



Ceresco Prairie Celebration

8:00 - 9:00 am

Check-in

8:45 am

Acknowledgement of the land - Kat Griffith, prairie entrance

Activities Track 1

Meet at the prairie entrance

9:00 - 10:45 am

A demonstration of using UAV (drones) to study plants and prairies

Dr. Lynnette Dornak, associate professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville

11:00 - 11:45 am

Patricia Kegel '56 Environmental Classroom

Discover and organize community science opportunities in prairies, watersheds, and other habitats

Ms. Sheryl Stidham-Gebert, Appleton North High School

Prairie Walks

Walks will leave from the Patricia Kegel '56 Environmental Classroom every 40 minutes

A walking history of Ceresco and the tallgrass prairie.

Observing bees, dragonflies, and butterflies of the Ceresco Prairie.

Bird watching and identification in the Ceresco Prairie.

Led by Dr. Skip Wittler, emeritus professor of biology at Ripon College

Dr. Ben Grady, associate professor of biology at Ripon College, and other experts

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Lunch at Ceresco Provisions, located at prairie entrance

Presentations: Track 1

1:00 - 1:45 pm

Rodman Center, Lecture 147

Summer research at Ripon College: Prairie Pollinator

Dr. Ben Grady, associate professor of biology at Ripon College

2:00 - 2:45 pm

Bluebird nesting behavior in the Ceresco Prairie and surrounding area

Dr. Memuna Khan, professor of biology at Ripon College

Presentations: Track 2

Rodman Center, Room 156

History of the Ceresco Phalanx

Dr. Travis Nygard, professor of art at Ripon College

The first tallgrass prairie restoration in Wisconsin, the Curtis Prairie

Michael Hansen, Land Care Manager, University of Wisconsin Arboretum

2:45 - 3:15 pm

Undergraduate Research Poster Session Rodman Center/Resource Center 137

3:15 - 4:00 pm

Making sense of drone imagery including analyzing vegetation patterns

Dr. Lynnette Dornak, associate professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville

The story of tallgrass prairie restoration in the Ceresco Prairie Conservancy

Dr. Skip Wittler, emeritus professor of biology at Ripon College

4:15 - 4:45 pm

Award Presentation and Concert, Rodman Center/ Demmer Hall

- Service Award to Skip Wittler
- Choral Concert: Ceresco Prairie Honors Choir

4:45 - 5:00 pm

Reception, Rodman Center/ Foyer Gallery

*In the event of heavy rain, activity leaders will give presentations in Rodman 147/156

