

Upham Woods



Outdoor Learning Center

# Annual Program Report

September 1, 2015 -August 31, 2016



*“Everything from planning, to overnight accommodations, to meals, to venue and staff was wonderful. We look forward to our next visit”  
-UW system Upham user*



## 11,081

On site and outreach participants

## 54

On site school programs

## 29

4-H Counties at Summer Camp

Additional **23** user groups including:

- Wisconsin Dells Parks and Recreation
- Girl scout Badgerland Council
- Department of Natural Resources
- UW system schools

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*“Everyone we worked with- office staff, naturalists, kitchen staff were all eager to help whenever needed and easy to communicate with. Thanks for making our stay a great one!”  
– 4-H user*

## Open Enrollment Summer Camp Pilot Program:

- 2 four day camps
- 142 campers from 15 different counties
- Camp Counselors from 10 different Wisconsin counties and 2 states



Upham Woods User Feedback	% of respondents rating excellent or good in 2016
Communication & helpfulness prior to visit	96%
Grounds, buildings and equipment	94%
Attention to safety	95%
Liaison	96%
Food	79%
Staff	97%
Programming	88%
Overall	94%

## Professional Development, Trainings and Certification Courses Provided:

- Digital Observation Technology Skills
- Forestry curriculum with youth
- Team Building and on site low ropes training
- Canoe/Kayak training
- Lifeguard certification
- Experiential Education Pedagogy
- Wilderness First Aid
- Adaptive hiking/kayaking
- Camp Counselor Training



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



September 18, 2016 was a special day at Upham Woods. Multiple generations of Upham staff, participants, and supporters gathered to celebrate the rich history of the people, property, and programs that have impacted so many. The blue skies and warm sun set the stage for a morning of playing games, singing songs, touring camp, and exploring the variety of historical artifacts about Upham Woods. The closing ceremony was rich with stories of Upham days past, reflections on the future, and a few camp songs, too.