



Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress



Goal: Effectively engage, educate, and involve youth in the management and protection of our natural resources and foster a conservation ethic through participation on the Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress (YCC).

Objectives: Teach youth delegates about:

- natural resource management and careers through a variety of service-learning opportunities throughout the year
- the process by which Wisconsin's natural resource policy is determined
- the role and history of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC), a statutorily created citizen advisory group

Provide youth delegates with the opportunity to:

- strengthen valuable problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and leadership skills through working with other Youth Conservation Congress delegates, WCC delegates, and DNR staff
- network with youth from around the state that are interested in natural resources and DNR professionals and policy makers
- work with the Conservation Congress county delegation and district councilors to introduce a resolution at the annual Spring Hearings, which they can follow through the WCC process
- create and present an oral and/or poster presentation on their service-learning project at the annual Wisconsin Conservation Congress convention
- engage in break-out sessions at the annual WCC convention in May to discuss current natural resource issues facing the state

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where citizens elect county delegates to represent their interests and advise the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on how to manage Wisconsin's natural resources. The WCC convention is an annual gathering of the 360 statewide delegates held in May.

For more information on how to participate in the Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress, please contact Kari Lee-Zimmermann (DNR/WCC Liaison) at (608) 266-0580 or

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