



2020 WESTBY PROJECT WORKSHOP

April 4-5, 2020

Living Waters Bible Camp
E8932 Reo Avenue
Westby, WI

(Note: Agenda is subject to change but includes confirmed and prospective speakers as of 2-24-20)

Saturday, April 4:

8:30: Welcome: Jeff Hastings, TUDARE Project Manager, and Andrew Jackson, Living Waters Bible Camp Events Manager

Administrative matters: Duke Welter, TUDARE Outreach

Opening speakers:

8:45-9:15: Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo: ***Our remarkable Driftless Area: How Karst Geology and Hydrogeology make it unique, and the threats facing our streams, springs and groundwater***

Speaker: Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo, Professor Emeritus of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago

9:15-9:45: Using volunteer projects to break in a new team of TU chapter leaders
Speakers TBA

- 9:45-10:00: Break (15 minutes)
- 10-10:45: Building Habitat Maintenance Crews for your region
 Jerry Sapp, TUDARE Volunteer Steering Committee
 Dave Rowe, WI DNR Regional Fisheries Supervisor
 Tom Lager, Fox Valley TU, TUCARES Initiative Leader
- 10:45-11:45: Turn to the Schools and Colleges: On Beyond TIC
 High Schools can be a perfect fit: Todd Mau and associates
 Developing the College level Trout Fishing Class: Speakers TBA
 Working with a Five Rivers Fishing Club: Speaker TBA
- 11:45-12:30: Lunch: Served by the good folks at LWBC
- 12:30-1:30: Rapid-Fire project planning: (15 minutes each)
- Building your Partnership and Funding Package: Jeff Hastings, TUDARE Project Manager
 Obtaining Public Access: Duke Welter, TUDARE Outreach Coordinator
 Site Selection and Landowner Relations: Paul Krahn, TUDARE Stream Projects Specialist
 Publicizing and Celebrating your project: Todd Mau, WI Clear Waters TU
- 1:30-2:30: Replacing structure-building work days with other opportunities to build chapters
 Jason Freund, Jerry Sapp, additional speakers tba
- 2:30-5 p.m.: Choice of activities: **Tour a local project site** with Paul Krahn, TUDARE Stream Project Specialist, to discuss new restoration techniques for nongame and endangered species, or **Wally's Fish-Along** (Wally Bock, long-time knowledgeable Driftless angler, will provide suggestions for places to fish and his secret fishing map)
- 6:30-9:30 Dinner: **Catered dinner of grilled chicken** at Viroqua American Legion, featuring the Rockton Tavern's "Soon-to-be-World-Famous" Chicken and all the fixings, plus 20 beers on tap from around the world (19 of them pretty good. Trust us.)

Sunday morning:

- 8:30-9:00 or 9:15: Prehistoric Driftless Archeology: What Can It Teach Us?
 Prof. Emeritus Jim Thaler, UW-La Crosse
- 9:15-10:00: The Message We Send: TU's Choices and Messages as a Private Conservation Organization: Where we fit in, and what we can do that others can't; blind spots our messages don't illuminate; How to tell a compelling conservation story to connect us to our community; tools to help you define your messages.

10:00-10:15: Break

10:15-11:30: Who Do We Welcome? Broadening Our Appeal to New Audiences

Lisa Beranek: TU National Leadership Development Manager

State Council Diversity Chairs and other invited guests for insightful discussion.
Please come prepared with questions.

11:30-12:30: Parallel Opportunities:

Planning your own project: bring an idea for a project site and we'll help you develop a plan with experienced expert volunteers. (TUDARE Staff & Volunteers)

OR

Consult with Lisa Beranek on challenges facing your own chapter, one on one. Please contact her in advance at lberanek@tu.org to arrange.

12:30: Closing remarks