

Kickapoo Valley Reserve location for 2009 BRAW Convention

The BRAW State Convention is on September 19, 2009, at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center north of LaFarge on Hwy. 131. This area is exceptionally beautiful and is in the heart of the most productive bluebird area in Wisconsin.

The program is set, and there will be a Silent Auction and luncheon. We hope that many of BRAW members and friends will attend. Please put the date on your calendars.

CATERED LUNCH: A chicken meal with drink and dessert will be served. No food will be served other than the catered meals. There are no nearby restaurants, so bring your own lunch or reserve a catered lunch.

Return **Form Only** to:

Kent Hall

200 Pine Bluff Rd.

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Call: (715) 344-8081 or email reservations

To Kent at kentsue@charter.net by Sept. 1



DON'T FORGET THE SILENT AUCTION

Last year the response to the Silent Auction was wonderful and we brought in around \$800. This is an excellent way to raise money for BRAW to help with expenses. Bring an item to donate and/or plan to buy a donated item. Some items follow a bluebird theme but any bird or wildlife item is fine. Or use your imagination! It would be very helpful if you donate an item to put down a value amount so we can establish a minimum bid. Minimum bids may not start at 100% but around 50-60%. On many hand-made items it's difficult to determine a value at the last minute when we are getting set up.

ANNUAL MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please indicate the number of catered lunches for your party at \$10 each: _____. Pay upon registering the day of the event.

Name: _____

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Directions:

The Kickapoo River Reserve Visitor's Center is located 2-3 miles north of La Farge, WI, and 3-4 miles south of Rockton, WI, on Hwy. 131. The Visitor's Center is on the west side of the road. More info at <http://kvr.state.wi.us/>

From the east, take I-90 to Tomah and take the Hwy. 131 south turnoff to the Visitor's Center. An alternative for the Madison/Milwaukee area is to take the 12/18 beltline west around Madison, follow 12 north and take Hwy. 14 west to Hwy. 131 at Readstown and follow it north to the Visitor's Center. From the LaCrosse area, one can take I-90 east to 131 south to the Visitor's Center. An alternative from the LaCrosse area would be to take Hwy. 14 east to Viroqua, take 82 north to 131 in La Farge and follow 131 to the Visitor's Center.

Silent Auction Item
Yes, I'd like to donate an item for the silent auction.

Name _____

Item _____

Value \$ _____

Please attach this form or similar form to the item(s) you are donating. Thank you.



Program for 2009 BRAW State Convention

8:00-9:00 a.m.: Registration

9:00-9:15 a.m.: President's Welcome: Joe Schultz; Treasurer's Report: Mike Helgren;
Operation Top State Account Report: Kent Hall

9:15-10:00 a.m.: Bluebirding: In Search of the Conservationist's Soul: Dr. Kent Hall,
VP-BRAW

10:00-10:30 a.m.: SE Wisconsin: More than Buildings & Highways Bob Tamm, SE WI
Regional Coordinator, BRAW

10:30-10:45 a.m.: Break

10:45-11:30 a.m.: Restoration of Red-headed Woodpeckers at the Necedah National Wildlife
Refuge: Rich King, Refuge Biologist

11:30-12:00 p.m.: Bluebird Bloopers! Pat Ready, WB Editor/BRAW BOD

12:00-1:00 p.m.: Lunch with chicken, drink & dessert

1:00-1:15 p.m.: Announcement of Silent Auction Winners: Joe Schultz (Auction bidding over
at 1 pm)

1:15-1:30 p.m.: Entertainment by the "Blues King": David Pray

1:30-End : Questions about monitoring: Panel & audience