August Newsletter 2022

Special CW Benefit: FREE Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Training from Cream City Conservation

Looking to build your knowledge about justice and equity? As a Chicago Wilderness member, you are eligible to attend workshops hosted by the experts at Cream City Conservation for FREE. Attend one, two, or all of them.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and connect with colleagues who care about these important issues.

**Keep Me in Mind: An Intersectional Climate Justice Approach for Examining the Experiences of Marginalized Groups**
Join Cassandra Jean PhD to learn a more equitable approach to climate and environmental adaptation through the lens of marginalized peoples and their experiences with various hazards and disasters.

**Aug 17, 2022 11:00 AM CT**

**Auralite Collective - Microaggressions & Interventions Against Them**
Join Kathryn Kevin & Mawiyah Patten to explore what microaggressions are, and the role bystanders play in addressing them.

**Sep 14, 2022 11:00 AM CT**

**Inclusive Resolutions - How to Do the Work**
Join Thyannda Mack and Shayla Arlington Craft as they discuss what "doing the work" actually is, along with approaches for navigating differences, approaching difficult conversations and making amends through Nonviolent Communication, growth mindset, reflection, introspection, and cultural humility.

**Oct 5, 2022 11:00 AM CT**
Be a part of the CW Steering Committee - Come to our next meeting to learn more!

We are seeking nominations to fill the Vice-Chair position and one At-Large position on the Chicago Wilderness Steering Committee. Positions become effective January 1, 2023 and have a term of three years. Want to learn more about what this entails? Come to our next meeting on September 28 at the Marquette Pavilion in Gary IN. Contact Laura Reilly for details.

Nominate yourself or a colleague by September 20, 2022.

Help make Congress 2022 great!

We're working hard to plan the 2022 Chicago Wilderness Congress at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago on Thursday, November 3. Planning meetings are held every Tuesday morning via ZOOM from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Join us, meet others, share your ideas!

Contact Cherie Fisher or Laura Reilly for more information
Find your next career opportunity or share employment openings with the Chicago Wilderness community

Whether you’re exploring careers in conservation, looking for your path to advancement, or seeking the best candidates for openings in your organization, the Chicago Wilderness Career Center is a wonderful and FREE resource.

Search job openings across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Or check out job and internship boards from CW partner organizations and others, plus calendars of events, regional career sites, and additional resources.

Employers, it takes just a few easy clicks to upload and share your current job listings, so you can find the most qualified--and passionate--people to advance your mission.

Visit the Chicago Wilderness Career Center

Inflation Reduction Act and the Chicago Wilderness Region
Thursday, August 25
12 noon CST

The policies in the Inflation Reduction Act are the single biggest investment to tackle the climate crisis in U.S. history, by far. And it will put us on the path to a massive 40% reduction in carbon emissions by the end of this decade. Learn more about this historic $369 billion investment in climate and energy programs and what it means for the Green Vision and the Chicago Wilderness region.

Meet the Winners of the 2022 Biota Awards

Wednesday, September 7
12 noon CST

The Biota Awards funds early-career researchers based in the Chicago region who seek to restore, protect and conserve biodiversity locally and around the world. Chicago is a densely populated city, surrounded by diverse and rare ecosystems, including remnant prairie, wetlands, and one of the largest bodies of freshwater. While threats to biodiversity in our region are vast, the potential solutions are just as expansive.

Award Winners:

Noé U. de la Sancha, Ph.D.- Chicago State University
Impacts of Rapid Habitat Change: Mammalian Diversity and Its Response to Deforestation in a Global Biodiversity Hotspot

Adam W. Ferguson, Ph.D.- Field Museum of Natural History
Small Mammal and Pathogen Diversity in South Side Parks in Chicago: Implications for Human Health and Well-being

Meghan Midgley, Ph.D. - The Morton Arboretum
The Consequences of Burn Pile Scars for Oak Ecosystem Biodiversity

Sara Ruane, Ph.D. - Field Museum of Natural History
Understanding Chicagoland’s Changing Conservation Landscape: Resurveys for Reptiles and Amphibians of Will County, Illinois

CW Cafe: Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis

Thursday, September 22, 2022
12 noon CST

For nearly 100 years the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program of the U.S. Forest Service has been tracking the trees of our Nation’s forests. Providing critical information on forest area, health and species, the data are used in many ways, from evaluating wildlife habitat to assessing the sustainability of ecosystem management practices.

Midwest Migration Network Information - virtual meeting series in August

The Midwest Migration Network is having a virtual meeting series in August to showcase its 4 Working Group Initiatives. These 4 meetings will take place 1-3 PM Central on consecutive Tuesdays from August 2 to August 23. See announcement and registration details here.

TEAM UPDATES: WORKING TOWARDS THE GREEN VISION
Join a CW Team or Working Group, Add members of your staff to the CW portal so that they can get involved. Send Laura Reilly their name and email address.

Upcoming CW Workshops, Team Meetings and Events

**CW HUB Team Meeting**  
8/15/2022

**CW Congress Planning Meeting**  
8/16/2022

**CW Steering Committee/Goal Lead Monthly Meeting**  
8/22/2022

**CW Taking Climate Action Goal #6 Committee Meeting**  
8/22/2022

**CW Congress Planning Meeting**  
8/23/2022

**CW Corporate Council Meeting In Person/Hybrid Option**  
8/26/2022

**CW Congress Planning Meeting**  
8/30/2022

**CW Congress Planning Meeting**  
9/6/2022

**CW Cafe: Meet the 2022 Biota Awards Winners**  
9/7/2022

**CW Congress Planning Meeting**  
9/13/2022

**Growing with Ag Team Meeting**  
9/13/2022

**CW Taking Climate Action Team Meeting**  
9/15/2022
CW HUB Team Meeting
9/19/2022

CW Congress Planning Meeting
9/20/2022

CW Cafe: Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis
9/22/2022

CW Increasing Equitable Access to Nature Team Meeting (Goal#5)
9/23/2022

CW RESOURCES
Share your events, jobs, internships and opportunities

CW Meetings, Regional Events, Programs, Awards, and Funding Opportunities
View full calendar below and add your opportunities here.

Policy Action Request
Are you a CW partner organization with an issue you want shared with the CW community? Review our Government Relations Community Legislative Priorities and Principles and fill out this form to create an action alert.

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