

**Stevens Point Furbearer Ecology  
Workshop  
Mar 8–10, 2019**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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**General information:** On Mar 8-10, the Wisconsin Trappers Association and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will be offering a “hands on” Furbearer Ecology Workshop primarily for UW – Stevens Point students at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES). The course, based on a 5-day course taught at Madison to WDNR personnel, will cover the basics of furbearer ecology, management, trapping, and fur handling. Through a mixture of lectures, discussions, and activities, students will get first-hand experience with setting traps and skinning animals, as well as learning about furbearer diseases and how species are managed by the state. Specific goals for the course can be found on the back of this form.

**Location and times:** The class will start at 8:30 am on Friday, Mar 8 and go through 6:00 pm Sunday. Students will return to town by dinnertime each night, but need to be back to CWES by 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday morning. Directions for getting out to CWES are attached. Carpooling is a great idea!

**Cost:** The cost of the workshop to students is minimal (\$60) and includes snacks and lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All the labor is being donated either by Wisconsin Trapper Association members or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources personnel. If you want to get your certificate of completion of a trapper education course, that will be an additional \$12.00 payable at the workshop.

**Academic credit:** If you want, you can take the workshop for academic credit as Wildlife 305 “Furbearer Ecology” (1 credit). In addition to attending the workshop, you will be required to write a short research paper (see final page of this handout for details). **Please indicate on the slip below if you want to enroll in the class for credit.** The class will show up as “Furbearer Ecology” on your transcripts.

**Registration:** Please fill out the form below and return it to Dr. Shawn Crimmins, office 180A (or my mailbox), by **Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019**. Please include a check (not cash) for \$60 payable to “UWSP Foundation” with “4967-Wildlife Fund” in the memo line (this is critical, checks without this will be returned). There are 35 slots available in this class and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal preference: Non-vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: \_\_\_\_\_

- After reading the requirements on the last page, do you want to take this workshop for credit (1 cr – WLDL 305)? If yes, I will give you permission to register, but you will need to officially register.

Please attach a check for \$60 made out to the “UWSP Foundation” with “4967-Wildlife Fund” in the memo line. Registration ends **Feb 20, 2019** or when all slots are filled. Please slide your registration and check under the door of 180A TNR if I am not in.  
Registration is first come, first served



## **GOALS OF FUR ECOLOGY TRAINING WORKSHOP**

1. Update and inform participants on aspects of furbearer management.
2. Develop a general understanding of the fur industry.
3. Familiarize participants with trapping laws and regulations.
4. Develop an understanding and increase skill level in the proper handling and care of pelts.
5. Update participants on Wisconsin Trapper Education and Best Management Practices (BMP's) for trapping.
6. Develop an understanding and respect for these unique wildlife species and the public service trapping provides.
7. Familiarize students with trapping equipment and trap techniques.

