

# Spring Celebration of Nature

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge



## Early Bird Tour - 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

During this tour, we'll look for woodland and grassland songbirds, raptors - including bald eagles, waterfowl, and wading birds. It will include hiking on the Mahnomen and/or Blue Hill Trails, and may include a caravan around the Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive, following wishes of participants and time available. Meet at Mahnomen Trail. Pre-registration required.



## Dragonfly & Bumble Bee Citizen Science Projects

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Did you know that some **dragonflies** migrate? At least two species in this area are known to migrate very long distances (e.g. Canada to Mexico), but we know very little about when and where they go, or what they do along the way. YOU can help! Sign up to collect data on two easy-to-identify dragonflies this season. Many of Minnesota's **bumble bees** are in serious decline, and documenting their presence in this area is a critical step in understanding and protecting these important pollinator species. We need your help. Stop by our booth to find out how you can be of assistance. It's a great family learning project!

### Friends of Sherburne Plant Sale

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A variety of domestic perennials and native wildflowers will be sold. There will be Master Gardeners available for consultation. Your purchases support Friends of Sherburne and Refuge programs.

### Friends of Sherburne Kid's Craft Project

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Children are invited to decorate a pot and plant a flower for mom.

### Family Bird Tour

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bring the family and join us for a car caravan tour of the refuge, highlighting the birds and other wildlife you can see here. We'll have spotting scopes and field guides along. Bring binoculars, water and snacks. Fun and learning for all ages!



The Nature Store will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Check out new youth-sized t-shirts, jewelry, cards, a variety of books, & several close-out items. Don't forget a gift for mom! Friends members receive a 10% discount. Checks and credit cards accepted. Purchases & memberships support refuge projects and programs!

Refuge Headquarters is located on Sherburne County Road 9, five miles west of Highway 169. Call Betsy Beneke, Visitor Services Manager, to pre-register for the early bird tour, at 763.389.3323 ext. 13. TTY users may access the refuge through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1.800.877.8339. For additional Refuge Information, visit our web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/>.