INCREDIBLE INSECTS-
Catch the Buzz!

Where: **Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center**
3815 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN 55425, for more information call 952-858-0731
Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/Minnesota_Valley/Events.html for a detailed schedule.

What: Discover the value of insects to our daily life and immerse yourself in creating healthy habitat for insects and wildlife during an Aldo Leopold weekend celebration. Aldo Leopold is most widely known as the author of A Sand County Almanac and one of his most enduring legacies is his concept of a "land ethic." Activities and programs embrace Leopold's "land ethic," are FREE, and for all ages- so bring the whole family!

When: **March 4 and 5, 2016**

Friday, March 4, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Be a friend to bees! Find out about native bee surveys, bee keeping, and the rusty patched bumble bee, a locally found imperiled species. Also, information on improving habitat for bees and other beneficial insects will be available. Light refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

9:00-12:00 Build Your Own Insect Hotel and Family Activities

Make your own insect hotel to help beneficial insects in your yard! Other activities include: interactive activities and displays (learn a lot about beneficial bugs— and receive a prize once you have been to each of the stations!), face painting, arts and crafts, and book readings and author signings

Presentations:
10:30-11:15 a.m., ***Imperiled Insects*** *(FWS-Ecological Services),* 11:30-12:15 p.m., ***Monarch Butterflies Need You!*** *(U of MN Monarch Lab),* 12:15-12:30 p.m. ***Healthy Habitat: Meet the Experts*** *(introduction to afternoon session)*

1:00-3:30 Healthy Habitat/Meet the Experts: Gardening, Conservation, and Volunteering
Create a plan for your own patch of prairie, a rain garden, or other native landscaping to help benefit wildlife. Also, learn about ways you can help with local conservation efforts and restoration on the refuge.

Other Activities:
12:30-1:00 p.m. **Silent Spring Reading & Discussion**
9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. **Documentary showing - Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time**
4:00-5:00 **Wrap up the day with a guided hike with Ranger Judy**

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