

WELCOME

A Message from the Chair

On behalf of the SIUC Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), I would like to welcome all new students to the university and welcome back those who are returning. To help make sure you are taking advantage of the many resources you have available



Guy Schmale
Chairperson

to you at this university, we have assembled a list of ten things to help put you ahead, round out your experience here, and make sure you have fun. Should you have questions about this list, SAF, or anything else in the department, please feel free to approach me, one of the other officers (Vice-Chair Justin Dewey, Secretary Dave Piercy, and Treasurer Matt Pilz), or our faculty advisor, Dr. John Groninger. Let's have a great year!



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- 1) **Make sure you can get into your blackboard account**—This is an online tool for web-based learning provided by the university. It is used both for taking web-based classes and (by some professors) as a supplement for traditional classes. You can learn how to access it here: http://mccoy.lib.siu.edu/~cms_req/BBHandoutForStudents.pdf
- 2) **Get on the Eco listserv and Ag listserv**—Getting on these listservs will help you keep updated on job openings, seminars, events, volunteer opportunities, and much more. Sign up for them at the following sites:
Eco listserv:
<http://www.ecology.siu.edu/ecolistserv.html>
Ag listserv:
http://coas.siu.edu/default2.asp?active_page_id=260
- 3) **Check out what Basecamp has to offer**—Basecamp is in the rec center and rents gear for camping and boating for reasonable prices.
- 4) **Introduce yourself around**—Stop in and say hello to Patti Cludray, Bonnie Middleton, and Department Chair Dr. Phelps in the Forestry office. Across the breeze-way and up the stairs, introduce yourself to Dean Minish. Make certain your advisor and all your professors know who you are. From writing recommendations for jobs and scholarships to assisting you with your schedule, these people are all here to help you succeed.
- 5) **Volunteer**—There are lots of opportunities around Carbondale and the surrounding areas. Help support the community while developing new skills, making friends, and building your resume. Talk to the folks in the Student Development office on the third floor of the Student Center to learn more about what opportunities exist.
- 6) **Take advantage of lectures and seminars**—There always seems to be some sort of free program going on around campus. You might find a new interest or gain a broader range of understanding on an existing one, and hey—sometimes there's free food.
- 7) **Check out a Conclave Team Practice**—The Midwest Foresters' Conclave is a regional collegiate timbersports competition. More info at:
<http://www.siu.edu/~foreclub/>
- 8) **Get the family-style fried chicken dinner at Giant City Lodge**—Everyone told me this when I moved here and now I am telling you. Comfort food served in an historic CCC structure in the middle of some beautiful landscape—what more can you ask for? <http://www.giantcitylodge.com/>
- 9) **Check out the woodshop in the lower-level of the Student center**—See what you can do with lumber after it leaves the forest in the SIUC woodshop. You can sign up for a class or get a pass for access on your own.
- 10) **Join SAF**—visit our website to review all the benefits of membership: <http://www.siu.edu/~SAF>

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