

Workshop Leader Bios

Will Bush

Outdoor UW

Will is a first year student at UW-Madison studying Neurobiology and Education Policy. Will is also a member of the Hooper Outing Club, as well as an intern and operations staffer at Outdoor UW. Will loves all things outdoors, and feels most at peace spending a few weeks canoeing a quiet river and backpacking with friends.



Andrew Harrison & Audrey Robb

Purdue Outing Club

Andrew & Audrey are the current President and Vice President of the Purdue Outing Club and have been POCAR Race Coordinators in the past. In their free time, they like to wander aimlessly in the woods, but when they unfortunately get called to campus (aka weekdays) they pass the time at our climbing wall or looking at maps.

Dan York

Dan is a lifetime paddler, beginning when he learned canoeing basics with the Boy Scouts. In college he learned whitewater kayaking and has been an avid river runner ever since. While he enjoys all types of paddling, his favorite trips are multi day whitewater runs on wild rivers of the West. He has been an active leader and instructor over his long paddling career, including leading UW-Madison's Hoofers trips in Wisconsin, the Southeast, and West. He served as the club's water safety chair from 2013-2018 and is an ACA certified Level 4 whitewater kayaking instructor. Lately Dan's paddling passion has turned to sea kayaking, with recent trips in northern Norway.



Keira Obert

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Keira Obert is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying wildlife ecology and photography. She is passionate about wildlife conservation and experiential education, and she explores her passions by working as a wilderness guide and as a freelance nature photographer. Keira uses her voice as a photographer and outdoor educator to spread ecological knowledge, which she believes is an important component to improving access to the outdoors. She is passionate about making the environment accessible to all and tries to help all students at UW-Madison get outside by being a trip leader in the Hooper Outing Club and by improving club education as the Hoopers Vice President of Marketing.



Sophie Kuehn

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sophie recently graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Conservation Biology, and enjoys hiking, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, trail building, conservation work, and yoga. She is also a wildland firefighter in Alaska and will be starting her third season this year.



Pete Buscaino

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Hoofers Outing Club Advisor

Pete, advisor for the Hoofers Riding and Outing Club, hails from Clearwater, FL, where his love for outdoor activities like camping, paddling, hiking, biking, and diving blossomed. With experience in the outdoor industry and a background in coaching baseball and teaching, Pete moved to Madison in 2019, captivated by Wisconsin's natural beauty. Passionate about winter sports like XC skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing, Pete brings his expertise from REI and UW Housing to Outdoor UW. He's dedicated to supporting club leaders in providing top-notch programming for the UW campus and community.



Rachael Lewandowski Sarette

Upham Woods

Rachael is the on-site and accessibility program coordinator at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, part of UW-Madison Division of Extension. In her work, she spends her days exploring the woods with students of all abilities, mentoring new outdoor educators, and thinking strategically about expanding access to the outdoors. She is also the chair-elect of the Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education where she supports the JEDIA, Conference and Communications committees. Connect with her if you would like to talk about accessibility, the field of environmental education, or cross-country skiing.

