



February 5, 2018

Greetings!

Please help us spread the news of the 2018 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention and Water Action Volunteer (WAV) Symposium taking place April 18 through 20 in Stevens Point. Our 2018 theme, **Heeding the Call**, reflects our shared obligation to take responsibility and do the right thing for our waters. We would appreciate it if you could display the enclosed poster at your office and share the event cards with your local audiences.

Folks gather at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention to focus on the many factors that affect our precious lakes, rivers and streams. In this setting, researchers, professional resource managers and citizens have the time and space to discuss successes, as well as learn from each other. We organize the event around 50+ concurrent sessions, a research poster session, and hands-on workshops that will encourage you to heed the call.

We are also "heeding the call" by celebrating 40 years of loon research in Wisconsin. Thursday morning will include a Kickoff Plenary Panel and digital production giving some attention to our common loon. We will hear from professionals and citizen scientists about what this emblematic water bird with the haunting call has taught us.

On Friday, April 20, Stephen Carpenter, S. A. Forbes Professor of Zoology at the UW Madison Center for Limnology will discuss the Past and Future Change in the Yahara Watershed: An Ecological Experiment Using Scenarios. Winner of the 2011 Stockholm Water Prize, Dr. Stephen Carpenter is a leader of whole-ecosystem experiments focused on questions about lake ecosystems. This talk will draw on Carpenter's research concerning the dynamic challenges facing the Madison area lakes and the Yahara watershed.

In-depth workshops on Wednesday will cover subjects ranging from the basics of running a lake organization to restoration projects and algae identification. Our Friday agenda will also feature involvement of Wisconsin's stream and river monitoring program, Water Action Volunteers. Early bird registration for all of these events ends on March 21, so we hope to make people aware of the convention as soon as possible. Contact us at (715) 346-2116 with any questions you may have. You can learn more about the convention & register online at www.wisconsinlakes.org.

Thank you for your help,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric Olson
UW Extension Lakes



Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention & Water Action Volunteers Symposium

April 18-20, 2018

Full agenda and speaker info online!

Safe and convenient online registration at

www.wisconsinlakes.org

or call us at 715-346-2116

Thursday LoonWatch Panel

Friday Keynote

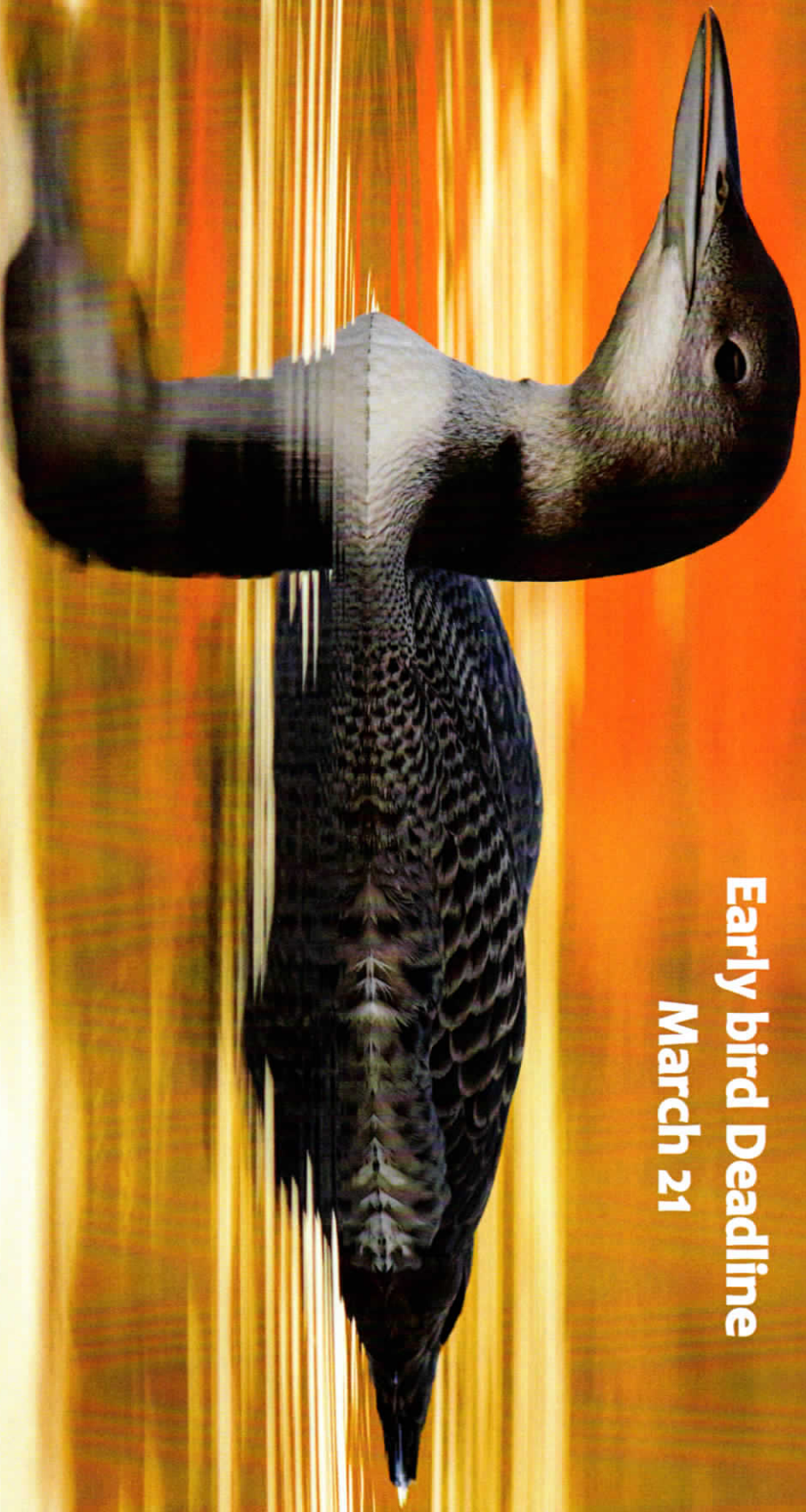
Erica LaMoine, LoonWatch & Citizen Science Coordinator

Stephen Carpenter, Free-range Scientist

Michael Meyer, Wildlife Toxicologist
Terry Daulton, Environmental Educator, Biologist, Artist
Gary Zimmer, Wildlife Biologist

Friday overlaps with the annual meeting of the Society for Ecological Restoration Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter (April 20-22).

- **Over 50 Concurrent Sessions**
- **Hands-on Workshops**
- **Poster Session**
- **Networking Opportunities**



Early bird Deadline
March 21

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