

Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Update

October 2020

YCC delegates and mentors,

I am excited to share pictures of so many smiling faces. YCC delegates have been involved in a variety of outdoor adventures, educational opportunities, and service projects. It is great to see all of you learning new skills and spending time outside. Please continue to send in pictures, especially of your deer hunting experiences. Check out page 2 for information about our big buck contest!

The YCC Oversight Committee will meet virtually on Thursday, October, 22 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Youth are invited to attend this meeting. Watch your email for more information and a link to attend the zoom call.

Take care and enjoy the natural beauty of the fall season!

~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



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



Outdoor Adventures!



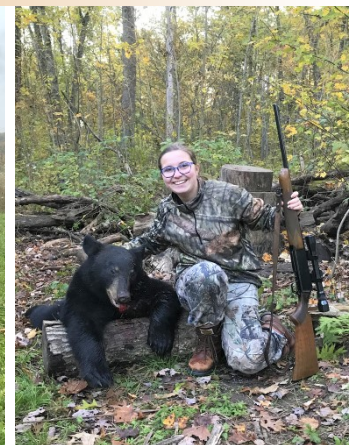
Logan from Sawyer Co. received a transferred bear tag this season. His scouting paid off as he successfully harvested a bear in zone d.



Gabby from Jefferson Co. participated in a Pheasants Forever youth hunt in Dane County. She enjoyed her day and was happy with her harvest.



Blake from Calumet Co. also attended the Pheasants Forever hunt. He learned a lot and was successful in bringing home a pheasant.



Olivia from Chippewa Co. harvested her first bear. She enjoyed the entire process from initial scouting to final harvest.



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Outdoor Adventures!



Sam, from Racine Co. was recently accepted to attend UW-Stevens Point. She will enroll in fall 2021, with plans to major in wildlife management with a soil science minor.



Gavin from Jefferson Co. and his mentor/father, Lowell enjoyed a day out duck and goose hunting.



Gavin from Washington Co. caught this walleye while fishing with family.



Tommy from Vilas Co. enjoys a yearly tradition of trapping crayfish for a family crayfish boil.

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 by December 4th. Photos and stories will be posted in the YCC newsletter and winners will receive a prize.



Blake from Calumet Co. and one of his classmates built this CWD testing kiosk in Advanced Woods class. It is located at Hickory Hills Country Meats in Calumet County.



Gabby from Jefferson Co. helped her dad build beaver floats for the trapping season.

WISCONSIN YOUTH DEER HUNT WEEKEND

Wisconsin's 2020 youth deer hunt weekend is Saturday, October 10th and Sunday, October 11th.

If you are 15 years of age or younger, you may participate in this hunt. If you are older, please encourage a younger sibling, friend, or relative to get out for the youth hunt.

This special hunting season is open to residents and non-residents 15 years of age and younger. All youth hunters need to have successfully completed a Hunter Education Program or be participating in the Mentored Hunt Program. Hunters must hold the required valid licenses, and permits/harvest authorizations. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany the youth hunter.

2020 Youth Hunt information sheet: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/documents/deeryouthhunt.pdf>

Additional information can be found at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/youth.html>

YCC Upcoming Opportunities

OCTOBER

- 10th & 11th - Youth deer hunt weekend (ages 15 and under)
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/documents/deeryouthhunt.pdf>
- 17th - Pheasant season opens
- 22nd - YCC Oversight Committee meeting, 6:30-9:30

NOVEMBER

- 21st - 29th - Gun deer season

Additional 2020 hunting and trapping dates can be found: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/dates.html>

2020 fishing season dates:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/seasons>

Check out the new DNR hunting regulation

publication: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/regulations>

OUTDOOR NEWS YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

Do you enjoy writing about your outdoor adventures? Maybe you recall an interesting day afield you'd like to share. If so, Outdoor News invites you to enter their 2020 Youth Writing Contest.

Outdoor News will print four of the best stories and two of the best poems in Outdoor News during the holiday season in December, then sponsor them in the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) annual writing contest.

Top prizes in each of two categories, Senior (grades 9-12) and Junior (grades 6-8) will win \$100 and an award plaque. Second prize, plus a poetry winner in each age group, will receive \$50 and a plaque. The winners will be entered in the OWAA contest, where participants have a chance to win additional cash prizes.

Rules:

- The topic must be outdoors-oriented (hunting, fishing, camping, etc.)
- Any story or poem is acceptable; keep submissions under 1,000 words.
- Deadline to submit entries to Outdoor News is Nov. 8



Link to online submission form:

<https://www.outdoornews.com/youthwritingcontest/>

YOUTH HUNTING EVENT

Pheasants Forever Columbia/Marquette county chapter is hosting a free learn to hunt event.

When: Saturday, October 10 at 9:00am

Where: Montello Rod & Gun Club

Who: Youth, ages 8-17

This is a great opportunity to learn about gun and hunter safety, practice shooting clays, participate in a pheasant hunt, learn how to process a pheasant, and other planned activities.

Learn more about this event by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/columbiacountypf/>

Registration is limited. Register ASAP. All participants must be registered for the event by Friday, October 9th.

To register call/email:

Keith Bagley, 608-369-3490 /

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2020 HUNTING FORECAST

Hunters and trappers across Wisconsin are in the final countdown to the fall season openers. To help get ready, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has pulled together the 2020 fall forecast series, which details everything Wisconsinites need to know ahead of the game.

Forecasts can be found at the links below and on each corresponding species page.

[2020 Fall Deer Hunting Forecast](#)

[2020 Fall Upland Game Bird Hunting Forecast](#)

[2020 Fall Migratory Bird Hunting Forecast](#)

[2020 Fall Bear Hunting Forecast](#)

[2020 Fall Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Forecast](#)

More information on hunting, including regulations and season dates, is available on the DNR website.

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Hunt>