



## News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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### Blackwell Job Corps CCC students do their part for wildlife

**Rhineland, Wis. – May 14, 2007.** On Thursday April 26, the Blackwell Job Corps Union Carpentry Pre-Apprentice students assisted Chequamegon-Nicolet NF Forest Service Biologists Scott Anderson and Nicole Shutt with placing wood duck boxes and bat houses on National Forest land at the Deer Creek and Knowles Creek Impoundments, located near Wabeno. The wood duck boxes were constructed by the Carpentry students.

Anderson and Shutt explained the history and ecology of the impoundments and how they benefit the diverse wildlife living there. Job Corps students also learned about wetland marshes and the habitat they support.

Several species of waterfowl and predatory raptors were seen by the group as they walked the impoundments searching for places to install the new wood duck and bat houses.

Fairly new to the Chequamegon-Nicolet are “bat houses” that encourage these nocturnal mammals to roost in a warm place far away from human structures. Bats eat an enormous amount of insects and are an essential part of the ecology of the National Forest impoundments.



*Job Corps student Joe Beemis and Union Carpentry instructor Eric Martinson installing the wood duck boxes*



*Biologists Scott Anderson and Nicole Shutt explain the ecology of the interesting and beautiful wood ducks*

Blackwell Job Corps Union Carpentry Instructors Paul Luce and Eric Martinson frequently involve Job Corps students in community relations projects that benefit the quality of life for everyone, including northern Wisconsin’s wildlife. *(more)*

Located near the town of Laona on 20 acres of the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, Blackwell JCCCC offers federal scholarships for young adults under the age of 25. In addition to leadership training, students at Blackwell receive academic training that leads to completion of an HSED or High School Diploma as well as vocational training in Welding, Union Bricklaying and Tile setting, Union Carpentry, Union Construction Craft Laborer, Union Painting, Health Occupations (CNA), Business Technologies, and Electrician Training. For information on Blackwell JCCCC or to arrange a tour, call Penny McLaughlin at (715)674-7654. To fill out a free application for a Blackwell scholarship, call Julie Eder at (715)359-7040.

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