

July 18-19, 2025
Green Bay, Wisconsin



**Defending America's Great
Outdoors: A Promise to
Future Generations**

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Welcome to Our 2025 National Convention

On behalf of the National Officers and the Executive Board, we welcome and thank you for attending the 2025 national convention, *Defending America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations*. Our host, the Brown County Chapter, has been working hard to ensure this convention is memorable for all. Please take a moment over the next couple of days to give a big "Thank you" to our Brown County Chapter and Wisconsin Ikes.

The guest speakers for this year's convention bring a variety of backgrounds and perspectives, ranging from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Aldo Leopold Foundation, civic-minded organizations and past scholarship recipients. We will focus on the League's legacy of defending the great outdoors so as to ensure that future generations can enjoy clean water and healthy air, as well as connect with the outdoors as many of us have done over the past century of the League's existence.

As Ikes, we understand that our economy depends on a healthy environment, abundant fish and wildlife and public lands being accessible to everyone. This year's keynote speaker will talk to us the nexus between a healthy environment and a robust outdoor recreation economy, using examples from Wisconsin and nationwide. League members will be able to use these economic examples to make informed decisions affecting natural resources and outdoor recreation.

While we will celebrate some of the League's successes and accomplishments, we will also discuss how we can take action today to secure a better future. It is fair to say that there is still a lot of work for us to do but together we can accomplish much. Also, we are sure you will learn a few ideas from our speakers, ideas we hope you will take back home to your chapters.

In addition to the speakers, we will hold some key leadership elections for the League. We encourage you to get to know the candidates that are running this year. Your input and vote will be very important. We thank all those running for positions as an

officer, an Executive Board member or an Endowment Board member.

Remember - there are many ways to get more involved in the League's mission to defend our natural resources. One way to get involved is to join one of our Resource Committees and help develop our Conservation Policies. Be sure to let either of us know if you have an interest in participating in any of our important Resource Committees.

As you catch up with friends from across the country this week, we encourage you to introduce yourself to a fellow Ike you may not know and make new friends. This is a great opportunity to learn what other Ikes are doing back home and perhaps you even will take some new ideas back to your chapter.

Over the next few days, enjoy the sights, sounds and excitement of the Izaak Walton League of America national convention and be sure to take in some of the natural beauty around us. Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin offers much to see.

Thank you for all you do for conservation and outdoor recreation.



Jodi Labs
National President



Dale Braun
Chair, Executive Board

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BROWN COUNTY CHAPTER WELCOME



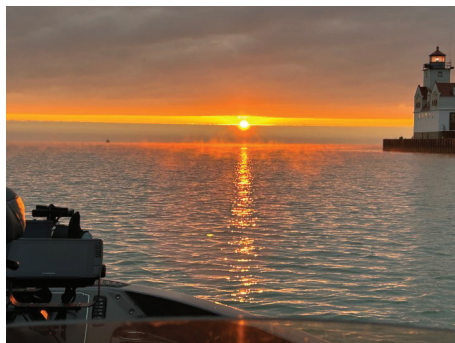
Steve Labs, President

The Brown County Chapter wants to welcome everyone to Green Bay. We are excited to be hosting this year's national convention. It has been an exciting year for us, particularly as we celebrate our 100th anniversary this year and we want to share that excitement with you.

As many of you have likely realized during your short time here, we are blessed with a vast array of natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities in Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin and we wanted to share this blessing with you. We do not take any of this for granted here and our chapter has worked hard over the last 100 years to defend and preserve our resources, partly due to the fact that so many of us enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking and more, and could not imagine life without such resources. We also recognize that our economy depends on healthy waters, wildlife habitat, healthy soils and clean air. All of this played a part in the theme for this year's convention—"Protecting America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations." We are proud of the work we have done here but we know there is still a lot that needs to be done in order for our children and grandchildren to be able to enjoy the same outdoor activities that we have enjoyed.

We encourage you to get outside while you are here and explore the resources we have right here, whether it be the Fox River, the Bay of Green Bay, Door County, or the Niagara escarpment.

WELCOME TO GREEN BAY!



