



2026 Summer Field Experience (SFE)



Treehaven and Campus Sessions



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Forestry 319 - Land Surveying

Practices in land measurement, including distance and angular measurement, area/rate calculations and mapping with emphasis on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS).



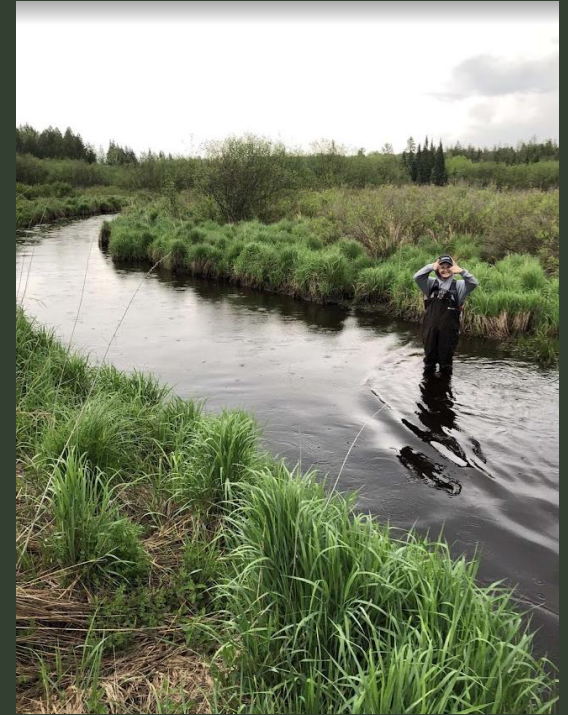
Forestry 320- Forest Management

Practices in individual tree measurements to collect stand level data used to make sound forest management decisions for a variety of objectives. Tree measurements and stand level data obtained and analyzed using a variety of forestry and spatial analysis tools.



Soils 359 - Soil Conservation & Watershed Inventory

Field techniques of land surface relief inventory, soil percolation, watershed interpretive systems for runoff prediction, and groundwater characteristics investigation for integrated resource management.



Soils 360 - Soil Inventory Methods

Techniques in describing, mapping, classifying and interpreting soils for integrated resource management.



Water 380 - Aquatic Ecosystem Evaluation

Fishery, limnological and hydrological evaluation;
lake and stream inventory and evaluation for
integrated resource management.



Wildlife 340 – Wildlife Management Techniques

Investigate ecological relationships and apply selected wildlife management techniques of habitat evaluation, capturing, marking, monitoring, and censusing animals for integrated resource management.

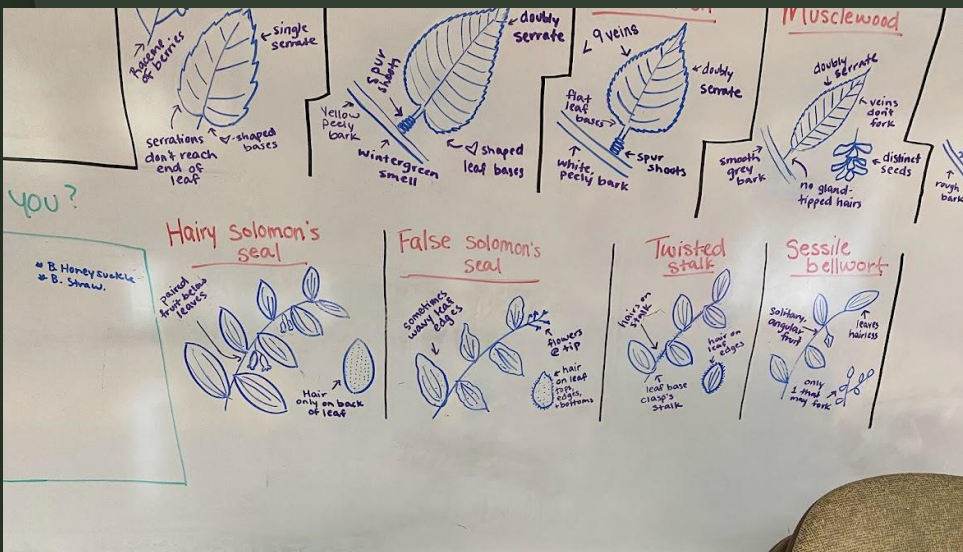


Natural Resources 405 - Plant Identification

This one-credit, self-directed course focuses on learning common and scientific names for selected plant species associated with SFE.

