



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Prairie Wetlands Learning Center

Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom

A Workshop for K-12 Educators

June 8-12, 2009

Are you a pre-service or K-12 educator interested in:

- learning how to use the outdoors as a classroom with integrated curriculum?
- gaining knowledge and hands-on experience with the prairie pothole ecosystem?
- discovering new ways to motivate students?
- strengthening your outdoor teaching and reflection skills and applying them to your indoor curriculum?

Does seeing children excited about learning inspire you? Would you like to take your interest in nature to a deeper level? Finally, would you like to spend five days in a beautiful outdoor classroom? If so, please consider joining us for *“Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom.”*

When: Monday, June 8th to Friday, June 12th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
(Free lodging is available in dormitory.)

Cost: FREE!!

Benefits: For full course completion, each participant will receive a \$100 stipend, 30 clock hours, weather monitoring equipment, field guide(s), field journal, *A Sand County Almanac*, and a 3-ring binder with additional teaching materials.

Instructors: ISD 544 Prairie Science Class teacher Mona Davis; Prairie Science Class coordinator Tia Thysell; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service environmental educators: Dave Ellis and Molly Stoddard, Instructional Systems Specialist.

This workshop is not just a learning opportunity for teachers - it is being held in conjunction with the **Summer Explorers Biology Camp** for students entering 5th and 6th grades. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to apply their new skills each day with a small group of interested students. Working together as a team, we will explore the many ways to use an outdoor classroom to enhance and strengthen a child's education.



For more information or to register for “Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom,” please call Molly Stoddard at (218) 998-4489, or e-mail her at molly_stoddard@fws.gov.

