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Registration is open for the 2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention - April 6-8, Stevens Point
Save 20% if registering before March 1

Registration is now open for the 2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention, taking place April 6-8 at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn and Convention Center, as part of Wisconsin Water Week.

Keynote speakers include Charlie Wooley, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Midwest Regional Director, who will be sharing how major legislative and funding victories are poised to fuel on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects impacting waterways, habitat, and fish in Wisconsin. Chad Pregracke from Living Lands & Waters will also be there inspiring and energizing participants with stories of protection, preservation, and restoration of the nations' major rivers and their watersheds.



This year's theme is *Protecting What We Love for the Future*. Hands-on workshops and engaging presentations will be centered around this theme of protecting our water resources.

- Wednesday, April 6, will feature half-day or full-day workshops for you to choose from. Pre-registration is required for these workshops, which fill up quickly.
- Thursday, April 7, will feature 35+ concurrent sessions, educational and business exhibits, lightning and poster presentations, keynote speaker Charlie Wooley, an authors' event, and the Lake Stewardship and Volunteer Stream Monitoring Awards Ceremony and Banquet.
- Friday, April 8, will feature 35+ concurrent sessions, educational and business exhibits, and keynote speaker Chad Pregracke.

Virtual attendance is available on Thursday and Friday for those who cannot make it in person. Virtual attendees will have access to one of the six in-person streams, focusing on Hot Topics, keynote speakers on both Thursday and Friday, and Thursday's lightning talks. You must have the ability to use Zoom to join these events.

Face coverings will be required at this indoor event while Portage County is at the "high" or "substantial" community transmission level for coronavirus. Should the transmission rate change for the better, we may update this requirement in accordance with CDC masking guidance. Thank you for your understanding and compliance. The health and safety of our presenters and attendees is important to us, so please bring a mask for each day you are attending. Learn more and register by visiting [wisconsinwaterweek.org](https://www.wisconsinwaterweek.org)

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The Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention is brought to you by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership. *This Partnership joins science, education, and citizens to empower people to work together to care for our lakes. Since its genesis in the early 1970s, the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership has been recognized as a national model of collaboration. The Partnership has three core partners: the [Department of Natural Resources](#) (which supplies scientific research, technical expertise and regulatory authority), the [Extension Lakes Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point](#) (which provides supporting educational materials and programs), and your statewide non-profit [Wisconsin Lakes](#) (which mobilizes citizens to be advocates for lakes).*

This partnership is a statewide, multi-faceted effort that reaches far beyond the core groups to include regional, county, tribal, non-profit, and federal partners. Our goal is to continue to protect and preserve our shared water legacy and support those meeting the challenges that come with the management and stewardship of Wisconsin's lakes.

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