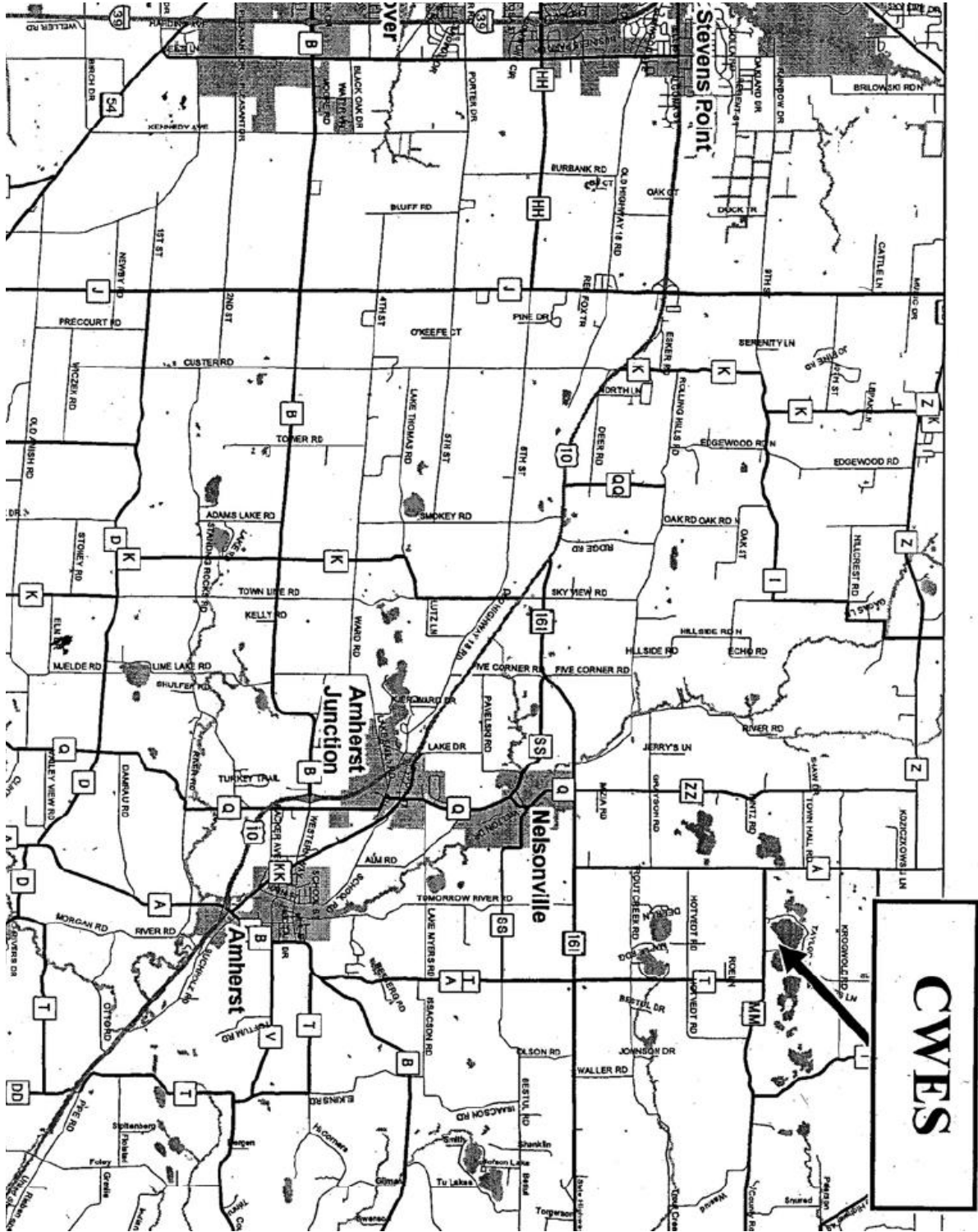
## **OBJECTIVES OF FUR ECOLOGY TRAINING WORKSHOP**

1. Learn the terminology used in the fur industry.
2. Learn about the Wisconsin Trappers Association, their purpose and goals.
3. Learn about illegal methods of laundering fur.
4. Learn about furbearer surveys, furbearer research, population modeling, and furbearer diseases.
5. Learn about state, national, and international impacts on trapping and furbearer management.
6. Learn trapping regulations and how the regulations are applied.
7. Learn about fur auctions, fur grading, and international marketing.
8. Learn techniques used by trappers to legally (and illegally) take furbearers.
9. Learn the terminology and workings of trapping equipment.
10. Learn how to care for fur - how to skin, flesh, stretch and tan.
11. Learn about the Wisconsin Trapper Education Program and BMP's for trapping.
12. Learn about tagging and registration of furbearers.
13. Learn about federal tagging requirements, shipping of furs, the Lacey Act, and how they relate to management of Wisconsin furbearers.
14. Learn important biological and ecological aspects of furbearers.

