



2026  
Wisconsin State  
Championships

*You're Invited*

*When:* April 9-12, 2026

*Where:* Oneida Hotel  
2040 Airport Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54313

*Contact:* 1-800-238-4263

*Block Code:* Wisconsin Taxidermy  
Spring

*Group Rate:* \$129 for single  
\$139 for double  
\$149 for triple  
\$159 for quad

Group rate includes full breakfast and is available until **3/1** or until block is full.

Private Lounge  
for WTA  
Members

HOTEL  
PARKING

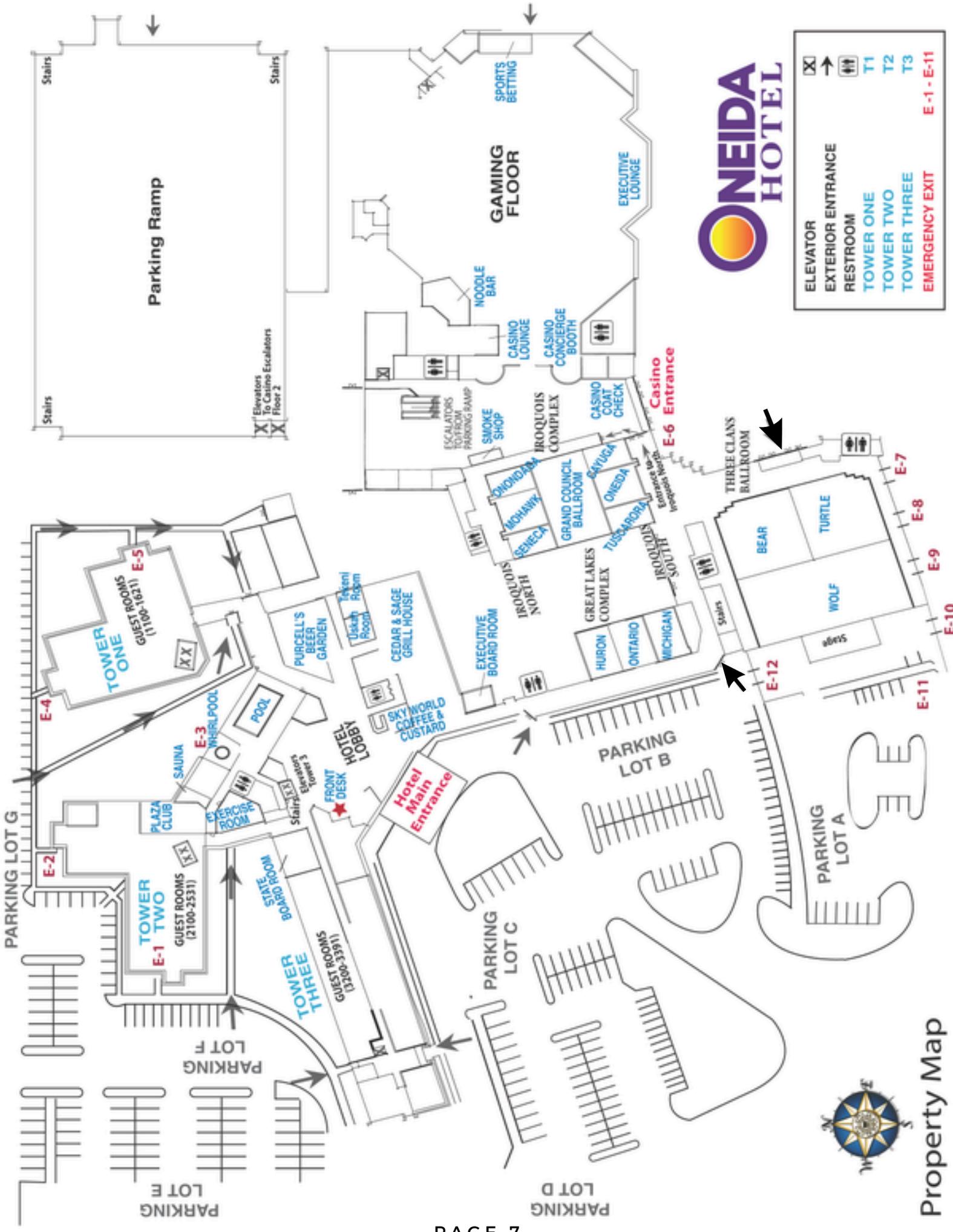
RAMP  
PARKING  
(6 floors)



HOTEL  
PARKING

Parking Lot B will have the best parking  
 Parking Lot A has limited parking  
 Black arrows are best entrances to bring your mounts in





