



2018 WESTBY PROJECT WORKSHOP

April 7-8, 2018

Living Waters Bible Camp
Westby, WI

(Note: Agenda is subject to change but includes confirmed and prospective speakers as of 3/7/18)

Saturday, April 7:

8:30: Welcome: Jeff Hastings, TUDARE Project Manager, and Andrew Jackson, Living Waters Bible Camp Events Manager

Administrative matters: Duke Welter, TUDARE Outreach

Opening speakers:

8:45-9:15: Dave Vetrano, WDNR Fisheries Biologist (Retired): "A review: Early Challenges in Driftless Stream Restoration."

9:15-9:45: Melissa Konsti, MN DNR Fisheries Biologist: "On beyond LUNKERS and Skyhooks": How do we help projects AND our chapters by using a new generation of habitat structures, and still provide organizational benefits?

(CAN WE DO 9:45-10:15 session with Bob Hay and push these others back by 15 minutes?)

Break (15 minutes)

10-10:45: Session 1: **How chapters can work with agencies to make projects work:** Panel discussion involving Bradd Simms, WDNR Fisheries manager from Dodgeville, and Bob Micheel, Monroe County Conservationist; moderated by Jerry Sapp, Lee Wulff TU (IL) Project Manager

10:45-11:45: Session 2: **Multi-chapter regional project initiatives:** Hear about three exciting regional multichapter initiatives that could offer your own area new restoration opportunities: Kim McCarthy (former WI State council chair) will report on NE Wisconsin TU's seven-chapter initiative using TU-funded LTE crews working with TU volunteers on maintenance and new projects. Tom Lager (Fox Valley TU past president) will report on a project in Central Wisconsin's Sand County streams, and Tom Murray (Iowa Driftless TU) will tell us about the new Iowa Coldwater Conservancy, which he chairs, and its work for access and project development in NE Iowa. Can these initiatives strengthen your chapter and get significant project work done? Moderated by Duke Welter

11:45-12:30: Lunch: Served by the good folks at LWBC

12:30-1:30: Session 3: **Developing chapter events to welcome women and families:** Panel discussion with several women leaders discussing ways to offer women-friendly, family-friendly outdoor activities to benefit coldwater resources; Moderated by Amy Klusmeier, Southern Wisconsin TU board member

1:30-2:30: Session 4: **Bring Mohammed to the (Ocooch) Mountains: Developing a traveling chapter work team** (Matt Jennings; Todd Durian or Mike Kuhr; Randy Arnold) Moderated by Jerry Sapp

Choice of activities: **Tour a local project site** with Paul Hayes and Bob Hay, retired state herpetologist, to discuss new restoration techniques for nongame and endangered species, or **Wally's Fish-Along** (Wally Bock, long-time & knowledgeable Driftless angler, will provide suggestions for places to fish and his secret fishing map)

6:30-9:30 Dinner: **Catered dinner of grilled chicken** at Viroqua American Legion

Sunday morning:

8:30-9:15: **Our remarkable Driftless Area: How its Karst Geology and Hydrogeology make it unique, and the threats facing our streams, springs and groundwater**

Speaker: Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo, Professor Emeritus of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago

9:15-10:30:

Session 1: **Rapid-Fire project planning:**

Raising Funds from Multiple Sources (Jeff Hastings)

Site Selection and Landowner Relations (Paul Krahn)

Obtaining Legal Fishing Access (Duke Welter)

Organizing Safe and Productive Work Days (Randy Arnold)

Publicizing and celebrating your project (Randy Arnold & Todd Mau)

10:30-11:30:

Session 2: ***Planning your own project***: bring an idea for a project site and we'll help you develop a plan with experienced expert volunteers.

11:30: Closing remarks