

**2026 Summer Field
Experience (SFE)**

**Central Wisconsin
Environmental
Station (CWES)**

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College of Natural Resources
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

CAMP CHICKAGAMI

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2 Course Options for CWES SFE

NRES 385

- Waste Management and Environmental Protection Majors
- Transfer students from select programs with specific transfer agreements
- Students with prior approved situations

Although students will register for only one of the above courses, the classes are blended with each other, and classes/crews will be a combination of both classes.

NRES 475

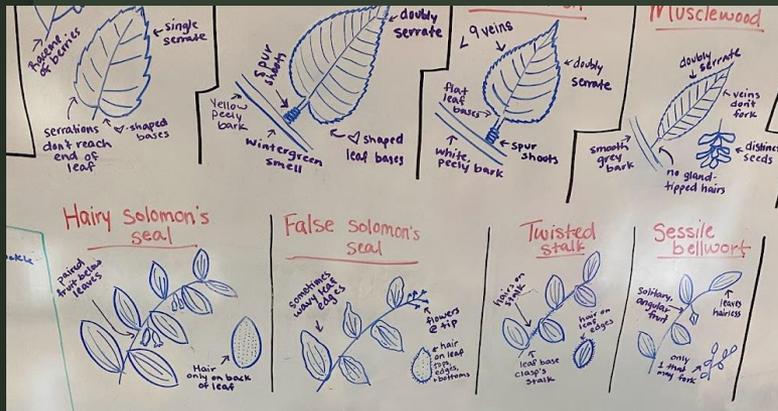
- European Summer Seminar Students
- Kenya Seminar Students



CWES SFE Course Experience

Similar to the 6-Week SFE at Treehaven option, CWES students will learn hands on experience in:

- Land Surveying
- Forest Management
- Soil Conservation & Watershed Inventory
- Soil Inventory Methods
- Aquatic Ecosystem Evaluation
- Wildlife Management Techniques
- Plant Identification





How to Prepare for the Plant Exam

SFE Information Packets and Plant Lists are available on the CNR SFE webpage.

Study plants early! You must pass the plant ID exam and could be asked to identify up to 200 plants using common and scientific name.

The CNR SSC will host multiple events in spring semester to help with Plant ID preparation, suggestions to be successful at the exam, and plant walks.

Watch the CNR Reporter for Events!

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/ssc/Pages/treehavenInfo.aspx>

CWES Timeline (May 18-29, 2026)



Check-In: Arrive at CWES on Monday, May 18th between 9:30-11am. Lunch at noon. Orientation in the afternoon.



Classes Monday-Friday roughly 8am-5pm with some days earlier or later. Yes, there is class on Memorial Day.



No classes on Saturday and Sunday (May 23-24) but remember to study for the plant exam!



Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner provided everyday and is available during the break days if you notify staff



The last day is when all exams are taken. Unit/topic exams in the morning split between written and practical exam styles. Plant ID exam is the last exam.

CWES Save the Dates



Monday, March 30th 4-5pm

Mandatory CWES meeting lead by CWES director, Academic Coordinator, and Faculty



March 23rd – 26th

Summer Registration Opens

Thursday, March 26th 1-3pm TNR 120

SFE Registration Help Walk-Ins



Date TBD – Late April/May

Mandatory tick medication health meeting



Date TBD – Late April/May

Plant Exam Tips & Tricks Event, Plant Walks



Dates TBD – Late April/May

Other events hosted by CNR SSC (ex. How to Pack for SFE), Watch the CNR Reporter for details

Equipment Package



All students will be issued an equipment package



The package includes essential items: hardhat, compass, hand lens, safety glasses, headlamp, waders, first aid kit, etc.



The cost of this packet is included in your course fees and handed out on the first day of your session



Cost is approximately \$150+ for the equipment package

Waders in Equipment Package

A safety item - not a luxury item

Can I use my own pair of waders for class?

