

Eagle River, Wisconsin

Promoting sustainable natural resources management through transformative, real-life educational experiences.

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The Trees For Tomorrow Legacy...

Established in 1944 by nine paper company executives with a focus on providing support to the forest product industry

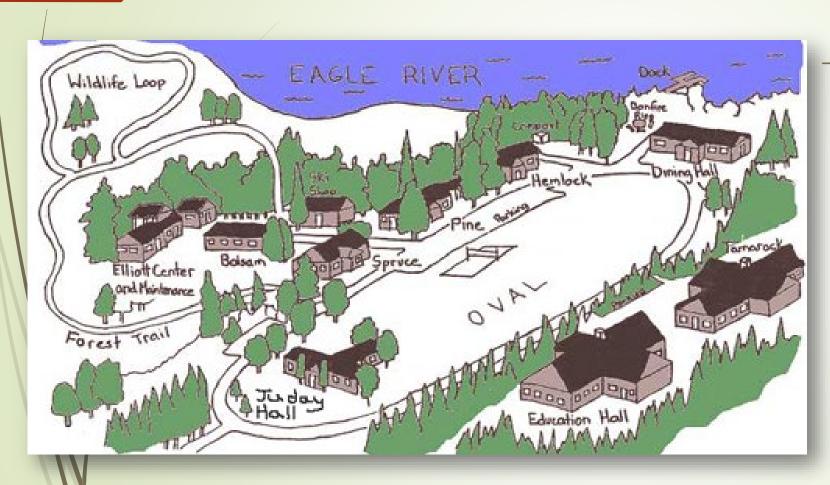
- Provide a local self-sustaining wood supply
- Encourage landowners to plant trees and practice sustainable management techniques



Providing education workshops since 1945

- K12 Teachers and Students
- Families and Youth groups
- And many others!

Our campus - A Hub for Learning



35+ acre campus in Eagle River

15+ buildings – dorms (144 beds), classrooms, and dining facilities

20 employees

Site of Region Nine Training School – 1937-1941



School Outdoor Learning Experiences (SOLE) for K12

- Schools from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois
- PreK High School with 60% Middle School
- Affordable access to high quality outdoor learning
 - TFT's cost = \$125-\$150/day
 - Schools Pay = \$20-\$70/day
 - Includes lodging in our dorms, homemade meals, transportation, and expert-led programming.

Aligned with:

- TFT's mission
- Next Generation
 Science Standards
- Academic and Career Planning requirements



Natural Resource Careers Exploration Week (NRCEW)

- High School Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors
- 5-nights/6-days
- Interactions with ~30-40 professionals
- Real-life field activities with diverse careers in natural resources and various pathways
- Sponsorships ensure no student pays full program fees.

Today's Impact: Education and Engagement

- Environmental Education
 - Day and overnight programming for K-12 schools (SOLE)
- Workforce development for K-12 students
 - Natural Resources Careers Exploration Week (NRCEW)
- Community Engagement
 - Youth, family, and adult programming
 - Forest Fest hands-on forestry education (July 2026)
- <u>Facility Rental</u> for meetings and conferences





What Students Gain - Skills for the Future

Foundational Knowledge

Science of nature and sound management of natural resources

Career Exposure

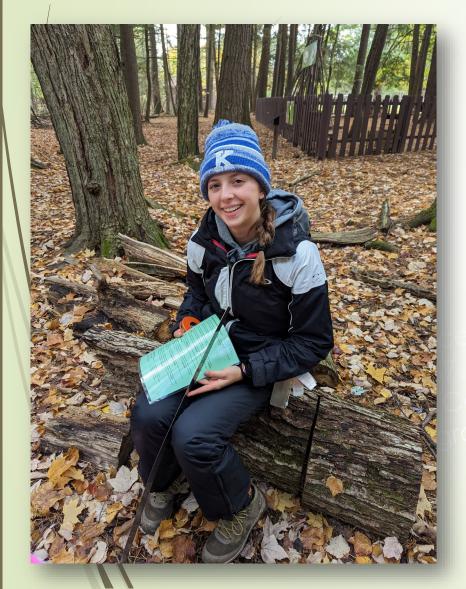
- Direct interaction with industry professionals (NRCEW)
 - 20 NRCEW alumni survey responses 2017-2019 =
 65% pursued career in natural resource field
- Real-world data collection and decision-making

Thematic Learning

- Forestry, wildlife, water, winter science, energy/climate
- Outdoor skills and recreation-based activities



Support & Partnership Opportunities



- Scholarships reduce costs for all schools!
 - Variety of scholarship types (for schools)
 - Funding sources to raise \$500,000+ annually

- How you can help!
 - Share your TFT story!
 - Share our program info with teachers
 - Adopt-a-School Scholarship Sponsorship
 - Participate in our events Golf Outing and Forest Fest

Shared Goals: TFT and the Council

- Sound forest management through education
- Workforce development in natural resources
- Public awareness and engagement



"Teaching kids about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in their lives."

- Thomas Berry

Questions or TFT Stories?

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