NEW This Spring: Friend of the Field Station Classes!

UW-Waukesha has a Field Station?

Some would say that the UW-Waukesha Field Station is Waukesha County’s best keep secret! Both the Ice Age Trail and the Glacial Drumlin Bike Trail pass through the property, which is nestled between Wales and Dousman. The Field Station shares a home with the Wildlife in Need Center (WINC) and offers an unparalleled array of learning opportunities in a beautiful, natural setting.

For over forty years, emeritus Marlin Johnson and the Friends of the Field Station have been committed to converting 98 acres of old farmland into an outdoor classroom composed of natural and restored ecosystems native to Wisconsin. Hundreds of trees and thousands of prairie seeds have been planted on site to create a diverse sample of Wisconsin’s forests and grasslands. Aquatic habitats – including a small lake, a spring-fed stream, and a temporary pond – add to the mix. Other amenities include an indoor classroom, a wood-fired kiln for ceramics classes, and a historical farmstead.

A little History...

The land comprising the Field Station was originally donated to UW-Waukesha in 1967 by Miss Gertrude Sherman, who intended that the property be maintained in a natural condition for years to come. The last crop of corn was harvested in 1967, and after 125 years of farming, the land was finally retired from agricultural use. UW-Waukesha has since restored acreage to communities of plants and animals native to Wisconsin. Now as always, the continued upkeep, operation and improvement of this facility requires a substantial financial commitment.

Hope for the future

It is our hope that hands-on learning experiences with plants, animals, soils and water and the ecological processes that bind them together can lead to greater understanding of the natural world and our role as caretakers. UW-Waukesha Continuing Education invites individuals, organizations, youth groups, and schools to contact us for more learning opportunities that are available year-round.

For each individual that registers for a UW-Waukesha ‘Friend of the Field Station’ class, UW-Waukesha Continuing Education will donate ten dollars to the Field Station Foundation Fund. Donated monies will be used for equipment and staffing to control invasive species and for planting wildflowers in the ecological communities as well as general maintenance of buildings and grounds. Please contact UW-Waukesha Continuing Education for your tax donation receipt.

What is a Friend of the Field Station?

We invite you to take a ‘Friends of the Field Station’ class and see why we think the Field Station is special! We will be offering a selection of courses for both youth and adults identified as ‘Friends of the Field Station Class’.

How can I become a Friend of the Field Station?

It’s easy! Choose one option from the below list and you will be automatically added to our Friend list!

- Register for any Friend of the Field Station class
- Make a specific monetary donation
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities

http://waukesha.uwc.edu/campus/resources/facilities/field-station
Look for Friends of the Field Station Classes this Spring!

Nature Lovers Photography Workshop, Chris Jourdan
Prairie Restoration for the Beginner, Bob Ahrenhoerster
Insect Folklore, Bob Ahrenhoerster
Winter Tree Identification, Marlin Johnson
Summer Tree Identification, Marlin Johnson
Write Your Story, Lauren Gordon
Creativity Writing Workshop, Lauren Gordon
Poetry Writing for Everyone, Lauren Gordon
Beginning/Intermediate Oil Painting, Gael Riverz
Practical Landscape Gardening, Bambi Butzlaff-Voss
Ceramics, Jeff Noska

Summer Youth Field Station Classes:
The Dirt on Dirt, Suzanne Joneson
Life in Mud Puddles, Ponds, & Streams, Marlin Johnson
Bird Watching or Ornithology? You Decide!, Glen Grieger
Insect Adventure!, Theresa Schueller

Make sure you enroll in a Friend of the Field Station Class!