



Employer *Bulletin*

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2014 WRS Benefit Presentations Set for Employees Statewide

Each spring and fall, the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) hosts free presentations for employees throughout the state on Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and other benefit programs. ETF offers two different benefit presentations: one for those within five years of retirement and one for new and mid-career employees.

Dates and cities for the spring 2014 presentations are attached. Presentations start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. No registration needed. ***Please share this bulletin with your employees.***

New & Mid-Career Employees

These one-hour evening presentations are designed for WRS members who are *more than five years from retirement*. ETF provides accurate information about WRS benefits early in a member's career so that they can make sound, strategic decisions over the course of their careers. Topics covered at each presentation include vesting requirements, various ways to enhance a WRS retirement benefit, purchasing service, military service credit, the Core and Variable Trust Funds, contribution rates, the importance of a beneficiary form and how to complete one, as well as how "life event" changes affect retirement benefits.

WRS Members Nearing Retirement

These two-hour evening presentations are designed for WRS members who are *within five years of retirement*. Attendees will receive the information they need to make important decisions at retirement. Topics covered at each presentation include WRS annuity options, return-to-work rules, post-retirement annuity adjustments, the Core and Variable Trust Funds, the importance of keeping a beneficiary form up to date, purchasing service before retirement, the difference between a joint survivor and a beneficiary, as well as how "life event" changes affect WRS retirement benefits.

ETF Webinars: Spring 2014 Schedule

ETF offers free live, interactive webinars designed to increase your understanding of WRS benefits. Each 30-minute webinar is conducted online by an ETF specialist and focuses on a single topic of interest. To sign up for a webinar, monitor our website for registration opportunities. Better yet: Sign up for [ETF E-mail Updates](#). You will receive immediate notification of all ETF learning opportunities, including webinars. Look for the red envelope icon on our website at etf.wi.gov.



WRS BENEFITS PRESENTATION FOR NEW & MID-CAREER EMPLOYEES

This presentation is designed for active employees who are **more than five years away from retirement**. The following topics will be covered: Enhancing Your Retirement Benefit, Beneficiary Designation Forms, Vesting Requirement, Contribution Rates and more!

No registration needed. All sites are handicap accessible.

SPRING 2014 SCHEDULE

CITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Fond du Lac	4/10/14 (Thurs)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Moraine Park Technical College - Cafeteria (A109) 235 North National Avenue, Fond du Lac
Green Bay	4/14/14 (Mon)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College - Exec Dining Rm (SC128) 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay
Middleton	3/12/14 (Wed)	7:00 – 8:00 pm <small>Note: 7:00 start time</small>	Middleton High School- Performing Arts Center 2100 Bristol Street, Middleton
Platteville	4/9/14 (Wed)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Platteville High School - Auditorium 710 East Madison Street, Platteville
Racine	3/4/14 (Tues)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Case High School - Auditorium 7345 Washington Avenue (Highway 20), Racine
Rhineland	3/11/14 (Tues)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Nicolet Area Technical College - Learning Resource Center (LRC) 5350 College Drive, Rhineland
River Falls	4/22/14 (Tues)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	River Falls High School, Library 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls
Superior	4/29/14 (Tues)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Wisconsin Indian Technical College- Superior Conference Center 600 N 21 st Street, Superior
Wisconsin Rapids	3/25/14 (Tues)	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Mid-State Technical College - Auditorium 500 32 nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids

If weather becomes severe, listen to local radio stations for possible cancellations.

Tentative Fall 2014 WRS Presentations set for: Appleton, Ashland, Eau Claire, Janesville, LaCrosse, Marinette, Milwaukee and Wausau.

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WRS BENEFITS PRESENTATION FOR WRS MEMBERS NEARING RETIREMENT

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Appleton	3/06/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Fox Valley Tech. College – Cafeteria/Commons 1825 North Bluemound Drive, Appleton
Eau Claire	3/24/14 (Mon)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Chippewa Valley Technical College – Auditorium (Rm 103) 620 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire
Hayward	4/28/14 (Mon)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Hayward High School – Auditorium 10320 Greenwood Lane, Hayward
Janesville	3/25/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Blackhawk Tech. College – Cafeteria/Commons 6004 South County Road G, Janesville
La Crosse	4/29/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	UW La Crosse – Centennial Hall Corner of Vine & 16 th Street, La Crosse (Free parking in lots C-2, C-3 & C-7)
Madison	4/02/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	MATC Madison- Truax Campus Mitby Theater 1701 Wright Street, Madison
Marinette	3/03/14 (Mon)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Marinette High School – W.J. Jones Auditorium 2135 Pierce Avenue, Marinette
Pewaukee	4/17/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Waukesha Co. Tech. College – Richard T. Anderson College Ctr. 800 Main Street, Pewaukee (Free parking in lots 7, 8, and 9)
Kenosha	3/26/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 8:30 pm	UW Parkside- Student Center Cinema 900 Wood Road, Kenosha

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