- These waders are a mandatory piece of equipment, and you will **NOT be able to use personal waders for labs or field trips**
- Personal waders may not be sufficient in insulating against electricity while shocking
- Personal waders may also increase the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species if used outside of class and in lab

Keep these waders in good condition as they can be useful throughout your whole college career and they are yours to keep! Other upper-level CNR classes will expect you to use them.



Wader Try-Ons



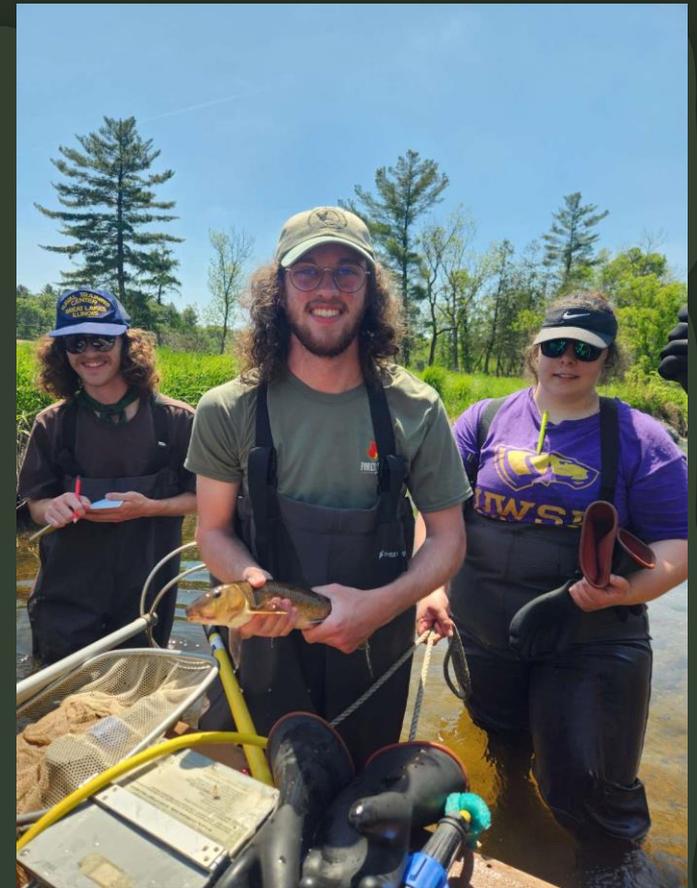
We have a variety of sizes to try on and if you need a non-standard size, we will do our best to accommodate you



If you are unable to make one of the Wader try on meetings, stop by the CNR Stockroom in TNR 187 for assistance



If you choose not to attend a wader try-on session, you will receive the waders indicated by your shoe size on your SFE application



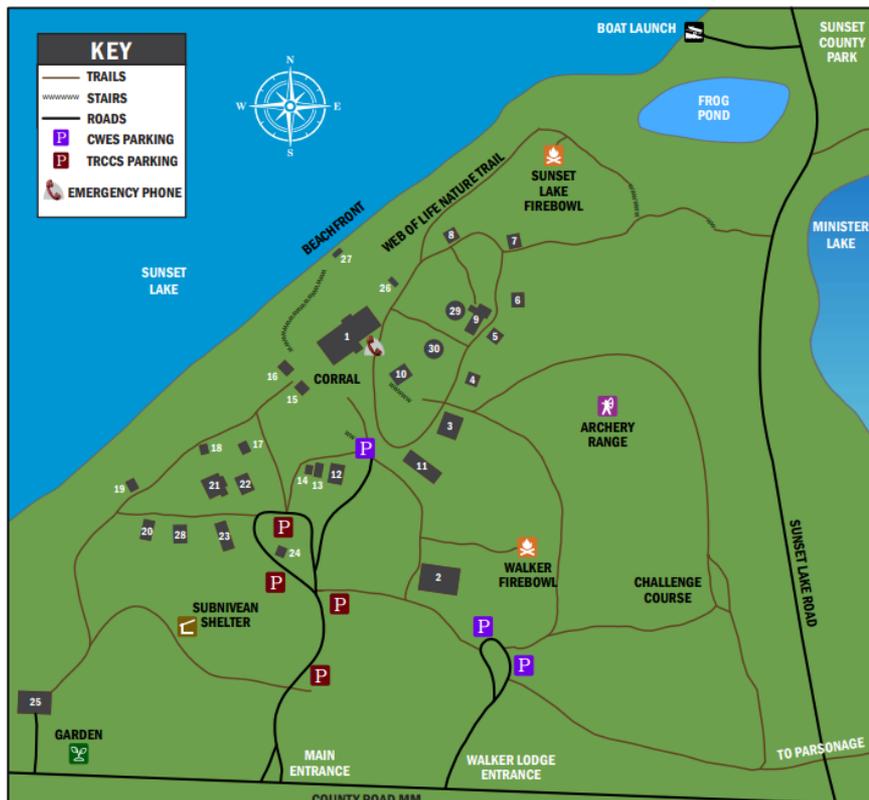
The CNR Stockroom is staying open until 5:15pm today for you to try on waders after this meeting if you haven't tried on waders yet.

