

Sandhill Outdoor Skills center to offer porcupine ecology, wolf tracking clinics

BABCOCK, Wis. – The Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center will sponsor two upcoming workshops for people interested in Wisconsin wildlife: a porcupine ecology clinic on Saturday, Feb. 2 and a timber wolf tracking and ecology clinic Feb. 9-10.

Porcupine ecology on snowshoes

During the porcupine ecology clinic skills center staff will discuss the results of more than 17 years of winter research on Sandhill Wildlife Area's porcupines conducted by area high school students. Participants will then join staff on snowshoes to visit porcupine winter dens and learn more about these fascinating and prickly rodents. The Skills Center will provide snowshoes if needed. The clinic runs Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is limited to 20 people ages 12 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. Register by mailing in a \$15 per person fee by Jan. 23.

Timber wolf tracking & ecology clinic

The Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center and Timber Wolf Information Network are co-sponsoring a Timber Wolf Ecology Clinic on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9-10 from 9 a.m. Saturday to noon Sunday.

Biologists and volunteers from Timber Wolf Information Network have teamed up to provide instruction on aspects of wolf ecology, including status, population biology and field study techniques. Saturday afternoon will be spent outdoors exploring wolf habitat. Registration is limited to 25 people ages 12 and up on a first-come, first-served basis. Register by mailing in \$90 per person by Jan. 30. This fee includes instructional fees, transportation on Saturday afternoon, Saturday supper and Sunday lunch, and dorm use.

To register for either clinic, include the name of each participant and the address, email address and daytime phone number of one person in each party and send the registration fee to: Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center, Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413. For the porcupine clinic checks should be made out to the Sandhill Outdoor Skill Center; for the timber wolf clinic checks should be made out to TWIN.