

Oconto River Kids Contact Information:

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Providing hunting & fishing
opportunities to kids with
life-threatening illnesses

Oconto River Kids is a group of outdoor enthusiasts who assist kids with life threatening illnesses attain their outdoor dreams by providing unique hunting and fishing adventures.



Oconto River Kids began in 2012 with a landowner who envisioned a local volunteer group providing hunting and fishing opportunities for children with life threatening illnesses and their families. He contacted the local DNR Conservation Officer, who shared a passion for mentoring young hunters. They immediately recognized the possibilities and identified other key individuals who shared their vision and passion. That group of individuals dedicated themselves to the idea and moved forward to create Oconto River Kids. The group continues to grow, but maintains its simple grass roots approach to providing unique hunting and fishing experiences for children with life threatening illnesses and their families. In 2014 Oconto River Kids reached a milestone when it was incorporated as a non-for-profit corporation in the State of Wisconsin and now operates as a Wisconsin charitable organization.

Our signature event is the Oconto River Kids Bear Hunt held every September. 6-10 children and their families are selected to participate. A significant amount of preparation and planning goes into this event. We also host deer hunting and annual fishing trips.

Life threatening illnesses are usually a significant financial burden for families. Oconto River Kids covers all expenses associated with hosting these families and running the events. This includes lodging, meals, taxidermy, meat processing, and all ancillary expenses. We receive a great deal off support from our local businesses for which we are very grateful.

Ways to Give Back

Our group is completely funded through the generous donation of time, money and gifts from people who believe in our mission. If you are interested in our organization there are a number of venues for your support:

- 1. Donation:** Please consider making a cash donation to Oconto River Kids by mailing a check to our address listed below. All donations directly fund our hunting and fishing adventures. We have no paid employees, directors or officers.
- 2. Participants:** If you know of a child who is suffering from a life threatening illness who would enjoy participating in our hunting and fishing programs please contact Joe Paul at (715) 416-0086.
- 3. Black Bear Hunt:** If you have accumulated preference points towards a bear tag please consider donating a zone A, B, or C Bear Tag to Oconto River Kids. All of our kids hunt with donated tags that are transferred from generous donors. Please coordinate with Joe Paul at (715) 416-0086.
- 4. Hunting/Fishing Opportunity:** If you are a professional hunting or fishing guide or service please consider offering a special hunting or fishing opportunity to children with life threatening illnesses. We welcome the opportunity to work with you on such an event.
- 5. Volunteers:** Please consider volunteering your time and special talents to our organization. We are always looking for new volunteers to support our programs.