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Thursday • July 17, 2025

8:00am – 5:00pm	
Staff Room	Boardroom B
Brown County Chapter Office	Boardroom A
8:00am – 4:30pm	
Executive Board Meeting	Ontario
Endowment Board Meeting	Superior
8:00am – 12:00 noon	
National and Wisconsin Registration	Ballroom Lobby
12:00 noon	
Executive Board and Endowment Lunch	Huron
1:30pm – 5:00pm	
National and Wisconsin Registration	Ballroom Lobby
National Sales	Ballroom Lobby
3:00pm – 5:00pm	
Youth Convention Registration	McKinley and Kodiak
5:00pm – 8:00pm	
Youth Convention Early Bird Party	McKinley and Kodiak
5:00pm – 9:00pm	
Early Bird Party and Auction	Grand Ballroom

Early Bird Party and Auction

Step into a true Green Bay style party and auction, with live music and local artists. The doors and cash bar open at 5:00pm. A tailgate style dinner will be served at 5:30pm with live auction at 7:00pm. There's sure to be something for everyone in the silent auction, or maybe the auctioneer can get you excited about a memento from Wisconsin. Catch up with old friends – and, please, give a warm welcome to the newcomers.

GENERAL SESSION

Friday • July 18, 2025

Ballroom A

Presiding: Jodi Labs, IWLA National President

9:00am

Convention Call to Order

Parade of Colors - Scout Troop 1043, De Pere

Pledge of Allegiance / IWLA Pledge

Convention Welcomes

Jodi Labs, IWLA National President

Steve Labs, Brown County Chapter President

Welcome from Green Bay Packers Representative

Officer / Executive Director Reports

Dale Braun, Chair, Executive Board

Herbert Pritchett, Vice President

Scott Meyer, Treasurer

Scott Kovarovics, Executive Director

10:30am – Break

10:45am

Delegate Registration Closes

Announcements

Approval of 2024 Convention Minutes (vote)

Report of Rules Committee (vote)

11:00am

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Matthew Winden**, Associate Dean and Professor, College of Business and Economics, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

A healthy environment provides the foundation for a robust outdoor recreation economy. The outdoor recreation economy in America is a powerhouse valued at \$1.2 trillion annually. League members understand this economy depends on a healthy environment, abundant fish and wildlife and public lands accessible to everyone. Dr. Winden will discuss this nexus using examples from Wisconsin and nationwide and help League members to utilize economics to inform decisions affecting natural resources and outdoor recreation.

12:30pm

Conservation Luncheon

Speaker: **Adam Nickel**, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

Adam joined the Peshtigo Fisheries Work Unit as the Fish Team Supervisor in September 2023. Previously Adam worked as a Senior Fisheries Biologist with the WDNR in the Oshkosh Work Unit, where he coordinated several fisheries habitat restoration and research projects, with many focusing on northern pike.

2:00pm

“Harnessing Natural Resources to Combat Climate Change”

Mitigating the most damaging effects of a warming climate requires a comprehensive approach, including scaling up conservation at the landscape level and protecting wetlands, grasslands and other natural resources – which are incredibly effective carbon sinks. A panel of speakers will discuss how to maximize the impact of conservation and how climate change is also harming the health and limiting time outdoors for a growing number of children.

Jayne Black, Wisconsin Field Consultant, Moms Clean Air Force
Kate Hansen, Agriculture Program Director, Izaak Walton League of America

Jared Mott, Conservation Director, Izaak Walton League of America

3:00pm – Break

3:30pm

Report of Credentials Committee

National Officers Nominating Committee Report

National Officer Elections (Vote)

4:30pm – Convention Recesses

4:30pm - Informal, Member-Driven Roundtable Discussions

Convention allows members to network, collaborate and share ideas about how to seize opportunities and address challenges common to many chapters. This time is specifically set aside for members to gather informally in the general session ballroom to discuss topics of their choosing.

CONCURRENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Friday • July 18, 2025

7:00am – 8:00am	President's Meeting with Division Presidents	Huron
7:30am – 8:30am	New Delegate Orientation Workshop <i>Danish and Coffee Offered</i>	Ballroom C
8:00am – 11:30am	Wisconsin Registration National Registration (Closes at 11:30am)	Ballroom Lobby Ballroom Lobby
8:00am – 5:00pm	Staff Room Brown County Chapter Office	Boardroom B Boardroom A
9:00am – 12:15pm	General Session	Ballroom A&B
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Conservation Luncheon	Lower Ballroom
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Wisconsin Registration National Sales	Ballroom Lobby Ballroom Lobby
2:00pm – 4:30pm	General Session	Ballroom A&B
6:00pm	Parade of States	West Wing of 3rd Floor

GENERAL SESSION

Saturday • July 19, 2025

Ballroom A

Presiding: Jodi Labs, IWLA National President

8:30am	Convention Reconvenes 2026 National Convention Update (Minnesota Division)
8:45am	Youth Convention Presentation IWLA National Conservation Scholarships Announcement IWLA Endowment Annual Meeting Pamela Meara, President, IWLA Endowment
9:45am – Break	
10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting Convenes – Roll Call Approval of 2025 Mid-Winter Meeting Minutes Executive Board Nominating Committee Report Executive Board Election (Vote) 2026 Mid-Winter Meeting Site Selection (Vote) Bylaws Committee Report Jeff Deschamps, Governance and Bylaws Committee Chair Consider proposed amendments to national bylaws (Vote) Board of Directors Meeting Adjourns
11:15am – Convention Reconvenes	“League Scholarships Fuel Careers in Conservation” The League and many chapters and divisions provide scholarships for college students pursuing degrees in natural resource fields. Scholarships are not only offered to help defray the cost of tuition, but to encourage young people to pursue careers in—and to be advocates for—conservation. A panel of past national and chapter scholarship recipients will reflect on their career choices and offer ideas about how the League, especially chapters, can effectively engage and support future conservation leaders.

Tamara Arndt, Lead Animal Care Specialist, Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium
Meredith Odatto-Graham, Attorney, Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources Law
Trevor Michaels, District Supervisor, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Kayla Reed, Graduate Student, South Dakota State University

12:30pm

National and Membership Awards Luncheon

2:00pm

Resource Committee Reports

Resolutions Committee Report

Kelly Kistner, Resolutions Committee Chair

Consider Proposed Resolutions (Vote)

Convention Site Report

Vickie Arnold, Convention Site Committee Chair

2027 and 2028 Convention Site Selections (Vote)

Unfinished Business / Other Business For the Good of the Ikes

4:00pm – Convention Adjourns

5:00pm

Social Hour

6:00pm

Closing Banquet

Speaker: **Buddy Huffaker**, the Executive Director of the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

Mr. Huffaker will share some final thoughts about conservation based on Leopold's seminal land ethic and his classic book *A Sand County Almanac*.

CONCURRENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday • July 19, 2025

7:00am – 8:00am

Convention Coordinators Rap Session

Boardroom A

8:00am – 5:00pm

Staff Room

Boardroom B

Brown County Chapter Office

Boardroom A

8:30am – 12:00 noon

National Sales

Ballroom Lobby

8:30am – 5:00pm

Endowment Board

Ballroom C

8:30am – 12:15pm

General Session

Ballroom A&B

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Awards Luncheon

Lower Ballroom

2:00pm – 4:30pm

National Sales

Ballroom Lobby

2:00pm – 4:00pm Convention Reconvenes

Unfinished Business / Other Business

Ballroom A&B

4:00pm

Convention Adjourns

5:00pm

Social Hour

Lower Ballroom

6:00pm

Closing Banquet

Lower Ballroom

Swearing in of National Officers
and Executive Board Members

LIVING PAST IWLA NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

David F. Zentner (1975 – 1977)	Robert Chapman (2012 – 2014)
Shawn Gallagher (2014 – 2016)	Jeffrey Deschamps (2016 – 2018)
Chuck Clayton (2003 – 2005)	Kelly Kistner (2018 – 2021)
James Madsen (2010 – 2012)	Vicki Arnold (2021 – 2023)
Dale Brentnall (1985 – 1987) (1988 – 1989)	

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James Storer, Secretary (Ohio)
Herbert Pritchett, Sr., Vice President (Virginia)
Scott Meyer, Treasurer (Minnesota)

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Rick Graham (Ohio)	Brenda Swartz (Ohio)

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Steve Labs, Vice President (Wisconsin)

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Craig Enneking, Treasurer (Iowa)