Students will learn to identify plants in the region that are: 1) economically important
2) useful in habitat typing of sites
3) considered invasive

Students will also learn to identify unknown plants using a dichotomous key.



In State SFE – Treehaven/Campus Sessions



FOR 319 - Land Surveying 1cr



FOR 320 - Field Experience in Forest Measurement 1cr



WATR 380 - Field Experience in Aquatic Ecosystem Evaluation 1cr



SOIL 359 - Soil Conservation and Watershed Inventory Techniques 1cr



SOIL 360 - Field Experience in Soil Inventory Methods 1cr



WLDL 340 - Field Experience in Wildlife Management Techniques 1cr

NRES 405 – Plant Identification 1cr



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>

Day in the life of a Treehaven/Campus SFE student!



Every week is a new class!

6 week session, but 7 classes



Mondays – Thursdays 8am-5pm,
Lecture/Field work, with breaks in between.

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on Weekdays



Fridays are exam days for written and practical exam, plus plant quizzes. You might have some lecture/study review time on Friday mornings.



No classes on Saturday and Sunday but remember to study for the plant exam!



Campus students: everything is similar as above, but you will be responsible for your own meals.

Summer Program Breakdown

Session 1 & 2 Treehaven – 108 Students

Treehaven Session 1

May 17-June 26, 2026

Treehaven Session 2

July 5-August 14, 2026

Session 3 Campus – 48 Students

July 5-August 14, 2026

All SFE classes are GRADED classes (not pass/fail), including the NRES 405: Plant Identification.

16-20 Students per class with 4-5 Students per crew

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 – Attend 1 session!



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 following times, contact

Tim Sattler (715-346-4664 or CNR.Stockroom@uwsp.edu) to set up a time and try on a pair of waders



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

Wader Try-On Times

Wednesday, October 22nd
5-6pm in TNR Central Lobby

Thursday, October 23rd
5-6pm in TNR West Lobby

Possible Spring Semester
Dates TBD

Treehaven

Session 1: May 17 – June 26, 2026

(Report to Treehaven between 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – May 17th tentative)

