

**Wisconsin Associated County
Extension Committees, Inc.
Annual Conference**

Cooperative Extension: The Educational Tool Serving Wisconsin Counties



**June 15-16, 2009
Radisson Hotel
La Crosse, Wisconsin**

WACEC Conference at a Glance

Monday, June 15, 2009

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| 8 - 10 a.m. | Conference Registration (Continental Breakfast) |
| 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Auction Items Accepted |
| 8 - 9 a.m. | WACEC State Board Meeting/Breakfast |
| 9 - 10 a.m. | Orientation for Newer WACEC Members |
| 10 - 11 a.m. | Opening General Session |
| 11 a.m. - 12 noon | WACEC Annual Business Meeting |
| 12 noon - 1 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30 - 5 p.m. | Educational Tours |
| 5:30 - 6 p.m. | PILD Reception |
| 6 - 7 p.m. | Dinner Entertainment |
| 7 p.m. | Live Auction |

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

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| 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. | WACEC District Breakfasts |
| 9 - 10:15 a.m. | Concurrent Workshops |
| 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. | Conference Closing & Capnote Panel |
| 12 noon | Awards Luncheon |
| 2 p.m. | Adjourn |

2009 WACEC Annual Auction Card

Item: _____
County: _____
District: _____

Description of item (i.e., how it is made, how it is used, if it is unique to or part of the culture of your county):

Estimated value (if known): _____

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**WACEC Annual Conference
Planning Committee**

- Coleen Bates, President, WACEC District 5, Eau Claire County
- Don Bina, WACEC Member, La Crosse County
- Bev Mach, WACEC Member, La Crosse County
- Larry Markquardt, 2nd Vice President, WACEC District 5, Chippewa Co
- Mel Pittman, 1st Vice President, WACEC District 5, Pierce County
- Karen Thayer, WACEC Member, Jackson County
- Nodji Van Wychen, Treasurer, WACEC District 5, Monroe County
- Deloras Vind, WACEC Member, Trempealeau County
- Carol Wallerman, WACEC Member, Monroe County
- Mary Campbell-Wood, Buffalo & Pepin Counties, Family Living Agent
- Karl Green, La Crosse County, Community, Natural Resources, & Economic Development Agent
- Karen Joos, Monroe County, Family Living Agent
- Randy Knapp, Chippewa County, Agricultural Agent
- Monica Lobenstein, Jackson County 4-H Youth Development Agent
- Mary Meehan-Strub, La Crosse County, Family Living Agent
- Megan Stuessel, Trempealeau County, 4-H Youth Development Agent
- Pamela Seelman, Public Information Specialist

**Conference Hosted by WACEC District 5 and
UW-Extension Western District**

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| Barron | Eau Claire | Pierce |
| Buffalo | Jackson | Polk |
| Chippewa | La Crosse | St. Croix |
| Clark | Monroe | Trempealeau |
| Dunn | Pepin | |

Western District Cooperative Extension
Deb Jones, Western District Director
Liz Hilts, Administrative Assistant

Conference information also available at:
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/waceconference>

Sustainability Tours

1. La Crosse Myrick Hixon Ecopark Tour

On May 1, 2008 the Myrick Hixon EcoPark (MHEP) of La Crosse, WI was created. The MHEP is a partnership of the Hixon Forest Nature Center, the City of La Crosse, eight La Crosse area Rotary Clubs, and UW-Extension. This new partnership has been involved in the construction of a new nature education center at the current site of the city owned Myrick Park Zoo. This new EcoPark partnership will manage the La Crosse City owned Myrick Zoo, indigenous wildlife exhibits, the 1,100 acre La Crosse marsh, and the 800 acre Hixon Forest. This new facility promotes the value of the natural world, educates people about environmental issues, and actively engages children and adults in ways they can make a difference in the quality of their environment. The new MHEP environmental nature center is adjacent to the Zoo, the La Crosse marsh, within walking distance of the Hixon Forest and the state Great River and Sparta-Elroy Bicycle Trails. Access to a variety of hardwood forests and wetlands provides powerful hands on tools for environmental education. The variety of environmental attractions so closely available at the Myrick Hixon EcoPark will make it a major tourist and visitor destination. The tour will start with a welcome from the EcoPark's executive director and president and a brief discussion on the complex partnership needed to run all aspects of the EcoPark. The buildings' "green technology" will be explained and examined.