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:00 AM to 8:30 AM		<b>Furs of N.A. ID Time!</b> C. Twellmann	<b>Hands on Fur Training</b>  J. Irwin and WTA Instructors  
8:30 AM to 9:00 AM	<b>Welcome / Intros</b> Crimmins / Rossler / Irwin / Olson / Fries / Hamerla / Twellmann		
9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	<b>WTA &amp; Trapper Education</b> J. Irwin & C. Twellmann	<b>Wisconsin Trapping Regulations</b> Bryan Lockman	<b>Traps &amp; Trap Setting (Foothold &amp; Body-gripping)</b>  J. Irwin & WTA Instructors
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM	<b>Why Not Trap?</b> J. Fries / Group Discussion	<b>Traps &amp; Trap Setting</b> (Egg, Duffer, Cage, Snare, and Cable Restraint) J. Irwin & WTA Instructors	
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM	<b>Furbearer Management</b> S. Rossler	<b>Safety, Demos, &amp; Pelt Preparation</b> J. Irwin & WTA Instructors	
11:00 AM to 11:30 AM	<b>Furbearer Diseases</b>  J. Fries		
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b> <b>AFWA, BMPs and Outreach</b> J. Olson	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Trap Incident Reports</b> C. Twellmann	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30 PM to 1:15 PM	<b>Furbearer Research</b>  Nathan Roberts	<b>Hands on Fur Training</b>  J. Irwin and WTA Instructors  	<b>Why Trap?</b>  Group Discussion
1:15 PM to 2:00 PM	<b>Trapping &amp; Aquatic Invasives</b> Chris Hamerla		<b>Trapper Education Exam</b> Curtis Twellmann & J. Irwin
2:00 PM to 2:45 PM	<b>Nuisance Wildlife Control</b> Mike Wilhite		<b>Exam Review &amp; Certification!</b> Group
2:45 PM to 3:45 PM	<b>Trap ID - Footholds</b> J. Irwin & WTA Instructors		<b>Clean-up, Interactive Exam &amp; Course Evaluation</b>  Irwin / Rossler / Fries / Hamerla / Crimmins / Twellmann
3:45 PM to 4:30 PM	<b>Trap ID - Cage &amp; Enclosed Triggers</b> J. Irwin & WTA		
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	<b>Trap ID - Body Grips, Snares &amp; Cable Restraints</b> J. Irwin & WTA		
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	<b>Days End!</b>		<b>Clean-up!</b>

**Directions to CWES From Stevens Point:** Travel east on Highway 10 beyond I-39 to Hwy161 (approximately 7 miles). Turn left on to 161 and follow it to County Rd. A. Turn left on A for 2.5 miles to MM and turn right (east). CWES will be on your left  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles down. Additional directions and information can be found at the CWES website: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/cwes/pages/default.aspx>



**WILDLIFE 305/505 Section 2**  
**SELECTED TOPICS IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (Subtitle: Furbearer Ecology)**

**Instructor of record: Shawn Crimmins**

To earn 1 credit in Selected Topics, students must:

- a) Successfully complete the 3-day furbearer ecology course;
- b) Register for WLDL 305 Sec 2 (You may need to register in person at Registration and Records after Dr. Crimmins gives you permission);
- c) Submit to Dr. Crimmins the following assignment by the indicated deadline.

Assignment:

1. Write a summary paper on a topic involving any aspect of furbearer ecology and management that is somehow connected to the goals and objectives of the course.
2. Include at least 4 scientific references (i.e. journal articles, research reports, theses/dissertations, transactions or proceedings) to support your paper. The articles must be from a peer-reviewed journal or source. Do not use internet sources of information unless they are peer-reviewed material!
3. The paper should be no more than 8 pages in length but no less than 4 pages, and must be written in 12 pt. font, and be double-spaced with 2.5cm margins. You may print them back-to-back.
4. The format for writing and citing literature should follow Journal of Wildlife Management format. Strictly follow this format when citing literature, presenting units of measure, or including scientific nomenclature.
5. Papers must be **submitted** electronically to Dr. Crimmins via email no later than **Friday, 26 Apr 2019**. Papers will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
  - a. Evidence of researching the appropriate literature to support your topic;
  - b. Adherence to the appropriate scientific format when writing the paper;
  - c. Presentation of material in a concise, easy-to-understand form; and
  - d. Appropriate use of grammar, correct spelling, neatness, etc.