



2017

Invader Crusader Awards

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The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council

Official Nomination Form and Instructions

June is Invasive Species Awareness Month! The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council announces the 13th annual Invader Crusader Awards, honoring Wisconsin citizens and organizations for their significant contribution to prevent, control or eradicate invasive species that harm Wisconsin's lands, waters, and wetlands.

The Council is requesting nominations for individuals, groups, or organizations for their exemplary efforts at addressing issues surrounding terrestrial and aquatic invasive species, including plants, pests, animals and disease-causing organisms. The Invader Crusader Awards will be presented to both volunteers and professionals. Please consider nominating adults and youth you work with or from your community.

Recipients of the awards will be recognized at an awards ceremony on June 8th taking place at MacKenzie Environmental Center in Poynette, WI. Award recipients will be announced on the [Invasive Species Awareness Month website](#) and in the news media.

Please complete the nomination on the following pages. Although Invader Crusaders will be chosen primarily from the strength of the submitted nomination form, you may attach collaborative documentation for consideration. Fully completing the nomination form will assist the selection committee in making the most informed decision. Multiple applications for the same nominee will be accepted and considered together. Non-winning nominations from 2016 will be automatically considered for 2017 awards. If you nominated previously and would like to provide an update, please fully complete the 2016 form and mark your form as an "updated nomination".

Email completed applications to invasive.species@wisconsin.gov. Nominations are due and must be received by **Friday, March 17, 2017**. Email is strongly preferred. If this is not possible, please call Dougal Walker at 608-267-7057 for mailing instructions and an earlier due date.

The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council will review the nomination materials and select the Award winners. All nominators and the winners will be notified by late-April.

Other Invasive Species Awareness Month Activities.....

Do you have an invasive species event you would like to advertise on our online invasive species activity calendar? Email the details to invasive.species@wisconsin.gov. Would you like to enter our video contest? Stay tuned at <http://invasivespecies.wi.gov> for more information coming soon.

2016 Invader Crusaders

Volunteer Individual:

- Fred and Mary Kueffer
- Deb Feirer
- Valerie Stabenow

Volunteer Group:

- Lower Chippewa Invasive Species Partnership
- Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance
- Mequon's Restoration Rangers

Professional Individual:

- Tim Campbell
- Michelle Nault
- Brock Woods

Sustaining Crusader:

- Mike Fort

**Invader Crusader Award
Nomination Application 2017**

Please re-save the following form and 6 questions with a new file name and return completed.

INSTRUCTIONS - Please re-save this application document with a new file name (including your last name and the nominee's last name), complete it, save again and email it to invasive.species@wisconsin.gov by **March 17, 2017**. Be sure to provide all information requested.

__ New nomination or

__ Updated nomination (please tell us the year of your most recent submittal for this nominee: _____)

Nominee:			
Employer/Organization: (if applicable)		Position: (if applicable)	
Street Address:		City:	Zip Code:
Work/cell Phone Number:	Home Phone Number:	Email Address:	
What time period did the nominees actions take place?			

Nominator (Your Name):			
Employer/Organization: (if applicable)		Position: (if applicable)	
Street Address:		City:	Zip Code:
Work/cell Phone Number:	Home Phone Number:	Email Address:	

Describe your relationship to the nominee:

Check all boxes that apply to the nominee

<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Group/Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveys/Inventory
<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Detections
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Control
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership

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Support for Nomination

1. What geographical locations are impacted by the nominee's action (local, regional, statewide)?
2. Provide a brief description of what the nominee has done to earn your nomination.
3. What is the ecological impact of the nominee's actions?
4. Describe how the nominee has shown leadership or influenced people's actions or understanding of invasive species. Include approximate number of people influenced including ages (youth or adult) and type (professional, citizen, landowners, students, etc.) when possible.
5. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated innovation, if at all, in their impact on invasive species (for example, reaching a new or novel but critical audience, utilizing cutting edge technology, management tools or outreach tools, etc).
6. Describe any other aspects of the nominee that are worth noting and **not already mentioned above**. (Consider things directly relating to invasive species such as: involvement in public or organizational policy, landowner group involvement, unique outreach efforts, vision for lasting impact of efforts, etc.)

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