

HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS (AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION)



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EXPLORE CAREERS IN NATURAL RESOURCES



JUNE 7-12, 2026

Applications due May 1, 2026*

Designed for high school sophomores, juniors and graduating seniors (at time of application) who are interested in exploring a career in all aspects of natural resource management. Throughout this week-long program in beautiful Eagle River, Wisconsin, students are immersed in real-life field activities and development of outdoor skills while learning from industry professionals. They'll have the opportunity to explore our 40-acre forested campus in their free time too!

\$210/Student

includes instruction, materials, 5 nights lodging & 15 meals.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE—Complete scholarship portion of application (available online) for consideration.

*** Spots for NRCEW are first-come, first-served—
apply ASAP before it fills up!**

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

60th Natural Resource Careers Exploration Week (NRCEW)

Download application or apply online at:

www.TreesForTomorrow.com

Questions? Contact Program
Coordinator Casey Sprotte at
Casey@treesfortomorrow.com



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Natural Resource Careers Exploration Week STUDENT APPLICATION

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduating seniors (at time of application) interested in participating in the Natural Resources Careers Exploration Week (NRCEW) **must complete the student application AND provide a recommendation from a teacher or counselor via the teacher/counselor recommendation form.** Students who are homeschooled can provide their letter of recommendation from a coach, supervisor, mentor or clergy. The student will not be accepted into the program until Trees For Tomorrow receives both the application and recommendation form.

The deadline for submitting this recommendation is **Friday, May 1, 2026**. When completed, please mail this form to: **Careers Exploration Coordinator, Trees For Tomorrow, PO Box 609, Eagle River, WI 54521**. Students will be notified within a few weeks after BOTH student application and teacher/counselor recommendation forms are received. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact program coordinator Casey Sprotte at (715) 479-6456 or by email at casey@treesfortomorrow.com

Part 1 (REQUIRED): Student Information

STUDENT please print or type information

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ Email* _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Grade ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior School Name _____

For housing purposes, what gender are you? ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to say

Age: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT please print or type

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone _____ Email* _____

****Please provide an email that you check regularly; email will be used for program confirmation and application questions.***

Part 2 (REQUIRED): Career Goals

PARENT/STUDENT, please keep in mind that **this workshop is designed for students who are serious** about exploring a career in natural resources. This is an intense learning experience, not a recreational camp experience. Your response to the following questions is an important part of the selection process. **Please elaborate on your answers to the following three questions, using a separate sheet of paper to thoroughly explain your answers.**

1. What are your career goals?
2. Why do you want to participate in the Trees For Tomorrow Natural Resources Careers Workshop?
3. Briefly list high school or community organizations in which you have participated.

Please complete reverse side.



4. To give us a better idea of which type of natural resources career you are most interested in, please indicate your first, second and third choices with a 1, 2, and 3.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water: Water Quality, Limnology, Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife: Rehabilitation, Biology, Habitat Management | <input type="checkbox"/> General Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Environment: Soil Science, Geology, GIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry: Arborist, Fire Management, Logging | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement: Conservation Warden, Park Ranger | _____ |

Part 3 (OPTIONAL): Scholarship Application

Please fill this section out with assistance from a parent or guardian:

Students will be charged up to \$210 for the week. If this fee may limit your participation, please complete the questions below. Your answers do not guarantee scholarship approval. With a limited scholarship budget, we will distribute scholarship monies based on the needs of each individual or group.

1. Please rate how strong your need is for scholarship support from Trees For Tomorrow to cover the \$210 for this program. ☐ High Need ☐ Medium Need ☐ Low Need

Please explain: _____

2. Please rate how you will be impacted if you do not receive scholarship support from Trees For Tomorrow and are required to pay the full \$210 program fee? ☐ High Impact ☐ Medium Impact ☐ Low Impact

Please explain: _____

PART 4 (REQUIRED): Next Steps

PARENT/STUDENT — NEXT STEPS:

1. Submit this student application to Trees For Tomorrow—applications are accepted on a rolling basis; early application is encouraged.
2. Type or print your name on the enclosed Teacher/School Counselor Recommendation Form.
3. Give recommendation form to a teacher or school counselor.
4. Remind them that they must return the completed form directly to Trees For Tomorrow by Friday, May 1, 2026 in order for student to be considered for the NRCEW workshop.





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TEACHER/SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION

FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Dear Teacher/School Counselor:

Each year high school students are invited to Trees For Tomorrow for a summer workshop exploring career opportunities in natural resources. Because they are competing for limited workshop spaces, each student interested in attending must be recommended by a teacher or school counselor. **It is important students understand this is a unique learning experience and that they have the interest, maturity and positive character that will contribute to the success of the workshop.** Please review the questions on this sheet and provide an honest assessment of the student.

The student will not be accepted into the program until Trees For Tomorrow receives your recommendation. The deadline for submitting this recommendation is **Friday, May 1, 2026**. When completed, please mail this form to: **Casey Sprotte, Careers Exploration Coordinator, Trees For Tomorrow, PO Box 609, Eagle River, WI 54521**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Casey at (715) 479-6456 or by email at casey@treesfortomorrow.com

Thank you for your assistance with this process.

Recommendation for (name of student): _____

On a scale of 1 to 5, please rank this student on the following qualities (circle appropriate number):

	<u>Low</u>		<u>Average</u>		<u>High</u>
Aptitude	1	2	3	4	5
Consideration	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty	1	2	3	4	5
Independence	1	2	3	4	5
Interest	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Respect	1	2	3	4	5
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5
Social Skills	1	2	3	4	5

Are both sides filled out?



1. Please provide insights or examples of the student's interest in natural resources and the outdoors.

2. Please share comments on the student's character, level of maturity, or any behavioral concerns.

3. Would you recommend this student for our Natural Resources Careers Workshop?

4. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Recommender's Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed form by May 1, 2026 to:

Casey Sprotte, Careers Exploration Coordinator

Trees For Tomorrow, PO Box 609, Eagle River, WI 54521

Please call 715.479.6456 or email Casey@TreesForTomorrow.com for more information

See reverse side for start of recommendation form.