



Forester's Fund Report
WI SAF Executive Meeting
January 11, 2012

Updates on current FF Projects:

1. Central Wisconsin Chapter is considering reapplying for a grant for Oak in the Driftless Area. The scope of the project will be changed significantly from the original project. Remember that the money from the original project was returned to national and that project closed out due to the continuing change of scope due to circumstances beyond the Chapter's control.
2. Dave Czysz completed his distribution of "Tree Farmer" and "My Friend the Forester" booklets along with school readings. A final report was filed and this project is in the process of being closed out.
3. Forest Fest took place on Sat., Aug. 6, 2011 on the Trees for Tomorrow grounds in Eagle River, WI. It was a success with a large and diverse crowd attending. Some of the exhibits included forest field tours, raptors, logging equipment, papermaking, small wood crafts, chainsaw carving, etc. The final report has been filed and this project is in the process of being closed out.
4. A project to help fund a 1,700 foot boardwalk in the Rahr School Forest (Manitowoc) through a swamp hardwood area was approved by the state executive committee, sent to National by State Chair, Jerry Van Cleve, and approved by National. A work day was scheduled in November and several members of the Fox Valley Chapter participated.
5. A grant application to help fund forestry related tools for teaching purposes in the Butternut School District is currently out for comment. A number of very good suggestions have been received to date. The deadline for comments is Jan. 6. After that I will review the comments and suggestions with the project sponsor and encourage the sponsor to incorporate them in the grant application.

Reminder - the next deadline for regular FF grant applications is Feb. 15, 2012 and the next deadline for special FF grant applications is June 15, 2012.

Submitted by Ray D. Perry – Forester's Fund Chair
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