200 Acres Located in Amherst Junction, WI



Central Wisconsin Environmental Station

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<https://www.uwsp.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CWES-Map-2024.pdf>

Classroom - Rick Wilke Sunset Lodge



Housing - Log Cabins & Anderson Lodge

- 5 Log Cabins with bunk beds for 8 people, shared bathhouse
- Anderson Lodge bunk beds for 22 people, detached bathhouse



*No on-site laundry

*Yes, you need to stay at CWES for housing even if you have housing in Stevens Point

Meals at CWES

Meals in Sunset Lodge

Mealtimes are typically at 7:30 am, noon, and 5:30 pm

Meals will be served throughout a 30-minute period.

For your day off, there will be a sign-up sheet for meals for those students staying on site.

Dietary restrictions will be accommodated. (Please indicate this in your application)



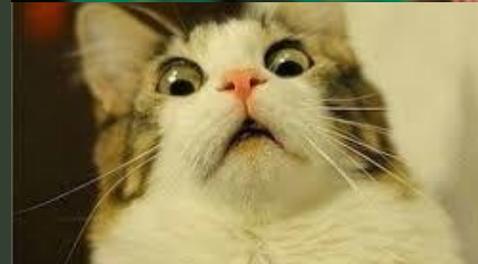
CWES Recreational Activities

Canoeing, Kayaking,
Nearby Public Beach,
Campfires, Archery Range





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Application Requirements and Registration Process

Application Deadline

**Application Open
NOW!**

Application Closes

**March 13th at
Noon (12pm)**



Requirements to Apply

2.00+ GPA In-Major

Complete **NRES 250**, **NRES 251**, and **Math 107** (or Math Placement above Math 107 or a higher level math completed) by the end of the spring semester

Must be a CNR declared major

Acceptance & Registration

- If you meet the requirements, you will be admitted for SFE CWES
- **Course permissions** will be entered mid-March
- An email with registration steps will be sent late March
- You need to **register for CWES by April 1st** to lock in your CWES seat

SFE Website

- All SFE information is on the website, including information packets, TA Applications, plant lists, and more!
<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr/ssc/Pages/treehavenInfo.aspx>
- Read the CNR Reporter for weekly updates. The CNR Reporter is emailed to CNR students every Monday during the academic year!
<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr/ssc/Pages/CNR%20Reporter.aspx>
- Direct any questions to **cnrsfe@uwsp.edu**

Financial Opportunities

- **Financial Aid/Grants:** 7-9 credits during summer is considered full-time status and summer is the first semester of the academic year
- **Scholarships:** CNR gives out \$380,000+ of scholarships every year, so make sure to fill out the scholarship application that is open from **October 31st - December 1st** , some of these scholarships are specifically for SFE.
- Check out the Financial Aid and Veteran Services Website for financial opportunities:
<https://www3.uwsp.edu/finaid/Pages/default.aspx>
- Other Work Opportunities
- Stockroom, Custodial, Teaching Assistants (TAs)
- Work Study