

# What Is River Education Days?



**What:** A daylong outdoor, hands-on educational event for fifth graders in Wisconsin and Minnesota. There are four (35-minute) theme stations and a keynote speaker of which the students rotate through during the course of the event. Presenters will conduct learning sessions about the river and the Mississippi River watershed through demonstrations, interactive exhibits, and hands-on activities. The four target themes for our event are: **Wetlands**, **Prairie/Forest** Habitats, **Wildlife**, and **River History**. Rotations allow for a 30 minute lunch break (students will bring a sack lunch that they will pack in and pack out). *Note:* The event is being offered two consecutive days – so a school will attend *only* one of the two days, not both.

**Where:** Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge  
Trempealeau, WI

**When:** Generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May  
(Tues and Wed)  
from 9:30 am to 12:45 pm

**Who:** Fifth Grade classes both public and private from Wisconsin Counties – Trempealeau, Buffalo, Pierce, Pepin, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Vernon, Monroe, Jackson *and* Minnesota Counties – Wabasha, Houston, Winona, and Filmore are invited.

**Why:** This is the sixteenth year for this event to be held with the hopes of attracting and educating many new fifth grade students about the river resources and the watershed.

**How:** The cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working together in the planning process, lining up presenters, and fine tuning the logistics for this event have made this a sought after spring field trip. Each year over 300 email invitations are sent to area fifth grade teachers in January so they have plenty of notice for planning this event into their second half school year. Each day the event is limited to the first 500 students. There is no charge for the event, however, teachers must have the appropriate number of chaperones per students and need to follow event guidelines to keep this a top quality educational experience for all participants.

**For more information or to register:**

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