

Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund

Dave Stetter, a long time member of Fond du Lac County Audubon Society, Board member and Conservation Chair, passed away on January 20, 2017. Dave recruited Audubon members for an annual visit to Madison for the League of Conservation Voters Lobby Day and regularly contacted legislators about issues related to protecting and preserving the environment. Dave was a true environmentalist who not only advocated for protecting the natural world, but also took action on his own. He volunteered at one of the early community efforts in Fond du Lac to start recycling, worked on prairie restoration, green areas around schools, built a solar addition to his home, and fought invasive species wherever he could.



Dave was a retired science teacher at Goodrich High School where he organized the first Earth Day activities in 1970 and started the Environmental Awareness Club, an organization of students who learned about, practiced, and promoted environmental stewardship. He led numerous student field trips to Wisconsin natural areas and international

trips to the Bahamas for reef study and to Belize for rainforest and reef study. He was instrumental in developing facilities and curriculum for the Eldorado Outdoor Education Center, formerly operated by the Fond du Lac school system.

Dave was an avid outdoorsman who hiked, canoed, sailed, and watched birds throughout the world. In 2010, he



climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, and in 2016, he finished his first 100 miles on the Ice Age Trail with his grandsons. He continued to be active in both Rosendale and Oshkosh Boy Scouts, and he served as president of Mid-America Geographic Foundation, an organization dedicated to identification, research, and protection of archeological sites.



Dave highly valued hands-on outdoor learning experiences for youth as a mechanism for instilling an understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Consistent with Dave's passion for promoting conservation ethics in youth, the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund has been established to provide such experiences. The fund supports Audubon or similar nature camp scholarships, Audubon youth outdoor activities, or field trips to nature centers. Those wishing to contribute to the fund can make donations out to Audubon with Attn. or Memo to the fund. Mail to Mike Sweney, Audubon Treasurer, N5545 Winnvue Court, Fond du Lac, WI 54937. Fond du Lac County Audubon is a 501c(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

Since its inception, the Dave Stetter Environmental Education Fund has provided summer environmental camp scholarships to middle school and high school students, and nature center field trips for youth in the Fond du Lac Boys & Girls Club.

