

*Would you like to learn more  
about your woods?*



**Wisconsin's  
Master Woodland Steward Program**



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# *I would like to invite you to become a Master Woodland Steward...*

Wisconsin's Master Woodland Steward Program is for woodland owners interested in learning more about their woodlands and sustainable forest management practices. The Master Woodland Steward Program combines classroom instruction and outdoor experiences to teach participants the basics of forest ecology, silvicultural techniques, managing for aesthetics, recreation and wildlife habitat, business decision and planning tools as well as sources for technical and financial assistance.



Whether your woodland provides profit or pleasure you can gain valuable skills and knowledge that will help you become a better steward of your woodlands.

Graduates of the Master Woodland Steward program are asked to contribute at least 30 hours of volunteer service back to their community to help raise awareness about forest stewardship and sustainable forest management with their neighbors.

To learn more about the Master Woodland Steward program contact John DuPlissis, Forestry Outreach Specialist, at...

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*The Master Woodland Steward Program will be offered at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point's Schmeeckle Reserve and the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. This program provides participants with classroom instruction and hands-on learning experiences as well as field trips that are designed to help learn and understand the concepts better. You can sign up to participate in the entire program or only those seminars that are of interest to you. Space is limited and preference will be given to those interested in becoming Master Woodland Stewards.*

### **How Trees Grow**

**Saturday, March 15th; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Have you ever wondered why some trees do well in one place but poorly in another? This workshop will help you understand how trees grow and why they grow where they grow and how to apply these concepts to become a better manager of your woodlands.*

### **Plant Health Care**

**Tuesday, March 25th; 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

*What bug is that! This workshop will help you learn to identify some of the insect and disease problems common to trees in central Wisconsin. You will learn about the steps you can take to help keep your trees healthy including management and control options and figuring out when they are appropriate.*

### **Tree Selection and Planting**

**Saturday, April 12th; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Have you ever wondered which tree is the right tree for your property? This workshop is designed to answer some of the most common questions that you might have about selecting the right tree to plant, how to plant a tree, and the care and maintenance of newly planted trees.*

### **Tree Identification**

**Saturday, May 17th; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*One of the most basic ways that you can learn about your land is to learn how to identify the trees in your woods. This seminar will teach you the basics of tree identification, how to use tree keys and give you the opportunity to practice these skills.*

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## **Woodlot Management**

**Saturday, June 7th; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Have you ever wondered if you are doing the right things to help your trees grow? Forests are living systems with processes that you need to consider when developing or implementing your management plan for your property. This workshop will help you understand the ability of a site to support a given tree species, how trees grow, reproduce and respond to change, how you can manage your woodlot to meet your goals and the opportunity to practice these skills.*

## **Dealing with Invasive Species**

**Tuesday, June 24th; 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

*What is a tree and what is a weed? Invasive plants have become a serious problem for many woodland owners in central Wisconsin. This workshop will help you learn to identify some of the invasive plant species common to central Wisconsin and methods to control their spread and damage.*

## **The Careful Timber Harvest**

**Will be held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station**

**Saturday, July 12th; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Harvesting timber is a difficult choice for many woodland owners. Not because they do not want to harvest the trees from their land, but rather because they want to make sure that the job gets done right. Planning a timber harvest is not an easy or simple process. This workshop will help you to understand the steps in the process necessary to have a carefully considered and well planned timber harvest.*

## **After the Harvest**

**Saturday, August 2nd; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*How do you design recreational trails? As a part of a harvest you will have the opportunity to create a road and trail system on your property. This workshop will teach you how you can work with a timber professional to layout and design a trail system on your property and some of the things that you will need to consider to make this a long-term, stable system that will not wash away in the first storm.*

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## **Financial Planning for Woodland Owners**

**Tuesday, August 19th; 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

*The vast majority of Wisconsin's forest landowners do not own their lands for investment purposes or to receive income from the sale of timber. However, they do invest substantial sums of money in the purchase of forest lands, the planting and tending of trees, shrubs and food plots; the development of trail systems; and the equipment necessary to be able to carry out this work. This workshop will help you understand the laws that apply to the expense and income related to your management activities, as well as the programs that are available to help you minimize those expenses and reduce your tax burden.*

## **Wildlife Habitat Management**

**Will be held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Saturday, September 13th; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Good forest management is good wildlife management. This may seem strange to some, but if you stop and think about it you will realize that wildlife management is really habitat management. This seminar will provide you with a deeper understanding and appreciation of what "habitat" means, help you learn to identify what animals are present on your land, and how you can manage your woodlands to provide habitat for different wildlife species.*