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IWLA NATIONAL STAFF - July 2025

Scott Kovarovics	Executive Director
Maggie Dombroski	Save Our Streams Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic
Jessica Gordon	Grassroots Advocacy Manager
Kate Hansen	Agriculture Program Director
Abby Hileman	Salt Watch Coordinator
Earl Hower	Director of Chapter Relations
Matthew Kierce	Chesapeake Monitoring Outreach Coordinator
Jared Mott	Conservation Director
Samantha Puckett	Clean Water Program Director
Michael Reinemer	Director of Communications
Mary Rubin	Director of Member Programs
Heather Wilson	Save Our Streams Coordinator, Midwest

SPEAKERS

Friday Keynote Speaker

Matthew Winden is Associate Dean and a Professor in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Before taking on his current role, he was the Chair of the Economics Department and Assistant Director of the Fiscal and Economic Research Center. His research is in environmental and natural resource economics issues and focuses on estimating dollar values for environmental impacts that are not priced in markets. He teaches courses in economic theory, resource and environmental economics, and quantitative methods at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Winden earned his PhD from The Ohio State University.

Friday Climate Change Panel

Jayne Black is the Wisconsin Field Consultant for Moms Clean Air Force. Moms Clean Air Force is a community of over 1.5 million moms and dads united against air pollution—including the urgent crisis of our changing climate—to protect children’s health. A former Pre-K teacher, Ms. Black has a daughter with multiple sclerosis and a son with asthma. She sees the impact of climate change and poor air quality on her children daily. This inspired her to help pass the first indoor air quality bill for schools in Wisconsin. She is fighting for transparency and accountability regarding indoor air quality monitoring and testing to protect children’s health.

Kate Hansen is the Agriculture Program Director for The Izaak Walton League of America. In her role, Kate leads the League’s work to influence state and federal policies to increase conservation practices, improve water quality, and restore soil health on farms and ranches across the country. She holds a B.A. from Wellesley College in geosciences and American studies and is based in northern Indiana.

Conservation Luncheon Speaker

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Saturday Conservation Careers Panel

Tamara Arndt is currently a Lead Animal Care Specialist at the Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium where she cares for a variety of marine life species and oversees a passionate team of aquarists. She was the first team member brought on to open the brand-new aquarium in 2023, and was responsible for acquiring and transporting thousands of animals during the opening efforts. Tamara earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology from the College of Charleston and a Master's Degree in Marine Biology Techniques from James Cook University. She is originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin and was a member of the Brown County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League from a young age. Her favorite hobbies all take place outdoors, including snorkeling, diving, hiking and gardening.

Meredith Odatto-Graham is a 2007 recipient of the League's National Conservation Scholarship. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources from Cornell University in 2008. In 2011, she obtained her law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. As an associate with the Babst Calland law firm in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Meredith assisted clients on a variety of environmental matters and focused her practice on permitting and regulatory compliance issues arising under the Clean Air Act and state air quality programs. In Pennsylvania, Meredith currently serves as First Vice Chair of the Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council, which advises the Governor and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources regarding conservation and stewardship of the Commonwealth's natural resources.

Trevor Michaels is a District Supervisor with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Following graduation from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in 2008 with a Bachelor Science Degree in Wildlife Science and a minor in Biology and Forestry, Trevor went to work for APHIS in the Wildlife Services Division. At APHIS, he led a successful effort on the Delmarva Peninsula to eradicate nutria—a destructive, non-native, invasive rodent from South America. Trevor was a member of the League's Rockville Chapter and a recipient of the chapter's scholarship and League's National Conservation Scholarship in 2007.

Kayla Reed is a graduate student at South Dakota State University pursuing a Master's Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries with a Fisheries Specialization. Her research focuses on the effects of hypoxia on sportfish in small South Dakota impoundments. Kayla earned Bachelor's Degrees in Water Resources and Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Kayla is the recipient of Izaak Walton League national, division and chapter scholarships supporting students majoring in natural resource fields.

