

**Dear Wetland Enthusiast,**

Thank you for registering for *Wetlands in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Altered Landscapes and Changing Climates*. We're pleased that you will be joining us for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on January 31 & February 1 at the Olympia Center in Oconomowoc, WI. This year we are providing all pre-conference information to registrants in electronic form rather than as paper copies in an effort to make our conference more environmentally sustainable as well as to save paper and postage costs. If you would prefer to have hard copies of conference information mailed to you, please call or email our office (608-250-9971, [programs@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:programs@wisconsinwetlands.org)).

Please read the following below and follow links to our website for additional details:

- Program details (PDF with abstracts will be available for download by Jan. 25)
- Accommodations: **WWA group rate good for room reservations until Friday, January 18**
- Pre-conference social: Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm at the Olympia Center
- Registration reminders
- Silent auction: Wisconsin Wetlands Association fundraiser
- How to get to the Olympia Center
- For additional information, visit: [www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008conference.htm](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008conference.htm)

We encourage you to register early at the pre-conference social at Club Indigo on site at the Olympia Center. You'll receive your conference packet including the program booklet with presentation abstracts so you can plan ahead which presentations you want to attend. If you prefer to register the morning of the conference, our registration tables in the foyer at the Olympia Center will open at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 31. Please arrive in time to check-in and join the opening of the plenary session at 9:00 am. We will have coffee and snacks available during this registration period.

***NOTE: Presenters, moderators, exhibitors and volunteers will receive additional information and instructions before the conference.***

Feel free to contact our office if you have any additional questions, and we look forward to seeing you at the beginning of next month!

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## *Wetlands in the 21st Century Altered Landscapes & Changing Climates*

Wisconsin Wetlands Association's  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
January 31 & February 1, 2008  
Olympia Center, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

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### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

We have an exciting and full program planned, and will be posting a PDF of the program including abstracts on our website by Friday, January 25 at the latest (likely sooner). Many other program details are already posted including details on session topics, speakers, presentation titles, the plenary session and keynote address, a working group, field trips and our banquet. We have several notable speakers this year including theme overview speaker Glenn Guntenspergen of USGS, keynote speaker Barbara Bedford of Cornell, banquet speaker Kevin Zippel of Amphibian Ark, and more. This year's conference will feature a special session, *Climate Change & Wetlands*, on Friday morning. Organized with the help of members of our Technical Advisory Panel, this session will explore the predicted effects of climate change on various dimensions of wetland ecosystems. View details for this and other sessions on our website at: [www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008program.htm](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008program.htm).

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Our room block reservation at the Olympia Center has a few rooms remaining. **The deadline for reserving rooms under the WWA group rate is Friday, January 18** (\$72 single/ \$82 double/ \$92 triple/ \$102 quad). After this date there may be rooms available at the Olympia Center, but the regular rate of \$130 applies. To make a room reservation under WWA's group rate, simply call the Olympia reservations desk (1-800-558-9573) and **identify yourself as being part of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association conference**. For more information about the hotel and room amenities, visit the [Olympia Resort & Conference Center website](http://www.olympiareort.com).

### **PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL & EARLY REGISTRATION**

**Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 PM at Club Indigo, Olympia Center**

We invite all conference participants to join us for this social the evening before the conference begins. Catch up with your wetland colleagues over a beer at Club Indigo, conveniently located at the Olympia Center. For those of you who would like to review presentation abstracts and plan your conference schedule ahead of time, we will have a pre-registration table set up so that you may pick up your copy of the printed program and other conference materials at this social. Also, presenters are encouraged to load their presentations to conference laptops during this event.

### **REGISTRATION**

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am. Upon check-in, you will receive a name tag and a packet that includes a printed program with abstracts. *Registration reminders:*

- **Banquet Dinner & Presentation – *Confronting Amphibian Declines*:** If you did not purchase a banquet ticket with your registration, but decide that you would like to attend, please let us know as soon as possible (608-250-9971 or [admin@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:admin@wisconsinwetlands.org)). We have a limited number of seats for the banquet. Tickets cost \$32 for conference participants / \$36 for the general public and we will accept payment for additional banquet tickets by phone or at the registration table. Read about the banquet dinner and presentation on our website at: [www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008banquet.htm](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008banquet.htm).
- **Field Trips:** We have space remaining in each of our three field trips: *Wetland Mitigation Tour, Wetland Restoration Tour, and Wetlands in Winter*. For trip descriptions, go to: [www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008fieldtrips.htm](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008fieldtrips.htm). To register for a trip, please contact us as soon as possible as space is limited (608-250-9971 or [admin@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:admin@wisconsinwetlands.org)). *Please note that the field trips will go in almost any weather (except hazardous conditions). We've encountered a wide range of conditions on our January/February field trips. Please bring sturdy shoes and warm clothing to wear.*

## **SILENT AUCTION - WISCONSIN WETLANDS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER**

A traditional part of our Annual Conference, WWA's silent auction is a great opportunity to support our wetland protection efforts while purchasing something fun to take home for yourself or your family. Featured auction items will include many wonderful pieces of original artwork and photography, signed and unsigned books, outdoor gear and clothing, specialty food items, travel certificates, event tickets, and wetland or outdoor themed items. **Preview auction items here:** [www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008auction.htm](http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/2008auction.htm). The auction will run all day on Thursday, January 31 and will conclude following our banquet that evening. Funds raised will support our wetland protection efforts across the state of Wisconsin – bring your checkbook or credit card!

## **GETTING TO THE OLYMPIA CENTER IN OCONOMOWOC**

The [Olympia Resort & Conference Center](#) is located in Oconomowoc, WI nearly mid-way between Milwaukee and Madison. The Center is conveniently situated less than 2 miles off of Interstate 94 at the following address:

Olympia Resort & Conference Center  
1350 Royale Mile Road  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
Toll Free: 1-800-558-9573  
Local: 262-369-4999  
[> Click here for a map](#)

### **Directions from Madison:**

Go east towards Milwaukee on I-94 approximately 50 Miles to Oconomowoc exit #282 (Hwy 67). Turn left (north) on Hwy 67 and the Olympia Center is ~ 1 ½ miles on the left.

### **Directions from Milwaukee:**

Go west towards Madison on I-94 approximately 25 miles to Oconomowoc exit #282 (Hwy 67). Turn right (north) on Hwy 67 and the Olympia Center is ~ 1 ½ miles on the left.

**Directions from Chicago:**

Head north on I-94 towards Milwaukee. Take the 894 bypass, which rejoins I-94 west to Madison. Continue approximately 25 miles west to Oconomowoc exit #282 (Hwy 67). Turn right (north) on Hwy 67 and the Olympia Center is ~ 1 ½ miles on the left.