## **Chainsaw Safety**

**Will be held at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station Saturday, September 27th; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Personal safety in the woods is probably one of the most important topics that we can cover. This seminar is designed to teach you techniques to safely use a chainsaw and will focus on introducing participants to open-face felling. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the felling, and understanding hinge wood strength.*

## **Pruning Trees and Shrubs for Fun and Profit**

**Saturday, October 25th; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

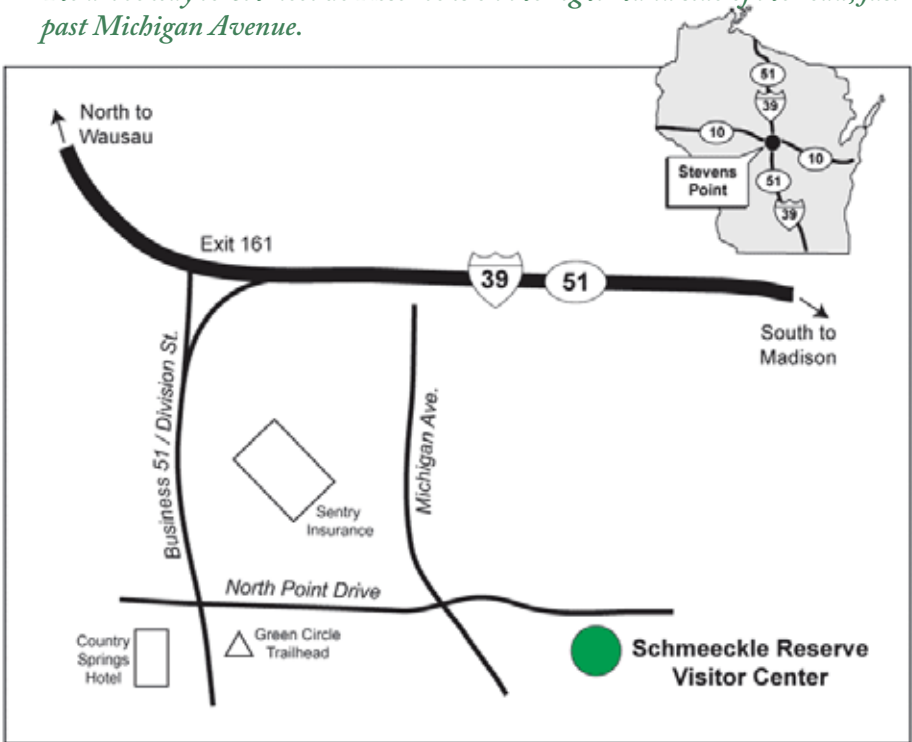
*When is the right time to prune your trees? This workshop will teach you how to make corrective pruning cuts to your trees and shrubs to enhance their value and beauty and give you the opportunity to practice these skills.*

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## Directions to UWSP's Schmeeckle Reserve

*Schmeeckle Reserve is located in northern Stevens Point, just a five-minute drive from Interstate 39 / U.S. Highway 51, and a short walk from the dorms and buildings on campus.*

- *From Interstate 39 / U.S. Highway 51, take Exit 161 to Business 51.*
- *Turn left at the stoplights onto North Point Drive.*
- *The driveway to Schmeeckle Reserve is on the right-hand side of the road, just past Michigan Avenue.*



**The goals of Wisconsin's Master Woodland Steward Program are to:**

- Provide information and educate private forest landowners on forest processes and the basics of sustainable forest management practices;
- Provide information and educate private forest landowners about professional technical assistance and cost-share options that are available to help develop stewardship plans to implement practices;
- Reach a greater number of Wisconsin's 290,000 private woodland owners through the activities of the program's graduates as they pass on what they have learned to their communities, neighbors, and peers about forest ecosystems and sustainable forest management practices.

The Master Woodland Steward Program is designed to teach woodland owners the basics about forest ecosystems, silviculture, and economics to help you become a more effective steward of your woodland property ...and how to share this knowledge with your neighbors...

# How can I participate in this program?

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please check which Seminars you would like to attend. Preference will be given to individuals who wish to become Master Woodland Stewards.

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The cost for the half-day seminars is \$10.00; The cost for the full-day seminars is \$20.00; or \$100.00 to attend all 12 seminars.

Number of half-day seminars \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of full-day seminars \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of all selected seminars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with a check for the correct amount to:

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Space is limited. Please register at least one week in advance of the seminars of your choice

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