Banquet Speaker

Buddy Huffaker is Executive Director of the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Mr. Huffaker began working at the Foundation as an intern in 1996 and became Executive Director in 1999. His academic background is in landscape architect and plant ecology, and he has also been recognized as an Executive Scholar in Not-for-Profit Management by Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He explains "the most thrilling parts of my job is interacting with individuals and communities all over the country who are working not only to fully understand Leopold's vision of a land ethic, but more importantly, implement it in their day-to-day lives."

2025 NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

The Wisconsin Ikes have arranged a youth convention that will allow the youth to experience the many scientific and natural wonders found locally in eastern Wisconsin and along the shores of Green Bay.

YOUTH CONVENTION AGENDA

THURSDAY • JULY 17

3:00pm – 5:00pm Check-in and Registration McKinley and Kodiak

5:00pm – 8:00pm Youth Early Bird Pizza Party McKinley and Kodiak
Ice Breaker Activities
Conservation Trivia Game Show
“A Visit from Will Dilg” – Steven Marking Presentation

FRIDAY • JULY 18

8:30am – 5:30pm
Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve
NEW Zoo and Adventure Park
Green Bay Botanical Garden

6:00pm Parade of States West Wing of 3rd Floor

6:30pm – 8:00pm Waterpark Fun Tundra Lodge Resort

SATURDAY • JULY 19

8:45am – 9:00am
National Youth Convention Presentation —
Convention General Session

9:30am – 5:00pm Brown County Chapter IWLA – Osprey Point
Day of Engaging in the Outdoors
Archery, Birding, Campfire Cooking, Game Calling, Wildlife Crime
Solving, and Fly Tying, Casting and Fishing

