

Wisconsin Outdoor Communicators Association

Newsletter - July 2013

From the President:

Greetings, WOCA members. We're less than three weeks away from our annual get-together at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River. Our agenda and speaker slate remains intact. No one has backed out, so I'm looking forward to our Saturday workshop July 27.

I've attached the agenda for your review. As usual, we'll leave a few minutes for Q&A at the end of each talk, so come prepared with questions.

Here's a short checklist of other items to help you prepare:

- If you haven't do so already, please fill out your conference registration form (attached) and send it to **Trees for Tomorrow** with the appropriate payment. We need to get a preliminary head count as soon as possible for the conference.
- As a reminder, you must be a registered WOCA member to attend Saturday's presentations, participate in our business meeting, and take part in the auction and raffles. If you haven't renewed for 2013, please send your membership form (attached) to Tom Muench as soon as possible, or renew in person during the conference. (Tom's address is on the membership form.)
- If you're staying overnight Friday and/or Saturday, bring your own towel and wash cloth. TFT no longer provides those items for guests.
- Further reminders: The Saturday evening meal at TFT is no longer part of the WOCA conference. The Sunday morning breakfast and sack-lunch pickup were also dropped for lack of interest. Our only meals in the TFT diner are Saturday's breakfast and lunch.

Friday night's cookout (July 26):

You'll be fed Friday night if you attend the cookout at Trees for Tomorrow. Ed Culhane will again man the grill. We'll have Ed's renown fireman's corn and shishkabobs. I plan to bring some marinated elk meat (from the mountains of southeastern Idaho).

PLEASE let me know if you plan to attend the cookout, so we can pick up bratwursts and other extras if we get more people than usual.

Also ... if anyone is interested in a Saturday night cookout at one of the TFT fire pits, let me know. I could be talked into back-to-back nights of grilled hamburgers, brats and corn. Either that or we could go to a local restaurant together, if our group isn't too large.

Also 2 ... let me know if you need help arranging a fishing trip Sunday, July 28. Most of us hangers-on have arranged our own outings in recent years, but that doesn't mean we can't help those lacking local contacts.

A couple of other notes:

- I've been working on our door prizes and silent-auction items. I've attached the current list of items that have been promised and/or shipped so far, but I assume other companies have sent equipment not yet on my inventory list. We should be able to raise some money for our treasury and various WOCA donations.
- I've also attached our current roster, which admittedly isn't complete. I'll also bring my "master list" of WOCA email directory to our conference, and ask everyone present to verify their information.
- Bob Haase has put up a website for the Wisconsin Outdoor Communicators Association. It's not "live" yet, but if you want to look at its current format, here's the link: <http://wioca.webs.com>. I'm hoping we'll be able to post future newsletters and other WOCA items on the site.

That's all for now. Call or email if you have questions. I'll do my best to answer you quickly.

-- Pat

WOCA Officers ...

President: Patrick Durkin re-elected

Vice President: Post suspended (Position isn't required by WOCA bylaws)

Treasurer: Tom Muench re-elected

Secretary: Laurel Steffes re-elected

WOCA Board of Directors ...

Continuing directors: Art Barlow, Jerry Kiesow, Judy Nugent and Bob Wilberscheid.

New directors: Dave Zeug, Bob Haase and Lisa Gaumnitz