

## **Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training to be held at Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center**

6/28/2015 MORRIS, Minn. — Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? If so, consider becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer!

*Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center, Duluth, MN* is hosting a Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Master Naturalist volunteers complete a 40-hour hands-on course with expert instructors and fellow learners – studying natural history, environmental interpretation, and conservation stewardship. Final certification comes with the completion of 40 hours of volunteer service. The program offers three courses that correspond to Minnesota’s three major ecosystems – entitled ‘Big Woods, Big Rivers’, ‘Prairies and Potholes’, and ‘Northwoods, Great Lakes’.

This course will cover the natural and cultural history of the “North Woods, Great Lakes” region. We will provide an in-depth overview of the boreal forest ecosystem and participants will observe and learn about the variety of plant and animal communities of the region. Through the course, participants will develop their ability to observe nature and will learn tools to improve these skills. In addition, participants will improve their communication skills by sharing knowledge with other participants and working on a group project.

The classes will be held Monday-Friday from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The cost for the course is \$275, including materials.

Register on-line at [www.MinnesotaMasterNaturalist.org](http://www.MinnesotaMasterNaturalist.org), call 1.888.241.4532, or e-mail [info@minnesotamasternaturalist.org](mailto:info@minnesotamasternaturalist.org) with questions. Scholarships are available

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