5:00pm – 6:30pm Young Ikes Dinner McKinley and Kodiak

6:30pm – 8:00pm Waterpark Fun Tundra Lodge Resort

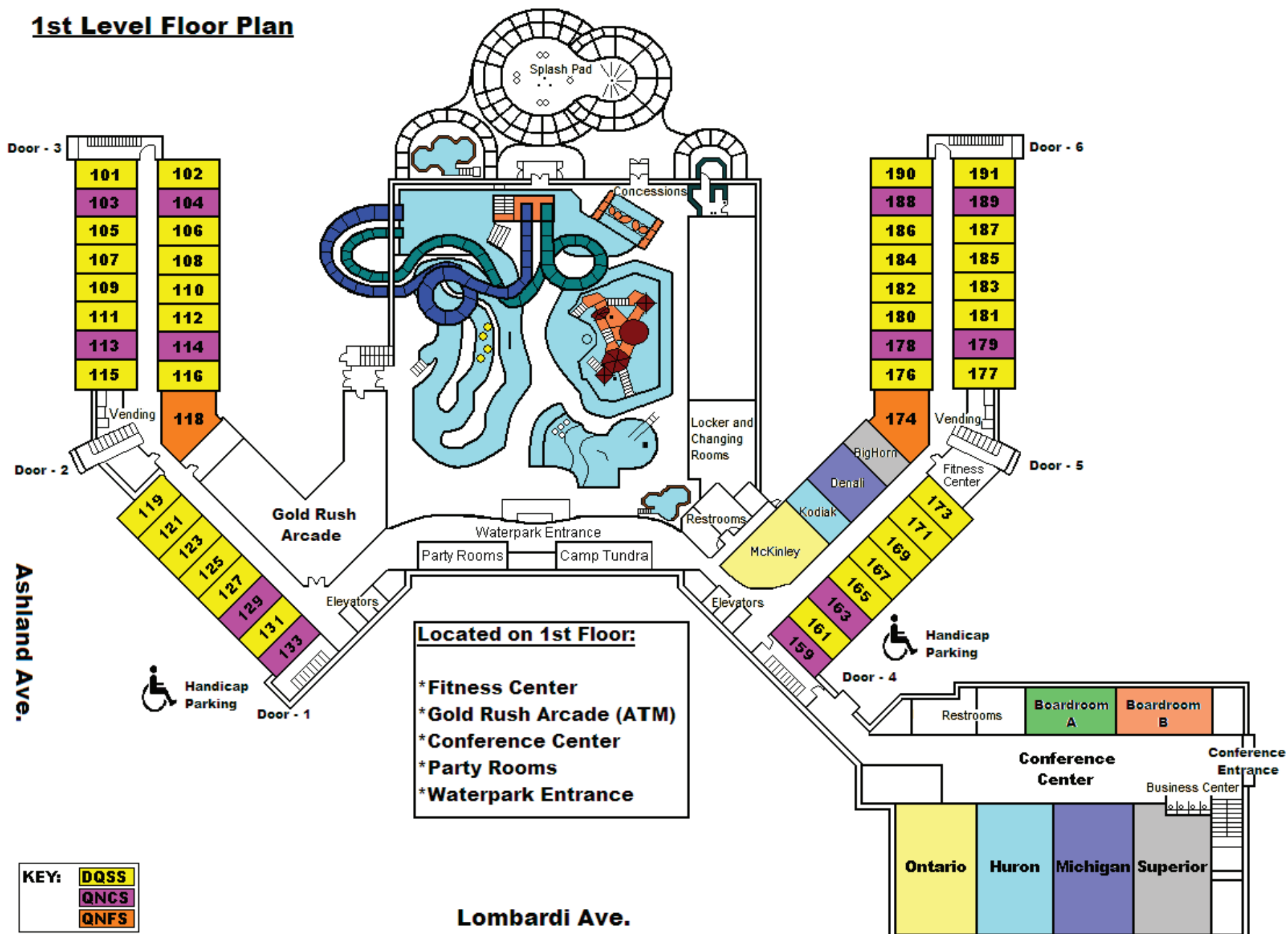
The Brown County Chapter

Wishes to thank everyone who attended this year’s convention in Green Bay. We hope everyone had a good time and was able to take in some of the beautiful scenery and resources the area has to offer.

We also want to thank our sponsors, donors, and the Divisions that placed ads in the program booklet. Without your support this convention would not have been possible.



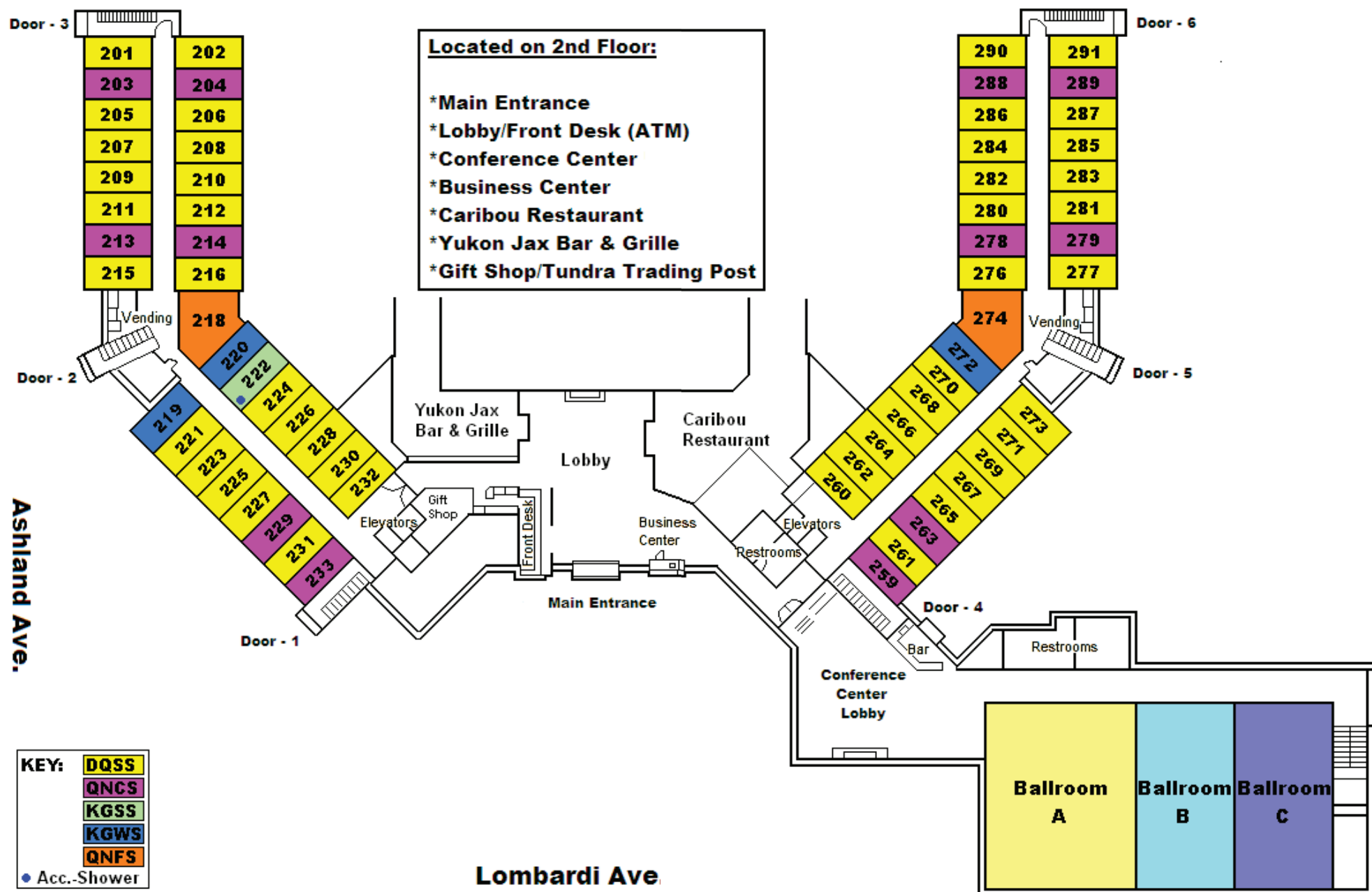
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Please elect the following Iowa candidates:

