

Directions

Prairie Kiosk Trail Head: Take the Saint John's exit from I-94 and go south about 1/2 mile. The Kiosk is a small wooden structure in the prairie on the east side of the road.

Arboretum offices on campus: Take the Saint John's exit from I-94. Turn south and proceed for about 1 mile until reaching a four-way stop. Turn left, continue for 1/4 mile, then turn right at the brown Science Lot 1 & 2 information sign. Go past the Science Lot 2 entrance. Park anywhere in Science Lot 1. The Arboretum offices are in the New Science Building on the east side of the parking lot, just inside the main entrance and to the left of the large pendulum.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like to plan and schedule a class, please contact our Education Director at **(320) 363-3133**.

- For more information on Saint John's Arboretum and our educational curricula, please visit us online at www.csbsju.edu/arboretum.
- We are flexible to all abilities and work to make accommodations for every student.
- Saint John's Arboretum also offers informal education programs for a variety of audiences, including community and youth groups, land owners, area residents, visiting organizations, and Arboretum members.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

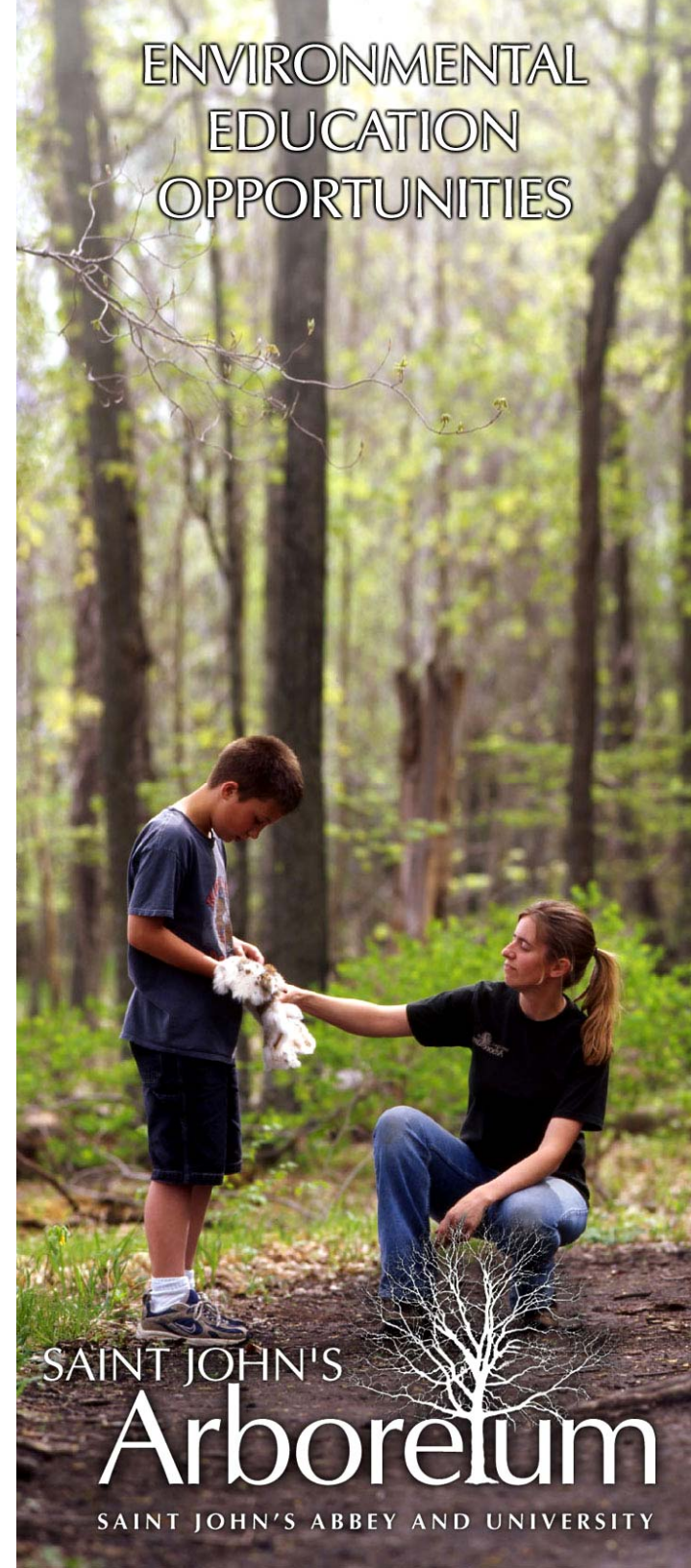


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An Ideal Setting for a Living Outdoor Library

Dedicated as a natural arboretum in 1997, Saint John's Arboretum encompasses over 2,700 acres of rural central Minnesota land, including native prairie, wetland, lake, oak savanna, and forest habitats. Our educational programming currently serves over 6,000 public, private, and home school preK-12 students each year through on-site and in-class curricula.

Unique Advantages

Transportation

Grants awarded by a number of organizations, including Xcel Energy and the Minnesota DNR, reduce or cover the cost of transportation to Saint John's Arboretum.

Low Fees

Teachers and chaperones are not charged, and the cost per student is kept extremely low.

Graduation Standards

Annually updated curricula are designed to incorporate local, state, and national graduation standards.

Environmental Teaching Supplies

Content-specific teaching trunks are available on a limited basis for elementary grades. They include pre- and post-visit curriculum activities that complement on-site classes.

Teacher Training

Annual training workshops familiarize teachers with Arboretum field visits and teaching trunk activities. Continuing education hours are available.

Additional Campus Offerings

School groups often take advantage of other learning opportunities while at Saint John's University, including the challenge course, climbing wall, and fine arts programs.

Field Experience

- Many trails are available, including a 1.5 mile loop through prairie, wetlands, hardwood forest, and oak savanna.
- Each class is hands-on, age-appropriate, and science driven. We work to accommodate your specific needs and focus.
- Visiting teachers can choose from dozens of activities we offer based on grade level and standards, or select a program centered around a specific theme, including insects, sensory exploration, Minnesota biomes, and environmental changes.
- Maple syruping classes are available mid-March through mid-April.
- Trained naturalists lead all activities and maintain a low student to teacher ratio.

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