2. Family Sustainability Tour

Enjoy a highly engaging afternoon of group activities and table talks focusing on the heart of our counties...families! This session will help you, as county elected officials, gain an understanding of the challenges facing today's families, and how these issues impact your work in county government. Learn about Extension's educational programs that are working to support families in crisis. You will have the opportunity to "tour" to several table talks focusing on some of these issues: divorce, drug court, caregiving, food insufficiency, foreclosure prevention, youth alcohol abuse, poverty. (Note: This tour will be held on-site at the Radisson hotel.)

Please use the enclosed auction cards to describe your auction items. Donated items can highlight your county's ethnic heritage, industrial or recreational assets. Items can be donated by local artisans or businesses or be handmade by you. There is NO LIMIT to the number of items your county can donate!

Auction items should be checked in on Monday, June 15 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. near the Registration table. There will be curbside assistance if you need help transporting bulky, large or fragile items.

Should you have any questions regarding this year's auction, please feel free to call the UW-Extension La Crosse County Office at 608-785-9593, or email steve.huntzicker@ces.uwex.edu.

We want to make this 2009 WACEC Auction a fun time and a good opportunity to support a great cause. Please be generous with your county donations!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the auction!



2009 WACEC Auction

It's that time of year again when we ask you to support the Public Issues Leadership Development Program for WACEC members by donating items to the 2009 WACEC Auction.

By donating and participating in the 2009 WACEC Auction, you are helping support Wisconsin delegates' attendance at the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference in Washington, D.C. This conference provides county board supervisors with the opportunity to learn about national issues facing Cooperative Extension and to network with their county colleagues from other states throughout the country.

We are asking for your support...

- We want to have every county participate in the auction by donating an item. Even if you cannot attend, we are asking you to send your items to the conference.
- We want to surpass last year's revenue!

Sustainability Tours

3. La Crosse Sustainability Tour

Rain gardens are one measure property owners can take to encourage rain water infiltration instead of generating stormwater. Stormwater contains contaminants such as oils and grease, lawn fertilizers, bacteria, and other various suspended solids that enter surface water bodies. In La Crosse, the County CNRED agent has facilitated several rain garden projects aimed to educate residents and property owners of some of the options for preventing the generation of stormwater from their property. This tour will view several of those gardens including:

- La Crosse Southside Neighborhood Center
- Karl Green's home
- Three Rivers Waldorf School
- Town of Campbell's Community Center
- Holmen School District's Administrative Center
- Town of Holland's town hall

In addition, this tour will visit County Board member Marilyn Pedretti's straw built home. This home was built with almost 100% green products, and is completely "off the grid".

Come see the various exhibits of sustainability at its best in La Crosse County!

4. Coulee Region Agriculture Diversity Tour

Welcome to Coulee Country! Our agriculture is more diverse than many areas of the state. This tour will be highlighting two recent additions to the area's agricultural enterprises that the county UW Extension Agents have been working with. The Cashton area is home to an Amish community with a thriving fresh market produce, greenhouse and bedding plant industry. You will be visiting an Amish farm that grows bedding plants and fresh market vegetables. We will then take a short drive to wine country where we will visit a local vineyard in this area's growing grape and wine industry.

WACEC Board of Directors' Policy State Conference Refunds

Refunds are subject to WACEC Board of Directors' Policy

Cancellation Policy

In the event of registration cancellation, fees paid in advance are refundable. Cancellations must be in writing (either by mail or fax) and received by the hosting district no later than the registration cut-off date (May 22, 2009).

WACEC will not be able to refund registration fees for cancellations postmarked two-weeks after the cut-off date (June 5, 2009).