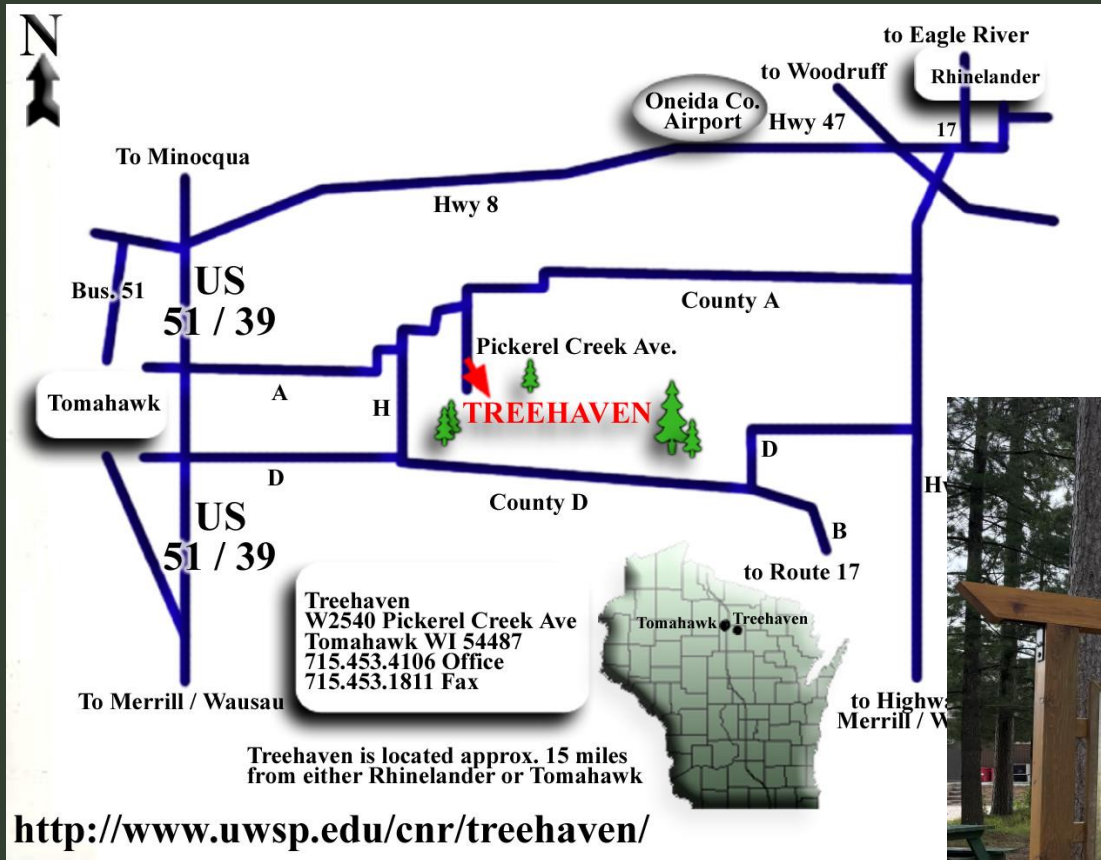
Session 2: July 5 – August 14, 2026

(Report to Treehaven between 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – July 5th tentative)



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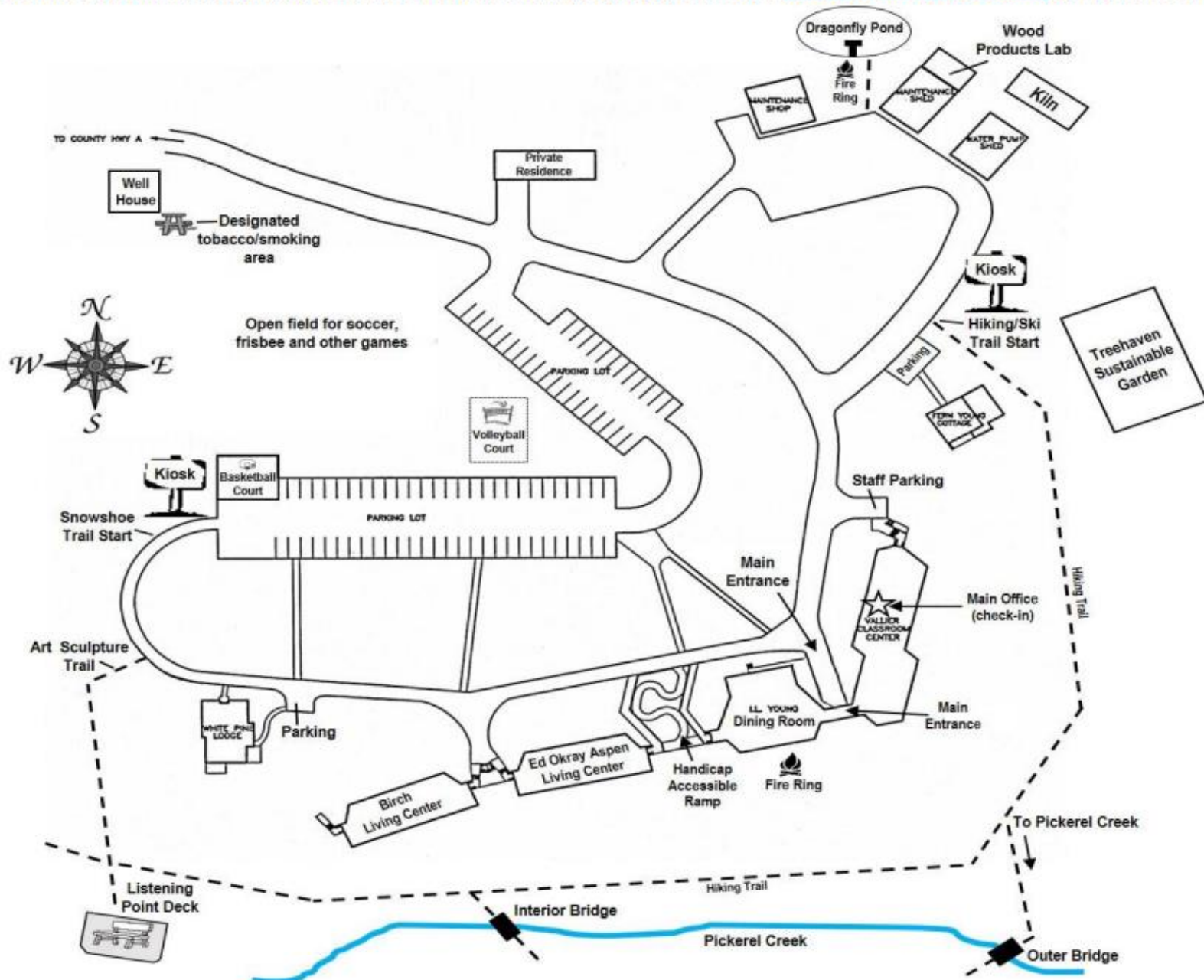
1,400 Acres Located East of Tomahawk, WI



