

# Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Update

Photo by Sam, YCC delegate

## November 2020

YCC delegates and mentors,

Starting this month we will be providing an opportunity for all YCC delegates to connect virtually. These monthly meetings will be a chance for skill sharing and connecting. Sam, from Racine County will talk about her experiences using Snapshot WI trail cameras on November 18. She will also share some interesting wildlife photos and discuss her ongoing deer population project.

We hope you can all join these monthly skill sharing sessions. If you have a skill to share we encourage you to create a video or presentation. Additional information about these monthly programs will be emailed.

Take care! ~Kyle Zenz, YCC Coordinator

### REQUEST FOR PICTURES

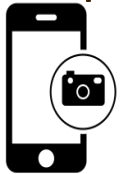
Do you have photos featuring you involved with:

- YCC events or activities?
- Mentored hunting experiences?
- Archery, trap or fishing competitions?
- A successful fishing, hunting or trapping experience?
- Unique outdoor experiences?

Email pictures to Kyle at: [kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov)



Visit the [WCC Facebook site](#) to see what's new



## Outdoor Adventures!



Tommy, from Vilas Co. braved the cold weather and sleet to try for one last walleye fishing trip.



Gabby, from Jefferson Co. was successful during the youth deer hunt.



Gavin, from Jefferson Co. spent time with Kenny Salwey (the "Last River Rat" author) in his shack in Buffalo Co. Gavin and his family have gotten to know Kenny over the years and they enjoy learning from him and listening to his stories.



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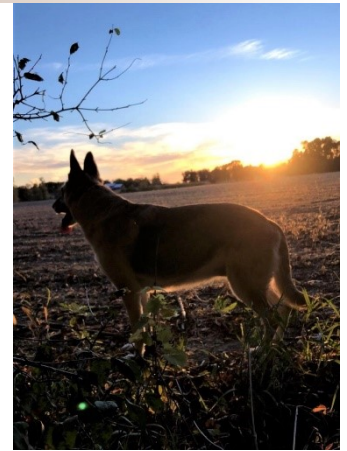
## Outdoor Adventures!



Gabby, from Jefferson Co. enjoyed paddling along the Mississippi River while taking a break from the youth deer hunt.



Kyle, YCC Coordinator took advantage of a warm fall day to hike at Willow River State Park in Hudson.



Sam, from Racine Co. captured this photo of her dog, Amber as the sun was setting.

### YCC BIG BUCK & OUTDOOR WRITING CONTESTS

Take part in our first annual YCC big buck and fall writing contests. All YCC delegates are invited to participate.

#### Big Buck Contest

Take a photo of your harvested deer (with you in the photo) and submit it to Kyle. We will determine a winner based on rack points.

#### Fall Writing Contest

Share a story with us about a unique fall experience. Maybe it was about the big buck that got away, an experience witnessing waterfowl migration, or just a really neat wildlife encounter. (Consider entering this story into the Outdoor News Youth Writing Contest - information found on page 3)

Please send buck photos or your fall story to [kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov) by December 4th. Photos and stories will be posted in the YCC newsletter and winners will receive a prize.

### PHOTOGRAPY TIPS FOR CAPTURING A GREAT PHOTO THIS DEER SEASON

**Check your background - keep it natural.** Taking a photo of your deer in its natural habitat is best. Emphasize the beauty of the outdoors by avoiding pictures in the back of a pick up truck or in a garage.

**Clean up your deer - and you.** Wipe blood from the deer's body, mouth, and nose. If possible, try to face any wounds away from the camera. Check the tongue and make sure it is not showing. Check your own appearance for dirt or blood stains before the photo as well.

**Safety first!** If you include your gun or bow in the photo, make sure it is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction.

**Find the right angle - get low with your camera.** A picture taken lower to the ground, looking straight towards you and your deer will give the best perspective.

**Snap the photo.** Actually, it is a good idea to snap **several** photos from different angles. Frame the photo with the natural background, and make sure not to cut off any part of your body or your deer.

**Show your pride - smile in the picture.** Your hard work and skills have paid off! You have had a successful season and you will have meat to share with your family.



YCC delegate, Jesse and his 2019 deer

### RADIO COLLARED DEER ARE LEGAL TO HARVEST DURING HUNTING SEASON

During the 2020 hunting season, hunters may spot deer that are equipped with radio collars. Collared deer are part of a mortality study in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and are legal to hunt with a standard Wisconsin hunting license and harvest authorization.

Licensing and harvest regulations apply to collared deer, just as they do to uncollared deer. Anyone who harvests a collared deer is asked to call the number on the collar so that a crew member can retrieve it. The number to call is 608-935-1940.



# YCC Upcoming Opportunities

## NOVEMBER

- 18th - YCC virtual skill sharing session. 7:30-8:30. Check your email for a link.
- 21st - 29th - WI gun deer season

## DECEMBER

- 9th - YCC virtual skill sharing session. 7:30-8:30. Check your email for a link.

## JANUARY

- 16th—YCC event— Ice Fishing on the Petenwell Flowage - more details to follow.

### SAVE THE DATE:

May 13-15 - WCC State Convention, Stevens Point

### TRACK YOUR TIME

Please keep track of your time spent participating in WCC meetings, mentored outings, YCC promotions, and other conservation related activities.



**Please update your hours from September 2020 - August 2021.** Keeping track of your hours is important to the WCC. Please log them online: <https://forms.gle/2NsLvLPD33wQXma09>

### CERTIFICATES FOR YOUR FIRST HARVEST OR FIRST EXPERIENCE

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters of all ages to celebrate their first hunt with a free first harvest and first hunting experience certificate.

To obtain a certificate, visit the first certificate page on the DNR website and select which species or experience to celebrate. Hunters can submit a photograph of their special moment as well as details about the experience, including when and where the animal was harvested. All information will be displayed on the free, customized certificate to help mark the occasion.

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/firstcert.html>

### HUNT WILD WISCONSIN

The free Hunt Wild Wisconsin mobile app is back for 2020 with everything Wisconsin hunters need in the field, from property boundaries and electronic regulations, including shooting hours, to chronic wasting disease (CWD) sampling and deer carcass disposal locations.

App users can find new public lands to explore, brush up on the regulations or listen to podcasts with the Hunt Wild Wisconsin app. With mobile mapping, up-to-the-minute shooting hours and much more, all the tools are available to focus on what's important – enjoying your time in the outdoors.

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/wildwiapp.html>



### PLANT MORE TREES!

Have you thought about planting trees in the spring? The DNR-Division of Forestry's reforestation program will be accepting orders from Wisconsin forest landowners for tree and shrub seedlings starting October 5, 2020. The high-quality seedlings are native species appropriate for planting throughout Wisconsin.



Seedlings grown by the state nurseries are used for reforestation and conservation plantings on private, industrial, state and county forest lands. They can provide future forest products and revenue, wildlife habitat and fodder, soil erosion control, living snow fences and other benefits.

Learn more about tree species available, pricing, and additional details:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/treeplanting/order>