



Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training to be held at Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center

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June 2018, Morris, Minn. — Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? If so, consider becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer!

Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center, Duluth, MN is hosting a Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training beginning July 23rd, 2018.

Master Naturalist volunteers complete a 40-hour hands-on course with expert instructors and fellow learners – studying natural history, environmental interpretation, and conservation stewardship. Final certification comes with the completion of 40 hours of volunteer service. The program offers three courses that correspond to Minnesota’s three major ecosystems – entitled ‘Big Woods, Big Rivers’, ‘Prairies and Potholes’, and ‘North Woods, Great Lakes’.

This course will cover the natural and cultural history of the “North Woods, Great Lakes” region. We will provide an in-depth overview of the boreal forest ecosystem and participants will observe and learn about the variety of plant and animal communities of the region. Through the course, participants will develop their ability to observe nature and will learn tools to improve these skills. In addition, participants will improve their communication skills by sharing knowledge with other participants and working on a group project.

The classes will be held Monday through Friday, July 23rd – July 27th 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Free camping available onsite along the beautiful shores on Boulder Lake and a minute walk to the classroom. Meals are on your own- they have a full kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, and oven that you are more than welcome to use. Instructor: Sarah Keefer, sarahkeefer@hotmail.com, 952-356-6540

For more information and register go on-line to <https://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org>. For registration assistance call Julie Larson at 320-589-1711 Ext. 2120; 1.888.241.4532, or e-mail info@minnesotamasternaturalist.org.

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