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# KISHWAUKETOE

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### *Kishwauketoe Interns Kick Summer Off*

Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy is proud to announce the employment of four interns and a Horticulturist that have been hired for the summer of 2007.

Sara Locke is a recent UW-Whitewater graduate with a BA in English and Sociology. Her future goals include joining the Peace Corps and attending grad school for Environmental Science.

Paul Werner is a student at the University of Whitewater and is majoring in Geography. He wants to use this experience to increase his knowledge of restoring natural environments.

David Oldeschute is a senior at Williams Bay High School. He is enthusiastic about nature and glad to be making a contribution to the community.



**Front row:** Paul Werner and Chrissy Register  
**Back row:** volunteer Jeff Haeger, Sara Locke, David Oldeschulte, James Oldeschulte

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### *Kishwauketoe Day Celebration 2007*

On Saturday, July 28th from 9:00am-12:00pm, join Friends of Kishwauketoe and the Board of Kishwauketoe for the first Kishwauketoe Day celebration.

Smokey Bear will be there to meet and greet the public and usher in a day of guided hikes, GPS demonstrations, and kids activities.

Hikes through the conservancy will highlight prairie restoration, wetland restoration, invasive species control and tree identification. There will also be a scavenger hunt hike for kids where they can test their nature knowledge by trying to spot certain plants, animals, and trees.

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## ***A Message from the KNC Chairman***

Mid-way through 2007 we are very happy with the progress we are making at Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy. We have had a good volunteer turnout at our monthly workdays, the second Saturday of the month. We also enjoyed a very successful Earth Day Celebration the last Saturday in April. Our special event was a seminar by Chris Heeter of the Wild Institute. We would like to thank Aurora University- George Williams College and Williams Bay Park and Recreation District for her spending Earth Day with us.

This summer we have five interns and volunteers working various days of the week keeping our restoration work on pace. We are extremely pleased to have Christine Register now on our staff on a year round part time basis. Chrissy is a graduate of the University of Wyoming with a degree in Agroecology with a minor in Horticulture. Chrissy is the Horticulture Educator and Associate Lecturer with the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Walworth County.

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## ***Southwick Creek Restoration Activities***

In 2006, we started the first phase of a long term program to restore Southwick Creek to a condition where it can once again support a reproducing population of trout. During this past year we made substantial progress including the extension of the trail along the creek to provide further access and the removal of invasive species of plants and trees along the east side of the creek and trail. This was accomplished with the support of our summer intern staff and hundreds of volunteer hours.

In 2007 and 2008, as funds become available, we plan to complete the clearing

of invasive species along the west bank of the creek. When this is accomplished, both sides of the creek will be planted with native American ground cover including wildflowers, grasses, legumes and sedges. Along the trail on the east side of the bank, we intend to plant at least a dozen strands or groupings of native American trees and shrubs.

You are all invited to take a relaxing walk along this unique, beautiful waterway.

Tom Johnson  
KNC Board Member

## **Summer Interns Cont.**

James Oldeschulte is also a senior at Williams Bay High School. He shares his brothers interests in nature and enjoys working outdoors.

Chrissy Register is the new year round Horticulturist. Chrissy's goals are to lead the interns, develop educational programs and continue to grow with the conservancy and the community.

This summer the interns will be working on a series of projects including weeding and managing the north prairie, continuing the

Southwick Creek project, maintaining all trails, removal of non-native invasive plant species, and sustaining the arboretum.

While visiting the conservancy these new employees encourage you to stop and introduce yourself while enjoying the surroundings.

## ***KNC Chairman Receives Award***

On December 2, 2006 Harold Friestad received the Conservation Stewardship Award from the Geneva Lake Conservancy.

Friestad is an active and outspoken member of the community. As a current advisory board member of the Geneva Lake Conservancy and the chairman of the Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Friestad has presided over the rescue of Kishwauketoe from a massive housing development. He has helped organize volunteers and employees alike to preserve the fragile wetland and shoreland that is visited by many people through out the area.

The conservancy was purchased under the direction of Friestad when he served as the village president from 1987-1992. Since then he has logged hundreds of hours coordinating volunteers to beautify the fragile ecosystem. Some of the projects include; prairie restoration, boardwalk construction, Southwick Creek restoration and building a network of hiking trails.

Friestad continues to devote his time and resources to the conservancy for future generations to come.



## ***Message from KNC Chairman Cont.***

In this capacity she develops and implements horticulture programs to the community, leads the Master Gardener initial and advanced education training classes, facilitates groups to improve gardening techniques and invasive species control. Chrissy also works with the DNR and local schools in developing school garden and forest programs and lectures and gives presentations to area groups. With Chrissy on our staff, we feel we

will be providing the Geneva Lake community with a premier outdoor education resource. Please take a walk in the conservancy on Monday afternoon, Tuesdays or Wednesdays and volunteer with Chrissy to broaden your knowledge of our natural surroundings.



## ***Kishwauketoe Day Celebration Cont...***

Come and enjoy the summer beauty of the conservancy by taking a peek into the stream to see which insects start their lives out as nymphs. Kids can even collect leaves and twigs to make a leaf print bandana.

Greg and Marti Pennington will also be on hand to do GPS demonstrations and give you a chance to find some of the geoclashes located in the conservancy.

Come join us for refreshments and an Aldo Leopold reading.

The schedule of events is as follows:

**9:15** Prairie hike, Invasive Species hike, and Children's Scavenger Hunt hike

**9:30 & 10:30** Guided tours of Kishwauketoe

**9:30 & 11:00** GPS demonstration

**10:45** Tree Identification hike, Wetland hike, Pond Peeking

**11:30** Aldo Leopold reading and Kishwauketoe discussion

Hope to see you all there!!!

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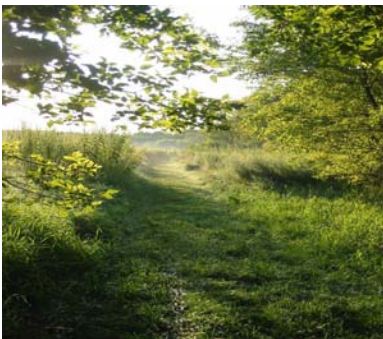
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