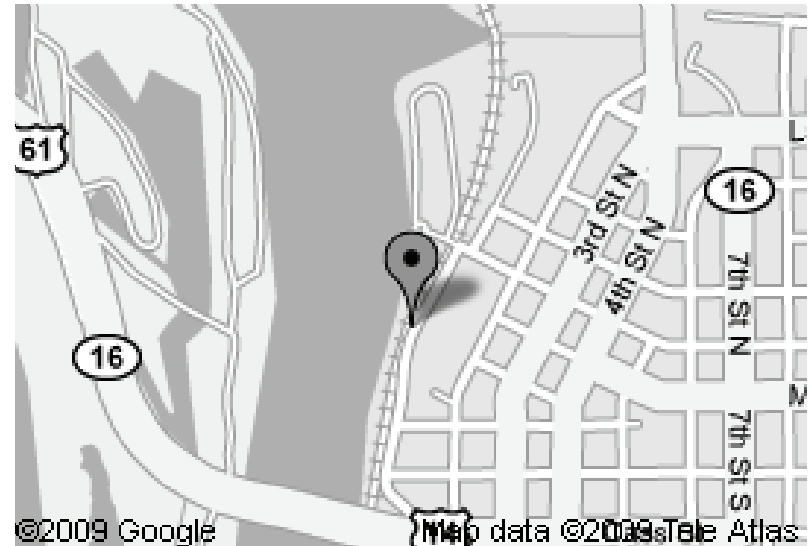
Refunds will be processed following the meeting, by the WACEC Board Treasurer.

Dated: November 10, 2006

Hotel Accommodations

Our conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI

Driving Directions:



Make your reservations by calling the Radisson Hotel at 800-333-3333 or 608-784-6680 and ask for the WACEC Conference rate.

Make sure to use the Room Block name of **WACEC**. This will ensure the guaranteed rates of \$70.00 per night for a single or \$100.00 for a double room.

Please note: The room block will be released on May 22, 2009. Please make your reservations before this date!!

Detach this page. Inside is your registration form.

Please return it by **Friday,**
May 22, 2009 to:

Conference Planning Services

2009 STATE WACEC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
JUNE 15-16, 2009
RADISSON HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, WISCONSIN

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| Name: | | Spouse/Guest: | |
| Address: | | City/Zip: | |
| Telephone: | | E-mail: | |

Please check the appropriate box(es) and identify your affiliation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WACEC Member | County: | | | | Emergency Contact (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest | County: | | | | Name: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Educator | County: | | | | Telephone: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension State Staff/Administration | Title: | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Partner Advisory Group Member (CPAG) | County: | | | | |

Advance Registrations must be Postmarked by May 22, 2009
Registrations postmarked after May 22th will be assessed an additional \$15 charge.

TOURS: Please indicate WACEC member and guest first (1) & second (2) choices

| WACEC Member: | Guest: | Please indicate choice for Tuesday's Awards Luncheon |
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| WACEC Member: | Guest: | |
| ___ | ___ | ___ Swedish Meatballs |
| ___ | ___ | ___ Stuffed Chicken Breast |
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Please indicate any special dietary requirements you may have: _____
 Please indicate any special accommodation requirements you may have: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES).

NOTE: The full conference package includes: Monday morning break, lunch, tour, dinner & entertainment; Tuesday breakfast and awards lunch.

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| Full Conference Package Tuesday Only | Attendee | Spouse/Guest | Subtotal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> + | <input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> + | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 | \$ _____ |
| | | Late fee (\$15 after 5/22) | \$ _____ |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | \$ _____ |

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Enclosed is my check/money order payable to University of Wisconsin – Extension
- Please charge to the following credit card account:
 - Mastercard VISA American Express

Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____
 Cardholder's Name _____

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| MAIL TO: | Pyle Center Registrations Attn: 2009 WACEC Conference 702 Langdon Street Madison, WI 53706 | Fax number: 608-285-3163 Online Registration Information: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/waceconference |
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