Dale Braun - Executive Board

Rick Cerwick - Executive Board

Craig Enneking - National Treasurer

Aaron Staker - National Secretary

Lisa McIntyre - Endowment Board



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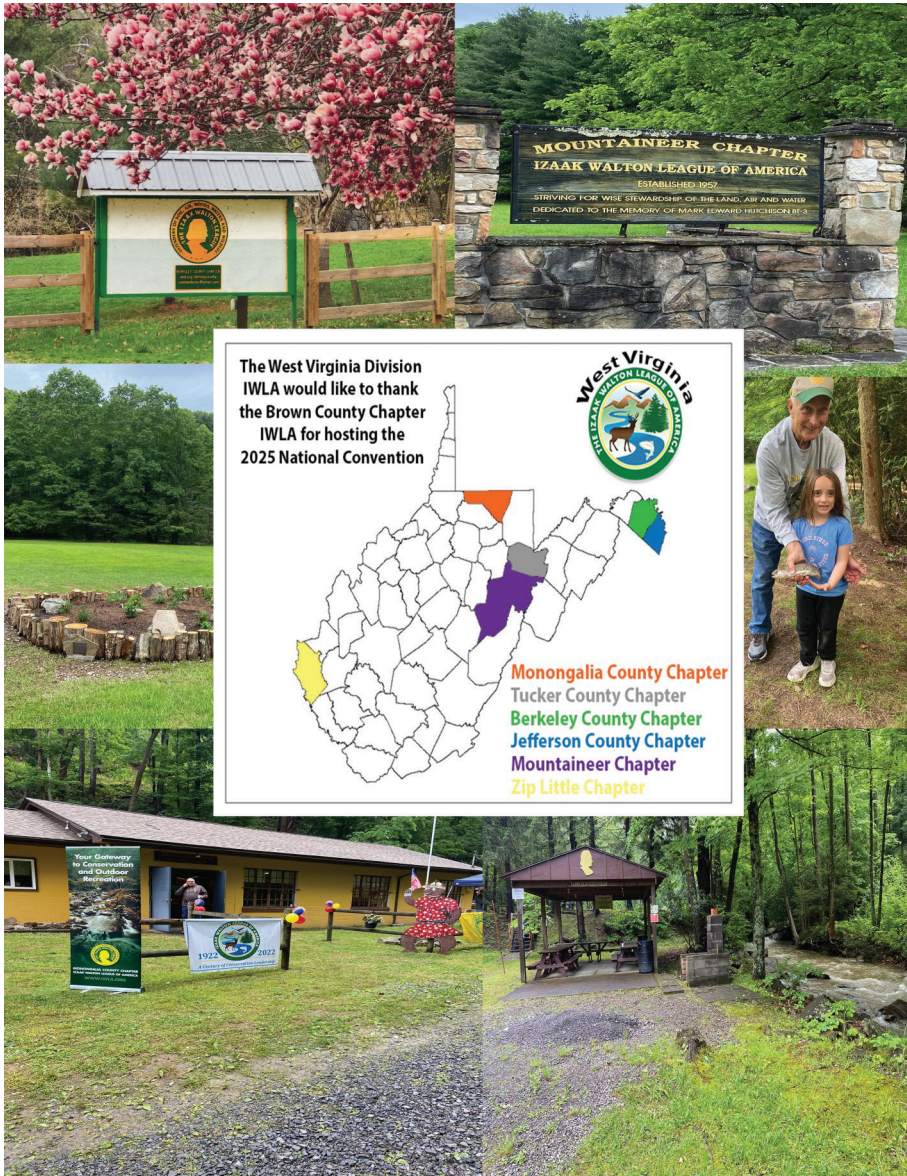
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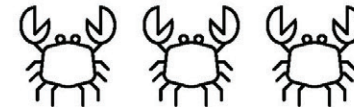
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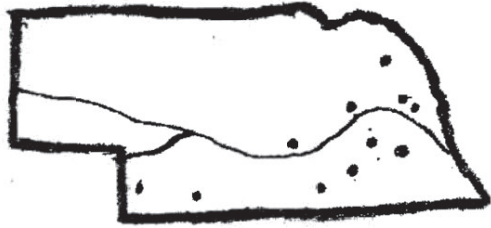
The Maryland Division of the Izaak Walton League of America

