by teams wishing to compete in upcoming exams, so please stay tuned!



Division C Forestry Award Recipients at the WSO Boyceville Invitational.

**Leadership Initiative:**

WSAF Education Committee Member John Grosman continues to be quite involved with the WSAF Leadership Initiative as well as staying informed of National Office and District initiatives.

**Proposed Action:**

This Training and Education sub-committee needs to reconvene early in 2012 to review benchmarks that have been achieved as-well-as those yet to be developed through the support of the State Executive Committee if we are to be able to dovetail with the District and National office interests.

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