



Employer *Bulletin*

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WRS Benefit Presentations, Webinars, Group Appointments and Benefit Fairs Set for September – December 2014

Representatives from the Department of Employee Trust Funds frequently give presentations at a variety of locations throughout Wisconsin. These staff appearances offer members an opportunity to learn about the Wisconsin Retirement System and related benefits. We encourage all members to attend an ETF presentation. Statewide benefit presentations, group appointments, webinars and benefit fairs offer you an opportunity to ask questions of knowledgeable ETF staff. View upcoming ETF learning opportunities available in your area of the state by clicking on the map at etf.wi.gov/member_education.htm.

Fall Statewide WRS Benefits Presentations

If you are interested in learning about the full array of benefits ETF administers, attend one of the presentations below. Speakers at these events are well versed in all of our benefit programs. No reservation is needed for these events. We now offer two different benefit presentations:

1. WRS Benefits for Employees Nearing Retirement

These presentations offer valuable information *for those within five years of retirement*. At this presentation, you learn about the following topics: annuity options, retirement benefit calculations (money purchase and formula methods), survivor benefits, return to work rules, purchasing service and more! (See schedule on Page 3 of this *Employer Bulletin*.)

2. WRS Benefits for New and Mid-Career Employees

These presentations are designed *for active employees who are more than five years from retirement*. The following topics will be covered: enhancing your retirement benefit, additional contributions, beneficiary designation forms, vesting requirement, contribution rates and more! (See schedule on Page 4 of this *Employer Bulletin*.)

Group Appointments

If you are a WRS participant who has a retirement packet/estimate, we encourage you to attend a group appointment. An ETF representative will offer you a step-by-step explanation of your retirement estimate, your annuity options and the application process. You must call 1-877-533-5020 or 1-608-266-3285 to make an appointment.

Webinars

Think of a webinar as a way to attend a meeting without leaving your home or work. Using your computer and speakers or a headset, you can hear a presentation and see the presenter's slides through an Internet connection. You will be able to ask questions and benefit from the questions

asked by others. You can [view current webinar offerings online](#). These are updated monthly with new topics so check our website for updates.

Online Videos

You may also learn about a range of ETF-administered benefits by watching these videos. You can learn at your own pace, where and when it is convenient for you. The [Member Education section](#) offers titles on WRS benefits, employee orientation and other related benefits.

Fall Benefit/Health Fairs

ETF representatives also attend benefit fairs throughout the state. At these events, staff will be available to answer your questions on the full range of ETF benefit programs.

Note

Feel free to reproduce the attached pages for display at your work site. Take a moment to highlight any presentation(s) held in your area. We encourage you to use internal means of communication such as employee newsletter, Intranet, or e-mail to promote this valuable learning opportunity to your employees.

Contact

If you have any questions on the information contained in this bulletin, please call ETF toll free at 1-877-533-5020 or 608-261-0153 to speak to the Outreach Program Coordinator.

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2014 WRS Benefits Presentation For Members Nearing Retirement

These two-hour evening presentations are designed for WRS members who are **within five years** of 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 and how “life event” changes affect WRS retirement benefits.

No registration needed. All sites are handicap accessible.

CITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ASHLAND	10/9/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College – Conference Center 2100 Beaser Avenue, Ashland
FOND DU LAC	10/2/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Moraine Park Technical College – Cafeteria (A109) 235 North National Avenue, Fond du Lac
GREEN BAY	09/15/14 (Mon)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College - Lecture Hall (SC132) 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay
MILWAUKEE	10/14/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	UW Milwaukee – UWM Student Union ~ Ballroom West 2200 East Kenwood Boulevard, Milwaukee
PLATTEVILLE	10/01/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Platteville High School – Auditorium 710 East Madison Street, Platteville
RHINELANDER	09/17/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Nicolet Area Technical College – LRC Theater 5364 College Drive & Highway G, Rhinelander
RIVER FALLS	10/23/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Meyer Middle School 230 North Ninth Street, River Falls
SUPERIOR	10/7/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College – Conf. Ctr. (C107-108) 600 North 21 st Street, Superior
VERONA	10/28/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Verona Area High School – Performing Arts Center 300 Richard Street, Verona
WHITEWATER	11/12/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	UW Whitewater – University Center (UC0259) 800 West Main Street, Whitewater
WISCONSIN RAPIDS	09/23/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	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 Spring 2015 locations: Appleton, Eau Claire, Hayward, Janesville, La Crosse, Middleton, Marinette, Pewaukee, Racine and Wausau.



2014 WRS Benefits Presentation For New and Mid-Career Employees

This presentation is designed for active employees who are **more than five years away from retirement**. Topics covered at each presentation include enhancing your retirement benefit, beneficiary designation forms, vesting requirement, contribution rates and more!

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APPLETON	11/06/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	Fox Valley Technical College - Commons 1825 North Bluemound Drive, Appleton
SUPERIOR	10/8/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	WI Superior Technical College – Conf. Center B (Room C108) 600 North 21 st Street, Superior
EAU CLAIRE	9/25/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	Chippewa Valley Technical College - BEC Room 103 620 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire
JANESVILLE	10/29/14 (Wed)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	Blackhawk Technical College - North Commons (Room 1400B) 6004 South County Road G, Janesville
LA CROSSE	10/28/14 (Tues)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	UW La Crosse – Centennial Hall – Skogen Auditorium (Room 1400) 1725 State Street, La Crosse
MADISON	10/23/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	Madison College –Truax Campus Mitby Theater (Room A1017) 1701 Wright Street, Madison
MARINETTE	11/06/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	Marinette High School – W.J. Jones Auditorium 2135 Pierce Avenue, Marinette
MILWAUKEE	11/13/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	UW Milwaukee – Student Union – Ballroom West 2200 East Kenwood Boulevard, Milwaukee
WAUSAU	10/16/14 (Thurs)	6:30 – 7:30p.m.	North Central Technical College – Center for Business (CBI) 110 1000 West Campus Drive, Wausau

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