We would like to thank the Brown County Chapter for a fantastic Convention!



Come visit us in Maryland for fishing, crabbing and hiking!





FROM THE NEBRASKA DIVISION

Southwest Chapter	Columbus
Arapahoe	Lincoln
Grand Island	Fremont
Thayer County	Jessie Benton Fremont
Seward	Wayne
Crete	

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The Virginia Division thanks the Brown County Chapter in Brown County, Wisconsin for hosting the 2025 IWLA National Convention. Thank you for all you do for the League.

The Virginia Division supports the following candidates for IWLA National Officers.

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engineering challenges.**



Scott Meyer - President

Scott has served as the National Treasurer and Executive Board member for the last 9 years. Previously he served as National Vice-President. He also previously served the Virginia Division as treasurer, vice-president, national director, as well as served on several committees. Scott was the president of 2 different chapters, and is currently a member of 5 chapters in 5 divisions. He would appreciate your vote for National President.

Jim Storer - Vice-President

As a long time Ike from Ohio, Jim has served as the National Secretary and Executive Board member for the last 9 years. He would appreciate your vote for National Vice President.

**THE WISCONSIN DIVISION OF THE
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA**



**Welcomes Ikes to Wisconsin and
the 2025 National Convention!**

**Thanks to the Brown County
Chapter for hosting us this year!**

The Wisconsin Division encourages Chapters to sponsor a viewing or live production of Steve Marking's "A Visit from Will Dilg" in their community. Spread the word about advocating for defending our natural resources—we owe it to our future generations!



**The Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the
Izaak Walton League of America**

**Best Wishes to Brown County Chapter for a
Successful National Convention!**

**Visit the Maryland State Room and enjoy a little
taste of Maryland!**

Come visit us in Maryland for fishing, crabbing and hiking!

Defending America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations!

It is more important than ever for each of us to take an active role in defending our natural resources.



IOWA DIVISION



2025 Watershed Talks
Soil and Water Conservation
Tuesday ~ March 18th @ 7 pm CT via Zoom

Nature Defenders of Iowa—
How organizations work everyday to defend our natural resources both at the state and federal level!

Anna Gray—Public Policy Director & Counsel, INHF
Kate Hansen—Agriculture Program Director, IWLA

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*Ohio Division supports
Brenda Swartz
for Executive Board &
Jim Storer for Vice-President*



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MEMBER'S PLEDGE

To strive for

*the purity of water, the clarity of air,
and the wise stewardship of the land and
its resources;*

To know

*the beauty and understanding of nature,
and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and
open space;*

To the preservation of

this heritage and to mankind's sharing in it.

I pledge myself

*as a member of the Izaak Walton League of
America.*