	ELEVATOR
	EXTERIOR ENTRANCE
	RESTROOM
	TOWER ONE
	TOWER TWO
	TOWER THREE
	EMERGENCY EXIT
	E-1 - E-11



Property Map

# Information

## PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Make every effort to pre-register your mounts. This will save you money on registration costs! Pre-registration is only available to members, so make sure you have renewed your membership for 2026. The deadline to pre-register is **3/23/2026**. Member entry forms postmarked after the deadline will have to register Thursday 4/9/2026 at the Championships. **Each member must complete his/her own pre-registration form - pg. 35 of this *Insight*.**

## AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday 4/11/2026

Social Hour: 6:00pm

Banquet: 7:00pm

Tickets: \$37 per Adult

**FREE** Ages 12 and under (must select kids meal, buffet is \$37)

No tickets will be sold after 2pm Friday 4/10/2026

## MAKE RESERVATIONS

Oneida Hotel

2040 Airport Dr. Green Bay, WI 54313

1.800.238.4263

<https://www.oneidahotel.com>

Block Code: Wisconsin Taxidermy Spring

Room rates available until **3/1/26** or until full:

**\$129** for single

**\$139** for double

**\$149** for triple

**\$159** for quad

Rate includes full breakfast

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION / MOUNT CHECK-IN PROCESS

Check-in process: Follow the signage posted

- 1) Register mounts, buy banquet tickets & renew membership dues - Michigan Room.
- 2) Perform final grooming on your mount(s) & take your mount for professional photos.
- 3) A member of the competition committee will place your entry in the main show area. Competitors are allowed to assist in placing their mounts in the showroom Thursday ONLY.
- 4) Any board member, committee chair, or Thursday seminar presenter will be able to register and check in mounts at 3pm Thursday.
- 5) 30 minute pre-show meeting for board members and committee chairs at 1:30pm on Thursday.
- 6) Friday mount check in begins at 8:30am and ends at 10am; pictures will end at 11am - no exceptions.

### JUDGES:

Whitetails - Mark Hernandez

Birds - Jordan Hackl

Mammals - Brenda Duvall

Fish - Cory Foth

### CRITIQUES:

Sign up for your individual critique time slot when you register your mount or at the welcome table Friday & Saturday. Don't miss this opportunity for one-on-one time with your judge!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SEMINARS:

Members are required to wear their name tag lanyard and have their WTA Membership Card when attending ALL WTA sponsored events.

### GENERAL MEETING:

Be informed and help make decisions by attending the Wisconsin Taxidermists Association's annual general meeting on Sunday, April 12th at 8:00am.

### SOCIAL / RAFFLES / BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT:

Friday night 4/10/2026 starting at 7:00pm.

**We are looking for a volunteer to run the bean bag tournament!**

Raffle donations are appreciated. Also looking for help selling tickets Friday night. Please reach out to Kathy Berra at 608-498-6085 (preferred) or [Kathypieper9@gmail.com](mailto:Kathypieper9@gmail.com)

### KIDS EVENT

Tentatively planned for Saturday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Mike Huth has a turkey fan project to share with the kids!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Most volunteer opportunities are for one hour or less. Please contact any board member for more information.

PHOTO: BROWN TROUT BY BEN LENOBLE  
2025 STATE CHAMPION - SINGLE FISH  
2025 POLYTRANSPAR AWARD  
2025 WASCO AWARD ARTISTIC MERIT JUDGE'S CHOICE  
2025 TAXIDERMISTS' CHOICE: BEST FISH

# Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

- 1:30pm - 2:00pm:** Pre-Show meeting with the following: Board Members, Membership Chair, Backboard Chair, Competition Chair, Registration Chair, Seminar Chair, Vendor Chair. Meeting will be held in the Registration Room (Michigan)
- 2:00pm:** Competition and vendor area set up begins. Volunteers appreciated - find Ryan Berra!
- 3:00pm:** Registration for those attending the pre-show meeting, the Thursday seminar presenter, and the set-up crew. Please have all grooming completed.
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm:** Pre-Registered mounts without changes.
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm:** Registration for all mounts including open, pre-registered and non-resident competitors. Competitors will be allowed to assist in placing their mounts in the showroom today ONLY. No competitors are allowed in the showroom on Friday
- 5:00pm:** Judges' Meeting
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm:** Seminar with Kevin Kriescher - knife sharpening
- 7:30pm - 9:30pm:** Board Meeting in the Executive Board Room

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

- 7:30am:** Judging Resumes
- 8:00am - 10:00am:** Seminar with Warden Phillip Brown - bring your taxidermy law questions!
- 8:30am - 10:00am:** Accepting PRE-REGISTERED mounts ONLY (pre-registering will save you time!)
- 9:30am - 1:00pm & 3:00pm - 6:30pm:** Vendor Area Open (Vendor Area Closed 1:00pm-3:00pm)
- 10:00am - Noon:** Seminar with Eric Peterson from Smooth On Products
- 1:00pm - 3:00 pm:** Seminar with Clint Rickey
- 1:00pm - 5:00 pm:** Live Mounting Event - Taxidermists mounting their chosen specimen!
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm:** Competition Area open for viewing and Taxidermists Choice voting
- 7:00pm:** WTA Social, Bean Bag Tournament (**need a volunteer!**), Raffles, Auction, and **Live** Music!

## SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

- 8:00am:** Last chance to sign up for your critique with the judges.
- 8:00am - 10:00am:** Fish Seminar with Cory Foth
- 9:00am - 12:00pm:** Ladies Activity in the Plaza Club Room
- 10:00am - 12:00pm:** Bird Seminar with Jordan Hackl
- 10:00am - 3:00pm:** Vendor area is open - **Last chance to buy supplies** - make sure to take advantage of show discounts and to get to know our great vendors a little better!
- 11:00am - 5:00pm:** Competition area is open to the general public (volunteers needed)
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm:** Mammal Seminar with Brenda Duvall + Kid's Seminar with Mike Huth
- 3:00pm - 5:30pm:** Whitetail Seminar with Mark Hernandez
- 6:00pm:** WTA Awards Night Social
- 7:00pm:** WTA State Championship Awards Banquet followed by the Cacklin' Hens wine tasting party

## SUNDAY, APRIL 12th

- 7:30am - 8:00am:** Mount removal available for non-resident competitors ONLY
- 8:00am - 11:00am:** WTA general membership meeting & elections. Attendance is encouraged & appreciated
- 8:00am - 10:00am:** Competition Area open to the general public (volunteers needed)
- 11:00am - Noon:** Competition and vendor area tear down and mount pick-ups - help is appreciated!

# Seminar Descriptions

## **Kevin Kriescher: Thursday: 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Join us for a fun seminar on knife sharpening with a paper wheel demonstration. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and learn practical techniques to improve your craft! \*Kevin and the WTA are not liable for injuries caused by blades or the paper wheel system.\*

## **WI DNR Warden Phillip Brown: Friday 8:00am - 10:00am**

Question and Answer session with WI DNR Liaison Warden Phillip Brown. Phillip is from beautiful Brule, WI and is a conservation warden for Bayfield County. Bring the questions you've been wanting to ask!

## **Eric Peterson - Smooth-On: Friday 10:00am - Noon**

Eric from Smooth-On Products will be demonstrating pouring single and multi-part molds and pouring casting resin into those molds, making a brush on mold, making a silicone texture stamp, and much more! Don't miss this informative seminar on how you can utilize these products in your daily work lives.

## **Clint Rickey: Friday 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Even if you're new to the WTA, you've probably heard of this guy and seen some of his phenomenal work. He's been a full-time taxidermist since starting Rickey Ridge Taxidermy in 2003 in Dodgeville and he's been competing at state, national, and world shows since 2010! He's won numerous awards at all levels and earned the Best in World Whitetail award in 2019. If you mount whitetails, don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best in the world!

## **Live Mounting Event: Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

Jesse Weber will be mounting an ungulate;  
Corey Koepfel will be casting a whitetail mouth;  
Hannah Stolz will be mounting a bird;  
Ben LeNoble will be mounting a fish

## **Cory Foth: Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am**

Our fish judge, Cory Foth, will be giving a seminar on fish this year. Cory comes to us from Peabody, Kansas where he has had a one man shop, Doyle Creek Taxidermy, for 29 years. He has done all aspects of taxidermy, but now concentrates on fish and whitetails.

## **Jordan Hackl: Saturday 10:00am - Noon**

Our bird judge, Jordan Hackl, comes to us from Warrensburg, IL. Jordan has accomplished a great deal in our industry. Since attending a taxidermy school in Iowa he has his own business and has worked at several shops around the country. Jordan will be doing a bird seminar this year. There will be time for discussion and questions along the way. This should be an excellent seminar!

## **Brenda Duvall: Saturday 1:00pm -3:00pm**

Brenda will be putting on a mammal seminar for us. Brenda is our mammals judge this year and she has been a full-time taxidermist since 1986 with a shop in Medford, WI. She has even lived and taught the art of taxidermy in Namibia, Africa. She has judged many state and regional shows and also judged at the World Show. Judging has taken her to Canada, New Zealand, and Australia.

## **Mark Hernandez: Saturday 3:00pm - 5:30pm**

Join our whitetail judge as he demonstrates some of his techniques on a whitetail. Mark comes to us all the way from Texas where he's a full-time taxidermist. He is an award-winning taxidermist at the state and national levels. Don't miss out on all the valuable information he'll share with us at the last seminar of the conference!

We will be putting updates and additional information on our Facebook page in the weeks leading up to the convention. Please check there for more details!