<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/treehaven/Pages/default.aspx>

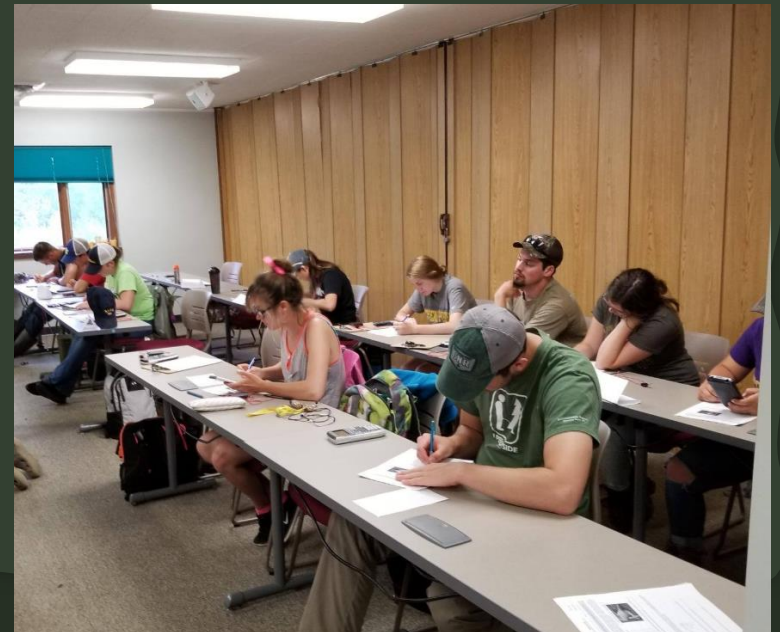
Treehaven Site Map

For more information regarding Treehaven's facilities and property, please visit www.uwsp.edu/treehaven or call 715-453-4106.



Vallier Classroom and Irvin L. Young Living Center

Classrooms, Bear Track Lounge, and More!



Housing at Treehaven - Ed Okray

Aspen and Birch Living Centers

- Dorm-style living with bunk beds
- 3-4 people per room
- 3 twin beds and 1 full bed
- Private bathroom with every room
- AC throughout the buildings



Meals at Treehaven

Winterberry Dining Room

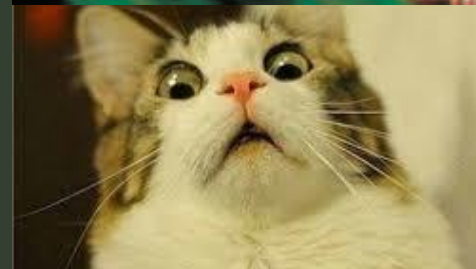
- A panoramic view of the scenic Harrison Hills – NEW deck so you can eat your meals outside!
- Menu choices can include vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other dietary restrictions – **please let us know on the application form**
- Monday-Friday meals include a full breakfast, lunch, dinner (with salad bar)
- Weekends – Snack Shack in Bear Track Lounge – Pizza/Sandwiches and other items





Treehaven Recreational Activities

Canoeing, Kayaking, Beach Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Fishing, and More!



Campus Session



Session 3: July 5 – August 14, 2026

(Report to TNR 170 between 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5 - tentative)

Located directly on campus and utilizes classrooms, Schmeckle Reserve, and other local properties for learning environments

Campus Session Housing & Meals

- Campus Housing is **optional** if you need it
 - Housing (and Meals) Costs are NOT Included in SFE Total for campus session
 - **You will need to contact UWSP Housing and Residence Life** to set up your housing
- **Meals are on your own**, you may be in the field all day, so please pack accordingly (lots of water, a lunch, and snacks)



Residence Hall Assignment TBD - double room occupancy, desks, full kitchens on each floor, study lounge and computer lab



Campus/Stevens Point Recreational Opportunities

Hiking, hammocking, kayaking, fishing, exploring Stevens Point!





Application Requirements and Registration Process

Application Deadline

SFE Treehaven/Campus Session Application Opens

January 26th

Application Closes

February 6th at Noon (12pm)

NO LATE APPLICATIONS!

Requirements to Apply

2.00+ GPA In-Major

Complete **NRES 250**, **NRES 251**, and **Math 107** (or Math Placement above Math 107) by the end of Spring 2026 semester, before the start of SFE

Must be a CNR declared major

What if my in-major GPA is below 2.00?

