

Welcome to the Wisconsin Professional Photographer's School

This is our 16th year and we have some great changes in store for you. Dennis is on facebook, he'll post updates as needed

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Our mission is to provide a place where opportunities for education, inspiration and friendships come together to provide the business skills needed to enhance your quality of life.

Our website is www.wiprophotoschool.org. Why not bookmark it and check regularly for updates. Also, please view our list of sponsors and thank them for supporting our school.

So what's new?

I've been reading this handbook for a number of years and not much has changed until now.

First, the dorm rooms each have their own bathrooms! No more trudging down the hall to the shower unless you really want to. The dorms still have two sets of bunk beds. Sheets, blankets and towels are provided, but the woolen blankets do get scratchy and really aren't that warm. I, along with other experienced attendees, am bringing my alarm clock, sleeping bag, pillow and beach towels along with my shampoo, soap, hair dryer, etc. Dennis does have a few pictures of the dorms on the facebook page. Remember, the closest convenience store is 15 miles away.

Dennis, Phil and I will be attending the dorm dedication April 29 and I'll update everyone then.

Second, we are going back to only one week.

The schedule will be:

Monday - Registration will start at 1:00 with dinner at 5:00pm. No lunch will be served, plan on getting something on the road. Classes will run from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

Monday and Tuesday evenings, camera bays will be set up in the dining hall. This will be a great time to experiment with new techniques and poses.

Tuesday - The all school picture will be right after breakfast. If you have any Treehaven or WPPS clothing, bring it along for the picture. The location will be announced at breakfast

Wednesday evening will be vendors night. Plan on visiting our own trade show and thanking all of our vendors.

Thursday evening will be the all school party hosted by (drum roll please) Rick Trummer.

Friday classes will go until 2:00 pm. PPA merits and certificates will be distributed at that time.

How do I get there?

GPS and Mapquest have been notoriously inaccurate once you get to Highway A. Drott Road is private, usually gated and not a thoroughfare. Following the road signs is much better. In a nutshell, from the south follow Highway 51 to County Highway A (Tomahawk exit) go east (right) on Hwy. A until you get to Pickerel Creek Road. Go south (right) until you are on campus.

This is also road construction season. Highway 29/51 around Wausau is (finally) in the last year of road construction. As of now, Lincoln and Marathon counties are both doing some road work on Hwy. 51. Check <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/road/workzones-nc.htm> for the status of current projects.

Airline travelers will want to fly into Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) in Mosinee (Wausau/ Stevens Point) or Rhinelander/ Oneida County Airport (RHI) which are the closest regional airports.

Will there be equipment available?

Mark Higgins from **Unique Photographic Equipment** will be back again as the school's equipment supplier. While your tuition covers the instruction, you may want to purchase props, supplies or other goodies while on a break. Sometimes your instructor will suggest that you purchase an item from the school's equipment supplier that would be helpful in your class. While the purchase is optional, keep in mind that the school's supplier, Unique, has gone to considerable expense to bring all of the items and your patronage is appreciated.

Sponsors

We will also have representatives from some of our other sponsors at the school at various times. Please visit with them and thank them for supporting our profession and our school. Please check our website site, www.wiprophotoschool.org for the complete list of sponsors.

Trailside Gift Shop

The Trailside Gift Shop offers a varied and unique shopping experience. Hours of operation will be announced daily

Member of PPA?

Service merits will be distributed at the completion of your class as long as you provided your PPA number when you registered. PPA, WPPA and Wisconsin regional membership applications will be available.

What else?

Accessibility - ramps connect all levels of the facility. If you need any special accommodations, please let us know.

Restrooms are located on the lower level of the Vallier Classroom Center and on both levels of the Irvine L. Young Lodge near the stairwells.

Outgoing mail box is located next to the soda machine on the upper level of the classroom center.

Cellular phone service may be spotty due to our remote location.

Hiking trails lace the property. Maps are available in the main office.

High speed internet access is available

Pets are not allowed on the property

Outside doors need to be kept closed when not in use. Small animals would love to take up residence in the classroom center or dorms.

Soft drink machines are located near the main office on the upper level of the classroom center. Soft drink and snack machines are near the Bear Track Lounge.

UW-SP Treehaven is a smoke free facility. Smoking is permitted outdoors only and at least 50 feet from all building entryways.

Dress in layers as classroom temperatures can vary. The weather can be quite variable. Bring warm clothing

Remember, snow is still a possibility.

Just a few more things

We had a very early spring in the north woods. We should have beautiful green grass and leaves. Expect the ticks and mosquitos to be out. If you were at the WPPA convention, bring your Treehaven towellettes, otherwise we will have a limited supply of bug spray, or bring your own if you have a preference. If you have seasonal allergies, bring along your antihistamines as the pollen levels may be high. If you do get a tick, we will help with removal.

We hold a raffle every year with proceeds going toward a scholarship for one of the next year's classes. Tickets will be for sale at lunch and dinner times with the drawing during lunch on Friday.

Bring studio materials, e-mail addresses, brochures and samples of your work because Treehaven is a great place to network.

The instructors should be contacting you directly with what to bring to school.

