SATURDAY, NOV. 7 SCHEDULE



BAY BEACH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN!

8 - 9 AM
Historical Aquatic Ecology Walk

9 - 9:30 AM Registration, Volunteer Check-in, & Coffee **Student Social @ Nature Center Entrance**	**9 AM** Women & Water Art Display all day!
9:30 - 10:15 AM Keynote Speaker: Mary Burns p. 7	
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Ishkode: The Story of Fire (Fireplace RM) p. 18	**10:30 - 11:20 AM & 11:30 - 12:20 PM** Morning Sessions p. 18
12:30 - 1:20 PM **Taco Bar - Rendards Catering**	
1:30 - 3:20 PM Afternoon Workshops p. 21	
3:30 - 4 PM Conference Closing & Reflection (Outdoor Amphitheater)	



SATURDAY MORNING SESSION DETAILS

10:30 - 11:20 AM				
Bridging Nonformal and Classroom Education Through Green & Healthy Schools (Fireplace RM)	Creating Recycling Champions: Building Community Through Environmental Education (Meeting RM Annex)	Navigating iNaturalist (Auditorium)	To Know Them is to Love Them: A Forestry Refresher (Balcony)	Setting up Seasonal Staff for Camp Success (Picnic Area)
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM				
Ishkode: The Story of Fire (Fireplace RM)	Dig In: Living Soil, Connected Communities (Meeting RM Annex)	AgriSolar Innovations: nature + food + energy (Auditorium)	Advocacy in Action: Voices Advancing Environmental Education (Amphitheater)	

Bridging Nonformal and Classroom Education Through Green & Healthy Schools (Fireplace RM)
Speaker: Xia Lowery, Wisconsin DNR
Description: Nonformal educators, nature centers, and community organizations can support healthier, more sustainable schools through Green & Healthy Schools (GHS). This session explores how your programming can help schools earn badges and recognition, how organizations can become ambassadors, and ways to build meaningful partnerships with local schools through environmental education, student projects, and community connections.

Creating Recycling Champions: Building Community Through Environmental Education (Meeting RM Annex)
Speaker: Kelly Reyer, Winnebago County Solid Waste
Description: Strong communities are built by informed and engaged residents. This presentation will showcase how Winnebago County and the Tri-County Recycling Partnership is cultivating recycling champions through a variety of educational programs designed for classrooms, community groups, and lifelong learners. Explore the development and impact of the Recycle Right Master Class, Resource Trunks, the ABC's of Recycling Right book, and other outreach efforts that empower individuals to share knowledge within their own networks. Learn practical approaches for building community ownership of environmental initiatives and inspiring collective action.

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Navigating iNaturalist (Auditorium)
Speaker: Paul List, Northeast WI Land Trust Conservation Engagement Specialist
Description: Learn ways to enhance your work with iNaturalist: a citizen science project for documenting biodiversity. We will show you how iNaturalist works, share ideas for community events, demonstrate how to create a project that collects all observations on your site, and more.

To Know Them is to Love Them: A Forestry Refresher (Balcony)
Speakers: Nicole Filizetti and Gina Smith, LEAF/Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education
Description: Understanding our forests helps us connect more deeply with them. This hands-on workshop will be a refresher on Wisconsin's trees and forests through a dive into the LEAF K-12 Forestry Program's ready-to-use lessons. We will spend some time outside measuring and identifying trees and learning about sustainable forest management.

Setting up Seasonal Staff for Camp Success (Picnic Area)
Speakers: Angela Rivera (Dane County Parks), Lynn Anders (Urban Ecology Center), and Rachael Lewandowski Sarette (Upham Woods)
Description: Join the summer camp coordinators on the panel in examining how to provide summer camp staff with valuable insights, practical strategies, and professional guidance. By engaging with these experts who have extensive backgrounds in outdoor recreation, environmental education and camp leadership - participants will gain a deeper understanding of effective staff training to increase camper outdoor engagement, safety practices, leadership techniques, and program management. The panel discussion will create opportunities for seasonal staff to deliver a safe, inclusive, and memorable outdoor summer camp experience for all campers.

Ishkode: The Story of Fire (Fireplace RM)
Speaker: Evan Larson, Co-Author
Description: This session aims to gather educators of all backgrounds together to collaboratively envision learning activities that could be developed around the new illustrated children's book Ishkode: A Story of Fire (https://www.ishkode.org/ishkode-story-of-fire).

Dig In: Living Soil, Connected Communities (Meeting RM Annex)
Speaker: Mike Aprill, SubjectToClimate WI State Lead for WI Climate Education Hub
Description: Discover how garden-based soil investigations connect ecological science to climate solutions. Experience hands-on, inquiry-driven activities that link soil health to food systems and community stewardship. Leave with free Wisconsin Climate Education Hub resources to facilitate inclusive, place-based learning that honors diverse cultural relationships with the land.

AgriSolar Innovations: Nature + Food + Energy (Auditorium)
Speakers: Gina Smith (KEEP - WI's K-12 Energy Education Program/WI Center for EE) & Angela Rivera (Lussier Family Heritage Center, Dane County Land & Water Resources)
Description: How can one piece of land support food, ecosystems, and energy? Join KEEP and Angela Rivera to explore KEEP's new AgriSolar kit and activities. Discover strategies and tools you can use to engage learners in real-world problem-solving and spark conversations about sustainable communities and innovative land use.