

Fall 2011 Report of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Chapter of SAF

*Weekly meetings were held throughout Fall Semester. Guest Speakers included Bill O’Brion (on the mentorship program), Bob Engelhard, and John DuPlissis. Field tours this past fall included: a Christmas Tree Farm and a chainsaw felling and sawlog scaling operation. A joint meeting was held with the Mid-Wisconsin chapter including a scavenger hunt in Schmeeckle Reserve that partnered several students with a Mid-Wisconsin member. New officers were elected this last fall and the new President is Nicholas Crane (Nicholas.J.Crane@uwsp.edu).

*Pulp cut for 4 weekends this fall with approximately 96 students completing the chainsaw safety and operation training and then cutting on various properties.

* On the Timbersports front. We will be hosting the Midwestern Foresters’ Conclave on April 13-15, 2012 along with the STIHL Timbersports Series. Financial support or donations for prizes are still being accepted. If you have not done so and have an interest in providing financial support or donations, I’ll have some informational fliers available at the SAF Executive Committee meeting or contact Paul Doruska, 715-346-3988, Paul.Doruska@uswp.edu

* We had 5 students attend the 2011 SAF National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. They attended a variety of presentations, participated in a number of workshops, and competed in the Quiz Bowl (making it to the quarterfinals).

* Miscellaneous activities included participation in: Highway cleanup, joint fall picnic with UWSP Fire Crew, Broomball, Fall Student Involvement Fair, and CNR Majors Night.

* The annual CNR Career Fair and UWSP Forestry Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012. We hope that you can attend the banquet held in the Alumni Room of the Dreyfus University Center on campus. Guest speaker is tentatively Paul DeLong, the Forestry Division Administrator of the WDNR.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Vokoun, co-academic advisor