

Spring 2010 Report of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Chapter of SAF

*Weekly meetings were held throughout Spring Semester. Guest speakers included Dr. Mike Demchik on grafting, Dr. Jan Harms on his forest management experiences, a DNR representative on wildlife habitat management (meeting was joint with the student chapter of the Wildlife Society), Jerry Grossman on the consulting business, to name a few. Tree of the week and equipment/technique of the week are popular parts of each meeting.

*Three planting jobs were completed: one for Mr. Thor Laisy (near Plainfield, WI), one for Dean Christine Thomas (near Lanark, WI) and one for Lt. James Morgan (near friendship, WI)

*Renewed interest in timbersports continues to grow within the program. A group of students participated in the Klondike Days events in Eagle River, WI in February. There they met a number of timbersports professionals who should serve as informal coaches moving forward. Timbersports professional Nancy Zalewski later invited the team to her house for a weekend for training.

*The Woodchuck Games and Lake States Quiz Bowl were again hosted by the student chapter and held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental station. This year a total of 75 student participants from seven schools (UWSP, University of Minnesota, Michigan Tech, Iowa State, Wisconsin-Madison, Michigan State, and Three Rivers Community College (Missouri)). Timber Professional Nancy Zalewski was on hand providing advice, training and tips to all competitors. UWSP won the Woodchuck Games, Wisconsin-Madison won the quiz bowl. The father of Shannon Ernst (Timbersports coordinator) crafted a traveling trophy that now will be awarded to the winner of each Woodchuck Games.

*Two brat fry's and several bake sales were held to raise some of the funds needed to host the Woodchuck games.

*There will not be a conclave this fall as the event is shifting to Spring to better align with the STIHL Timbersports program – a substantial financial backer of Conclaves. Therefore, UWSP will not be hosting conclave in Fall of 2011 as originally planned, rather it will be Spring of 2012. Hosting the Woodchuck Games is good organizational experience in advance of hosting conclave.

*The Spring forestry banquet was again held in conjunction with the College of Natural Resources Career Day. The Guest Speaker this year was Bernie Hubbard, immediate past president of SAF.

*Several student SAF members presented research at the CNR undergraduate research symposium, including two posters and one oral presentation based on a data collected in conjunction with the Fall Pulpcut class the student chapter organizes and teaches.

*The student SAF web page was revamped based on the volunteer efforts of student Aubrey Maccoux. It can be viewed at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/saf/>

*Student SAF members assisted with the Envirothon (held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station) and UWSP College Days for Kids programming (teaching GIS/GPS to sixth graders)

*Regular semester events such as Broomball versus the Wildlife Society, Rock'n'Bowl, end of year picnic at Iverson Park were again held.

Respectfully submitted,

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