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SEN. JACQUE FEATURED IN ‘NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY’

Environmental group highlights lawmakers across the country who promote outdoor recreation

DE PERE, WI... A national environmental protection group is designating Saturday, June 11 as “National Get Outdoors Day,” featuring Sen. André Jacque (R-De Pere) and state lawmakers across the country for their legislative efforts to promote outdoor recreation by highlighting their own favorite activities.

“My family and I enjoy walking on the waterfront, swimming at the beach, and playing at the countless beautiful parks in Northeast Wisconsin,” Sen. Jacque said. “We are fortunate to live among natural environmental features that make our area the most unique and beautiful in the state.”

Sen. Jacque and his family are pictured at Voyageur Park in De Pere across social media platforms of the [National Caucus of Environmental Legislators \(NCEL\)](#) to promote National Get Outdoors Day. Sen. Jacque has served for the past two years as a state lead for the organization, which brings together state lawmakers to coordinate efforts to shape federal policy, or to take coordinated action in areas that federal government has yet to address.

This session, Sen. Jacque worked with the Sierra Club, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to build strong bi-partisan support for legislation he introduced to expand the federal Every Kid Outdoors program to Wisconsin’s state parks. This federal public lands initiative gives 4th graders and their families one year of free access to national parks.

“Most 4th graders are already registered by their teachers for the national program, and sign up is also quick and easy through the program’s website,” Sen. Jacque said. “Once Wisconsin accepts these passes at state parks, there would be no separate applications to handle.”

Although the legislation easily passed through committee in both chambers, it was not taken up by the full Legislature this session. Sen. Jacque said he will be re-introduce the measure early next year.

“I can think of few better ways to introduce our youth to their state park system,” Sen Jacque said. “This initiative also reminds us that we need to safeguard the environment for future generations precisely because so many of Wisconsin’s economic sectors and jobs - from tourism to agriculture and forestry – rely especially on clean water.”

Created by and for state legislators, the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit that organizes over 1,200 environmentally-committed state legislators from all 50 states and both major parties. NCEL provides venues and opportunities for lawmakers to share ideas and collaborate on their environmental priorities.

Sen. André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

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