



Science On Tap



Science on Tap Minocqua: *Public Conversations about Science*

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Partners

UW Kemp Natural Resources Station

UW Trout Lake Station

Minocqua Public Library

Lakeland Badger Chapter / Wisconsin Alumni Association

Minocqua Brewing Company





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Goals

- Engage local community in relevant science topics in a relaxed, informal setting
- Build public trust in science
- Discuss topics that are potentially controversial





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Format

- Informal, monthly conversations
- Brief presentations
- Question/answer session
- Live stream at Minocqua Public Library
- Programs recorded and archived on YouTube, podcast also available
- Refreshments





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Topics

- Climate Change in the Northwoods
- Economics and Ecology of Invasives
- Life on Other Planets
- Vitamin D and Aging
- Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases
- Art of Communicating Science
- Evolution of Public Education



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Community Response

- Average of 100 audience members per event -- many travel from neighboring communities
- Widespread media coverage
- Additional participation in field trip events
- Library as community / civic center



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