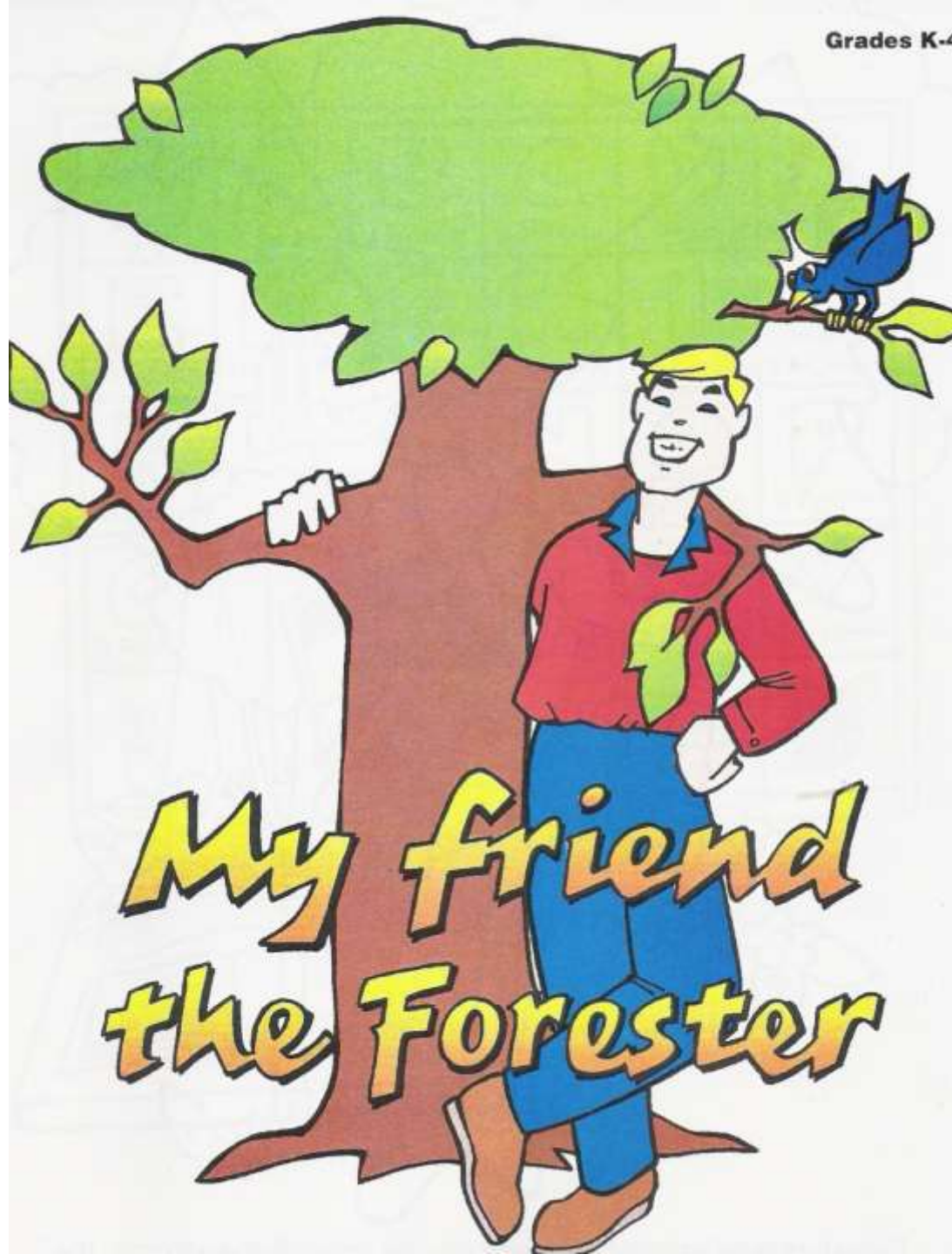


Wisconsin SAF Student Mentorship Program

Experience and Enthusiasm working together

Bill O'Brion – SAF Membership Chair

Wisconsin Resource Supervisor - Plum Creek Timberlands



My friend the Forester

Wisconsin SAF Student Mentor Program

The Student Mentor Program is designed to encourage forestry students to become SAF members and to become better acquainted with Wisconsin SAF members. The Wisconsin program officially began January 1st, 1992.

Mentor obligations

- The Mentor should let me know they are interested in being matched to a student.
- The Mentor has an obligation to pay ½ of the cost of the student's first National SAF dues. (\$17.50) In most cases, the local or State Chapters have elected to cover this obligation.
- Provide personal background information on the ***Member Profile Sheet***.
- The Mentor must be available to students throughout the year, by phone, email, letter, or in person.
- Set priority on attending at least one student function such as a chapter meeting or event.
- Take the opportunity to engage the student in conversation, include the student in meetings and generally make them feel "at home".
- Host at least one informal event per year for the student such as a breakfast, field day, meetings, ect.

Wisconsin SAF Mentor Profile Sheet

Name:

Address:

Home phone number:

Mobile phone number:

Email address:

Current employer, job title and description:

Past work summary:

Related interests:

Please complete this form and email it to: **Bill.O'Brion@plumcreek.com**

Or mail it to: **1411 N. 4th Street, Tomahawk, WI 54487**

Thank you for being an active member of your Professional Society and caring about its future.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Bill O'Brion, State SAF Membership Chair

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Student obligations

- Turn in a completed *Student Profile Sheet* to me.
- The student must be pursuing a degree in “Forestry” at UWSP or UW Madison.
- The student must be a paid member of the National Society of American Foresters.
- The student is eligible for reimbursement of 1/2 of their first National SAF dues. (\$17.50)
- The student will be matched with a professional forester by working with me.
- The student must be available to mentor throughout the year, by phone, email, letter, or in person.

Wisconsin SAF Student Profile Sheet

Name:

Hometown address:

College address:

Preferred Mentor location:

Home phone number:

Mobile phone number:

Email address:

University:

Major:

Minor:

Year in School:

Anticipated graduation date:

Related interests:

Related work experience:

Please complete this form and email it to: **Bill.O'Brion@plumcreek.com** along with a copy of your resume if you have one.

Welcome to SAF! We hope you will become an active member of your Professional Society.

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Why get a mentor?

Jobs are difficult to get. College will be over before you know it!

Do you know what it is you want to do? There are many types of foresters.

You want to be positioned to get the job you want.

How do you do that?

- Knowledge
- Experience
- Networking
- Recognition

How do you do that?

- College
- Summer jobs / internships / volunteer
- Be involved in SAF **and get a Mentor**

Thank You!

This is an important program to benefit both the student and the mentor in learning from each other.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

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