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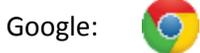
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Upham Woods 75th Anniversary - September 18th

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center will be celebrating its 75th anniversary Sunday, September 18th from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Join us in celebrating the past, while looking into the future as we explore the history of Upham Woods. We will have half hour stations set up starting at 10:00 AM that will go until 12:00 PM. The stations will be, the history of Upham Woods, Campfire songs, group games, and camp tours. At Noon, we will have a picnic style lunch followed by a 75th anniversary ceremony where directors, family, and staff will speak. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Uphamwoods@ces.uwex.edu. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person. We hope to see you all at the 75th anniversary!

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center 75th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

Join us at Upham Woods!

Friday, July 22nd to meet the Upham family and tour Upham Woods

Sunday, September 18th to celebrate the 75th anniversary

For more information, or to RSVP please email Uphamwoods@ces.uwex.edu



Visit us at State Fair

Come visit Upham Woods at the Wisconsin State Fair August 9th! Meet a few of our slithery friends and check out our Digital Observation Technology Kits, while learning about what Upham Woods has to offer. It will be fun for all ages!



July Open Enrollment Camp

Our second open enrollment camp was a great success. Volunteer chaperones and counselors from several different counties came to Upham Woods on July 15th –18th to help make this camp an amazing experience for our campers. Thank you for all your help. We hope to see many of you again next year!



Upham Family Visit

July 22-23, 2016, three generations of Upham Woods family decedents returned to Wisconsin and to Upham Woods to visit and celebrate 75 years of outdoor learning. Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center would not exist without the generous gift of the land by [Elizabeth Upham Davis & Caroline Upham Hughes](#) in 1941. 75 years later, we are still very grateful for that initial gift and the continued generosity and support from the Upham family. While at camp the family enjoyed a hike on Blackhawk Island, an evening campfire program courtesy the Winnebago County 4-H summer camp and a traditional camp dinner.

On Friday night, at the campfire, the Upham family presented Upham Woods with a very generous donation and had a chance to speak to our campers about their relationship to the land and their families history. The donation serves as a fantastic start to the celebration of 75 years of outdoor learning at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center. We will continue to celebrate the 75th Anniversary on Sunday, September 18th. For more information contact us at uphamwoods@ces.uwex.edu.

In conjunction with the Upham families continual support of the programs at Upham Woods the family also gathered to re-dedicate "The Raftsmen" a statue commissioned by [Elizabeth Upham Davis](#) and created by Amy Blitzer, daughter of Caroline Upham Hughes. Be sure to look for "the Raftsmen" below the dining hall along the river the next time you visit Upham Woods.

Upham Woods would like give a big thank you to Robin Buerki, Grandson of Elizabeth Upham Davis, for helping to coordinate the weekend.



Upham Woods and DOTS is awarded EPA grant

This month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has granted Upham Woods and its collaborators an award amounting to \$80,000 under the Environmental Education Local Grants program in order "...to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment." These funds will be spread across two years of new Digital Observation Technology Skills (DOTS) programming with a special emphasis on water quality monitoring throughout Wisconsin. Funds will be used to equip collaborators with additional DOTS kits for use at their facility, to provide educator trainings focused on best practices in DOTS facilitation, to provide ongoing outreach support for DOTS with students, and to help host student led data summits and community connection events at Upham and partner sites. During data summits and community connection events, students will tell their scientific stories focused on the condition of their local waterways to one another and to members of their own communities. This project is led by Dr. Justin Hougham and Collaborators and Partners in this grant include: Lainet Garcia-Rivera of The Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee, Joella Zocher, Ph.D. of the TransCenter for Youth in Milwaukee, Tim Sprain of the School District of La Crosse, Matthew Cooper, Ph.D. of the Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation of Northland College in Ashland, and UWEX 4-H Youth Development Educator Ian Meeker of Bayfield and Ashland Counties. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to moving environmental education forward in the state of Wisconsin. We look forward to beginning the activities outlined in this grant this fall. Find out more about the DOTS program and environmental education across Wisconsin at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/environmentaleducation/>



Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center

Mission Statement

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