Wisconsin—outdoor hazards

Background: Many things in outdoor Wisconsin can be dangerous. Some of these things should be avoided at all costs. In this lesson you will become familiar with some of these hazards, learning what they look like, how they affect you and finally how to avoid them.

Procedure: From the list below select a topic—one person per topic first come basis. Spend two class periods researching your topic on the Web. Organize your research and create a short PowerPoint presentation in the following manner. Day three share and learn about other hazards in Wisconsin.

Page 1: Title slide—include name, hour, date and topic

Page 2: Description of your topic—what is it or how does it affect us; how many people and any other important information

Page 3: Why is your topic dangerous—symptoms/severity, if people are hospitalized, what are treatments?

Page 4: What are cures or ways to avoid being affected by the dangers of your topic?

Page 5: Interesting facts/statistics about your topic

Page 6: Location—where do you find your topic in Wisconsin? Be as specific as you can.

Page 7: The time of year that makes your topic more dangerous or impact people more? Other important concerns.

Page 8-9: Lots and lots of pictures.

Page 10: Bibliography—complete with addresses of all your sources.

You will turn in your presentation by putting a copy of presentation on a flash drive provided by the teacher.

**List of topics**—please do not limit yourself to these topics—if you are interested in a different outdoor hazard—you may be able to research it. You will need to sign up for a topic—one person per topic first come basis

-bees/hornets/wasps

-black bears

-black flies

-chiggers

-coyotes

-dangerous/thin ice

-deer (cars)

-deer/horse fly’s

-Falling Trees/branches

-hypothermia

-jimsonweed

-mange

-nightshade

-poison hemlock

-poison ivy

-poison sumac

-rabies

-ragweed

-rattle snakes

-snapping turtles

-stinging nettle

-tapeworm

-Ticks/lyme disease

-trichinosis

-tularemia

-weather (extreme all seasons)

-west Nile virus

-wolves

-other topic approved by teacher