You should still apply!

You will be put on a waitlist for the second half of summer sessions (Treehaven session 2 and/or Campus Session)

You could be added to Session 2 or 3 in early June **if** your in-major GPA improves to 2.00 or higher **and if** there are still open seats

Session Preference

- We will work with as many session preferences as possible.
- The **ONLY way** to get a **guaranteed session** is by showing proof of military obligations or having a Natural Resources related summer job.
- **Your employer** must email cnrsfe@uwsp.edu no later than Wednesday, February 11th by 11:59pm.
 - They must include your name, what your position is, dates you will be working, and SFE session you need to attend to be able to complete your summer internship. (ex. Stevie Pointer is hired as a NRCS Intern from June 1-July1 and will need to attend Treehaven Session 2)

Session Preference

- Please be flexible and understanding with the SFE session you are placed into
 - There are around 260 seats and often many students want the same session
 - **Plan your family vacations**, trips, summer activities **around** the SFE session you are accepted into
- We cannot accommodate every preferred session
- **Please do not delay your SFE** only because you were not placed into your preferred session.
- Campus Session 3 seats will be prioritized for students who are non-traditional, have family obligations, are primary caregivers, or have major medical concerns
 - Lease obligations or pet care needed near Stevens Point are NOT considered valid reasons for placement into Session 3

Notification of Acceptance

- Session lists will be emailed out tentatively by **February 20th**
- You will receive electronic permissions to register for the **SEVEN one-credit classes** before March registration opens
- This **does not register you for these classes** but gives you permission/authorization to **register for them yourselves**

Registration

- In **March** you will get a **detailed email** with directions on how you can register for the 7 courses of SFE
- Summer Registration begins mid-March (official dates announced in spring semester)
- **If you are not registered by end of March, you will be dropped** from the program and your spot will be given to the next student on the waitlist

Summer Term and Registration

Can I register for summer classes opposite of SFE?

- 6-9 credits is full time status for the Summer Term.
(SFE is 7 credits)
- You can enroll in an additional **OPTIONAL** 2 credits of summer classes opposite of your SFE for “free”
- Common classes: BIOL 101, 374, 377, WLDL 372, and some Gen Eds.
- **These classes can not be taken concurrently with SFE.**

Registration

What if I have a change of plans?

- If you wish to remove your name from the waiting list or drop the summer field experience courses email **cnrsfe@uwsp.edu**.
- Always include your Name, ID number, and which session you were admitted or waitlisted for.
- Please note that if you delay SFE, you may not be able to register for specific upper-level courses and ultimately delay your graduation.
- Complete SFE as soon as possible to stay on track with your course sequencing .

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

Teaching Assistants (TAs)

- Applications Open **November 3rd-17th**
- Application will be located on the CNR Reporter and SFE Website
- Up to 18 Course Teaching Assistant's (6-week TA's) will be hired to assist the faculty members
- Course TA's can attend one of the sessions and assist at the other session
- These are awesome experiences and look great on a resume
- \$12/hour, direct experience, faculty references, food and lodging paid for

Plant TAs

- 12-week Plant TA – works at Treehaven for the whole summer. Must have previously completed the SFE
- 6-week Plant TA – attend Treehaven Session 1 and work as a Plant TA for the Campus Session 3



Your To-do list

- ☐ Talk to your loved ones about your summer plans. Are you going to SFE next summer?
- ☐ Plan to have prerequisites completed before Summer 2026 (NRES 250, NRES 251, MATH 107, In Major GPA 2.00+)
- ☐ Attend a wader try-on session
- ☐ Read the CNR Reporter every week and apply on January 26. Fill out this application COMPLETELY.
- ☐ CNRSFE@uwsp.edu will be emailing you around February 20th with your application status

To do list when you are accepted:

- ☐ Congrats! Thoroughly read your email for the next steps.
- ☐ You will be invited to programs to prepare you for SFE, please attend them!
- ☐ Keep an eye out for an email in March about registration. Remember, you need to register for the 7 classes!
- ☐ Stay on top of your school email as more emails will have details about check in requirements.
- ☐ Attend your SFE session and pass all classes!

Schedule a one-on-one meeting with a
CNR SSC Peer Mentor to talk more in
depth about SFE or get your additional
questions answered. Choose the **CNR
SSC: Summer Field Experience**
Questions service option.

