

May 2021

Earth Day Conservation Day



Upham Woods celebrated Earth Day with a Community Conservation Day on April 24. The 51 participants contributed to two conservation projects: trail building to South Beach and picking up trash. Guests, when not working on the conservation projects, were invited to hike on the trails and enjoy the beauty of Upham Woods. Johanna led a feeding demonstration at noon where people could learn about feeding Beauty, our red-tailed hawk. Participants were also able to bring their lunches and eat outside at our picnic tables, where they were encouraged to share what they found or saw while hiking.



Science Expeditions Open House

As part of the Science Expeditions Open House, the winners from the **Science Strikes Back! Community Science Fair** were presented again over ZOOM to an audience on YouTube Live. Winner Ronin presented his Naked Egg experiment; the Wisconsin River Quest project was also highlighted for viewers. Lastly, "Get Out of My Swamp" was also presented by Upham's own Isabelle Herde. After each project period, questions were shared out from the YouTube livestream. There were 19 participants on the livestream who contributed to a lively chat box, sharing questions, reacting to the presentations, and discussing what they might do for their science projects as well.

Counselor Training

Isabelle and Johanna led the second synchronous Camp Counselor Training Discussion session on April 10. After learning about and processing the purpose of the community guidelines, the group introduced themselves in breakout rooms. The Story Stretch was successful, encouraging participants to get moving and be wackier with each other, helping to break the ice.

When one camp counselor, after her first time speaking, said how awkward she was feeling via ZOOM, Isabelle took this opportunity to highlight how effective and personable expressing your emotions can be for your campers. The counselors were sorted into different breakout rooms where they created lines of advice, or a haiku, for their campers.

As a way to check in on how everyone was feeling, counselor got a chance to

choose “which upham animal are you.” Finally, participants joined in camp songs and games.

Research Accelerators with Baraboo High School

Baraboo High Students participated in a Earth Day-themed event for Earth Day focusing on conservation, biodiversity, and invasive species. Upham staff started the session by asking students to define conservation and discuss conservation projects they have done. Next, we discussed biodiversity, the value of biodiversity and how we can measure it. We explained the methodology students can use if they want to create their own biodiversity survey using inaturalist or pen and paper. Isabelle virtually took the students outside and explored the area around the nature center. We ended the session by talking about invasive species, what they are, what we can do about them, how they spread, and the harm they can cause.



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Earth Day Celebration
Baraboo High School
Plant Science Class Session 2
Scientific Story
Date: April 23, 2021



Baraboo High School students and Upham Woods staff celebrated Earth Day by exploring conservation, biodiversity, invasive species and activities students can do to help the planet. One way to measure biodiversity is to do a BioBlitz! The students got to virtually observe Upham Woods, they recorded what they saw and discussed what that told us about what is present at Upham Woods!

What did we see at Upham!

- White Pines
- Red pine
- animal rubs
- pine needles
- oak leaves
- lichens
- water
- violets





Invasive Species
something that takes over & makes it harder for other species to survive

Phenology Changes in Spring

Do beavers chew to shorten their teeth?

Absolutely!



We would expect to see deer and mushrooms

Currently- turkeys, it is turkey hunting season

Lots of mosquitoes. ew.

For more information, contact Justin Hougham, or check out our website: justin.hougham@wisc.edu • (608) 254-6461 • <http://fyi.uwex.edu/environmentaleducation/>

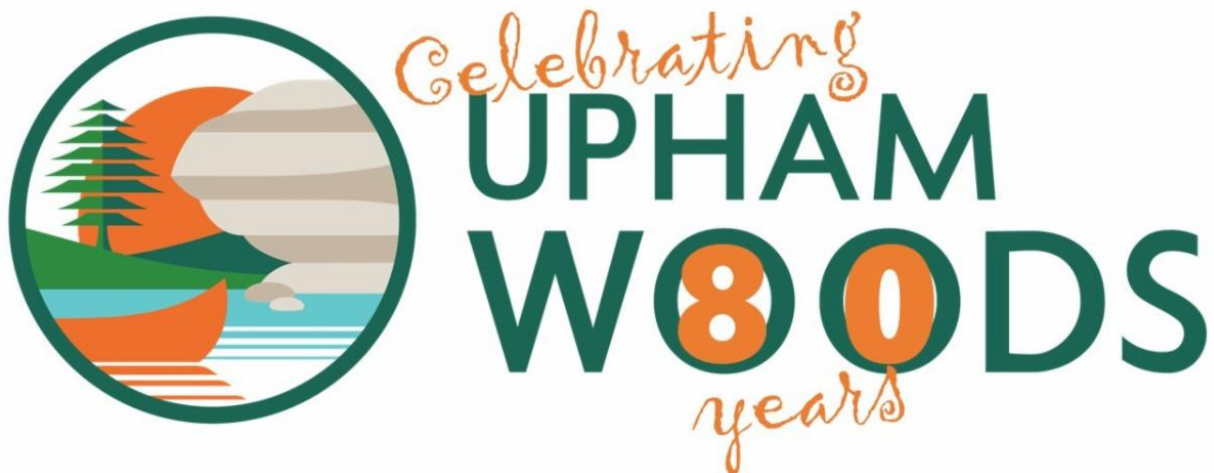
Archery Club

Archery Club, in collaboration with Wisconsin Dells Parks & Rec, came to a successful close on Saturday, April 24. In the first session, it was one of the participant's birthdays so she received extra points for bullseyes and hitting the target. She was also given an extra arrow to shoot in the last round of shooting. What a fun way to celebrate a birthday!



Upper Dells Education & Research Center

We have reached a point of excited anticipation as the Grand Opening of the Upper Dells Education & Research Center has been set for Saturday, May 15. We will take a few moments to not only celebrate its completion, but honor the work and dedication of those who helped make it happen. After touring the building, guests will be invited to walk around Upham Woods to see other improvements that have been completed, such as the new roof on the Nature Center. It will be a great way to transition to a new era at Upham Woods!



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