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## *You're invited to our* **WISCONSIN** *State Convention*



*January 24-25, 2020*  
**HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER**  
**1001 AMBER AVENUE, STEVENS POINT, WI**



Wisconsin DU had another big year! Staff and folks like you continue to shape Wisconsin's contribution to DU's success and it is again time to re-connect with friends, celebrate the past year's accomplishments in wetlands conservation, and have some fun doing it!

We kick off the weekend with our "Friday Night Made in Wisconsin USA" fun event sponsored by Johnsonville Sausage. The evening will feature a Johnsonville dinner and chance to participate in an official cornhole tournament! Raffles and games will feature products from Wisconsin; artwork from Wisconsin artists, items from all the home teams, as well as local golf, hunting, and fishing trips. Please note that the Friday Night Made in Wisconsin USA fun event is included in your full convention registration (*along with the Saturday Awards Luncheon and Saturday night banquet*).

New this year, we are challenging all volunteers, chapters, officers, and staff to build a basket that reflects them and where they are from. It promises to provide some truly unique items! We have also added a pre-event raffle – one winner takes their choice between a premium duck hunting package or fishing package!

Saturday morning provides a conservation focus with updates from Wisconsin biologist Brian Glenzinski and Mike Carlross, Southern Region SW Unit Director of Conservation Programs, as well as featured speakers from our partners at USFW, WDNR, and UWSP. Our state officers also provide a State of the State update. Join us Saturday afternoon for the Awards Lunch which will feature keynote speaker Dr. John Coluccy from GLARO, recognize our conservation partners and top chapters, and induct Greg Meissner as our 22nd State Chairman. Back by popular demand, Saturday afternoon includes our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual WI DUXpo. DU staff and volunteers will be there with helpful information for events, follow-up on conservation topics and state projects, and much more. Saturday afternoon concludes with our Major Donor Reception – everyone is invited! The Saturday night banquet caps off the convention celebration with keynote address from First Vice President Doug Schoenrock, major donor recognition, and Greg's inaugural address.

#### Friday, Jan. 24

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| 1 – 2 p.m.  | Policy meeting ( <i>by invitation</i> )              |
| 2 – 4 p.m.  | State officers meeting ( <i>by invitation</i> )      |
| 12 – 6 p.m. | Convention registration                              |
| 6 p.m.      | Friday Night Made in Wisconsin, USA; vendor exhibits |

#### Saturday, Jan. 25

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| 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Registration                                      |
| 9 – 11:45 a.m.   | General session; Old Coots Raffle                 |
| 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Vendors exhibits                                  |
| 12 – 1:30 p.m.   | Awards luncheon; new State Chairman introduction  |
| 1:45 – 3:30 p.m. | WI DUXpo  |
| 5 – 6 p.m.       | Major Donor reception                             |
| 6 p.m.           | Convention banquet ( <i>Dinner at 7:15 p.m.</i> ) |
| 10 p.m.          | Social time ( <i>defacto "Wetlands"</i> )         |

#### Sunday, Jan. 26

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| 9-10 a.m. | State officers and staff meeting |
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## THE OLD COOTS RAFFLE

Look under the bed, in the closet, up in the attic, maybe even in the garage – we need your old DU items and other duck stuff. Its always fun to see what shows up for this mega bucket raffle. Once again Karl Duex is our curator and chief Old Coots Raffle consultant. He will be available on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to receive your donated items. Contact Karl if you have questions (*see back for contact info*).

Johnsonville and Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited present

# FRIDAY NIGHT WISCONSIN, USA

**You can't spell saUSAge without U.S.A! And what is more Wisconsin than Johnsonville Sausage and Wisconsin DU?**  
**Friday night will feature a Johnsonville dinner and products from Wisconsin companies like:**  
 St. Croix • MEC Reloaders • Master Lock • Milwaukee Tool • Snap-on Tools Cuddeback • Vortex • Miller • Flambeau Decoys • Henry Rifles • Stormy Kromer and many more.

**Artists like:**  
 Owen Gromme • Marty Murk • Scott Zoellick • Bill Koelpin •

**Sporting items like:**  
 Packers • Bucks • Badgers • Brewers • DU products • decoys • hunting gear • golf, hunting and fishing trips and more! •

**Chance to participate in an official ACL cornhole tournament with prizes and become the 2020 DU/Johnsonville State Cornhole Champion!**

The **WISCONSIN DUXPO** will feature informational booths like old guys with decoys, best event practices, social media tactics, DU's Gulf Coast Initiative, and the WI Conservation Machine to name a few. DU staff from WI and GLARO, as well State volunteers will be there to engage and answer questions. Stop by and get some volunteer business cards printed! Learn about the 2020 National Convention! Shop the vendors! It will be the place to be on Saturday afternoon! For more details contact Todd Schubring or Jason Gyulay (*see back for contact info*).



## HOME TOWN PRIDE

**BUILD A BASKET THAT REFLECTS YOU AND WHERE YOU ARE FROM**  
 Do you have something made in your town? Do you have a favorite something you want to share with everyone? Have some fun with it keeping in mind it will be used as a Live Auction, Silent Auction, or raffle item depending on content/value. Open to all volunteers, chapters, officers and staff.

**DROP OFF YOUR BASKET AND RECEIVE YOUR INCENTIVE RAFFLE ENTRIES AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.**

## REGISTER NOW – ONLINE AT:

**www.ducks.org/wisconsin/events** or register by mail by sending this form and a check payable to Wisconsin DU to:  
**John Nyara, 73430 Ondossagon Rd., Washburn, WI 54891**  
*Must be received by January 17, 2020*

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION

*Convention registration includes Friday night Made in Wisconsin, USA Event Saturday awards luncheon and Saturday night banquet.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention registration - Individual: \$75 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Convention registration - Couple: \$135 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-event Raffle: Winner's choice duck hunting or fishing package  
**\$20 each or 6 for \$100:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Register my team of two for Friday night cornhole tournament  
 Entry fee: \$10 per team..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Convention registration/Bronze sponsorship (1) and \$100 pre-event package, plus entry into special sponsors only raffle:  
**Individual \$450 or Couple \$500:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Greenwing (17 yrs and younger).....\$ FREE (*must RSVP in advance*)

College chapter member .....\$ FREE (*must RSVP in advance*)

### INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS

Made in Wisconsin, USA Friday Night Fun Event only:  
**Single \$30 or Couple \$50** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-event raffle (*as noted above*): **\$20 ea. or 6 for \$100** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Awards Luncheon only ..... x **\$30** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet only ..... x **\$50** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide your information if you wish to pay with a credit card*

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Security code: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount to charge = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I authorize Ducks Unlimited to charge the amount listed above to my credit card:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED**  
**Pick up your ticket package at the registration table on Friday afternoon or Saturday.**