

Summer Institute For Teachers July 27-31, 2009

earth partnership
FOR SCHOOLS

University of Minnesota
Course ESPM 5480
Offered Free!

About the Institute: The Summer Institute for teachers provides participants with opportunities to learn about the cultural and natural history of the prairie ecosystem through a variety of interdisciplinary hands-on activities and field experiences. Teams of up to four teachers/resource persons will utilize individualized curricula and school action plans to create meaningful experiences for students through the process of restoring a school site.

About EPS: The Earth Partnership for Schools Program started in 1991 as an outgrowth of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum's focus on ecological restoration as a way of establishing a positive relationship between people and the land.

The following priorities guide the Earth Partnership Summer Institutes:

- Provide opportunities for participants to learn more about the ecological, cultural, and historical knowledge associated with the restoration process, as well as resources and other support for future assistance with their school site restoration and school-wide use of that restoration as an outdoor laboratory.
- Model a variety of teaching methods throughout the week-long summer institute to provide participants with a rich understanding of ecological restoration and project planning through interdisciplinary, hands-on, inquiry-based teaching.
- Provide participants with opportunities to gain skills and collaborative strategies to assist in strengthening school teams and gain additional community support for their school restoration efforts.

University of Minnesota ESPM 5480 -Topics in Natural Resources

Outdoor Labs: Ecological Restoration of School Sites

ESPM 5480 is being offered through the University of Minnesota in conjunction with the UM SE Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, LaCrescent Community Education, LaCrescent Middle School and UW-Madison Arboretum's Earth Partnership for Schools Program.

EPS Summer Institute for Teachers

Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Lanesboro MN

Participants in the EPS Summer Institute will receive:

- A comprehensive EPS Curriculum Guide
- Instruction and hands-on participation in EPS activities
- Site visits to restoration projects
- Paid room & board
- CEU's or 2 UM Graduate credits available
- Follow-up Technical Assistance and Support

"This institute has been a once in a life-time experience for me as a teacher. I have never taken any course that has left me so energized to improve my teaching and student learning."

-Earth Partnership Participant



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