

An Invitation to Attend

You are invited to participate in an Earth Partnership for Schools Institute, June 15 - 19, 2009, at the Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland, WI. Learn how to use ecological restoration as a broad context for teaching and learning.

Restoring a native ecosystem is an exciting, real-life project that weaves through the K-12 curriculum and includes science, math, social studies, language and the arts.

During the one-week institute, teachers from each school are trained in the ecological restoration process. Together, teams of teachers and resource and Arboretum staff begin to develop individualized curricula and school action plans to create meaningful experiences for students through the process of restoring a school site.

Credit/Cost

Team members will receive a total of 2 college credits. Tuition will be waived by UW-Madison.

Participant Selection

Any K-12 team may apply. The primary requirement is a long-term commitment to the school restoration site as an educational project. Other criteria include leadership skills and the potential to bring together a strong team from your school.

Download an application at www.uwarboretum.org/eps/

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Participant Comments

"Sometimes our skills, talents, senses hibernate. This program has stimulated growth, development and skill, which we can pass on. I've taken many, many graduate courses – this institute excels beyond any that I have taken."

"...Thank you for an AMAZING experience, not only have each of you taught me an incredible amount about the restoration process, you have also been wonderful role models as teachers—enthusiastic, passionate, knowledgeable, joyful, friendly, etc...You have inspired me not only to teach about prairie but also...to become a better teacher!"

"Kids need to feel important, to feel that they make a difference in this world. If you feel that you are not going to have a future, you are not likely to go out and do something. This program provides ways to give kids a sense of purpose and build competency..."

"The next day found me filled with awe again as I listened to my classmates share their experiences both professionally and personally. So much new information and knowledge along with new ways of presenting it to students, and yet it didn't feel daunting and draining like most instructional workshops...As a result of this experience I have turned down pages in the curriculum guide with stars and notes as well as filled several pages with notes, ideas, and dreams for the coming year."

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to sow the seeds of change

