



## Summer Institute for Teachers

The Earth Partnership for Schools-Northeastern Wisconsin Partnership is currently seeking K-12 school teams to apply for the 2009 graduate-level habitat restoration institute. The Earth Partnership for Schools (EPS) institute will take place July 27-- 31, 2009. School/district teams comprised of three to four teachers and support staff members are trained to facilitate the ecological restoration process within their classrooms, leading up to a schoolyard native plant landscaping project. Through EPS, students and teachers learn about the rich and diverse natural history of our region as they plan a native-plant restoration program for their school grounds.

**Restorations** can be small butterfly or vegetable gardens or large woodlands or prairies. NE WI natural restorations might include woodlands, wetlands, oak savanna, and sand barrens.

**Our institute** is unique because it is focused on restoration in northern WI and as an alternative to small sustainable Heritage gardening projects. We will feature curriculum that incorporates classroom technology such as GPS, Flip cameras, and Palm handhelds.

### As part of this program, participants will:

- Develop a restoration-based curriculum that draws on all subjects, from science and math to language arts and social studies.
- Envision, plan, and carry out native habitat restoration at school as a living laboratory for student-centered research, teaching, and learning.
- Galvanize and work with an interdisciplinary team of teachers, students, local community members and natural resource professionals to successfully implement an EPS project.

**Summer Institute Participants receive:** A comprehensive EPS Curriculum Guide; hands-on participation in EPS activities; site visits to restoration projects; meals; travel expense reimbursements; 2 graduate credits.

**Credit/Cost:** Participants will receive 2 college credits from UW-Madison. Tuition will be waived. Participants are responsible for a UW fee of \$98.42. If the fee causes a hardship, please contact Libby Dorn at 920-984-3700. Assistance is confidential.

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 30, 2009.



"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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