

# Sign up for Prescribed Fires at the Arboretum!



**Did you Know?...** The monarch butterfly is the state insect of Minnesota. In the fall, over 50 million monarchs migrate to Mexico! Male butterflies can be distinguished from females by their black scent gland on each hind wing. <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snapshots/insects/monarchbutterfly.html>

**Q:** Who is the king of the insects?

**A:** The Monarch!

**Q:** Why did the boy throw the butter out of the window?

**A:** He wanted to see the butter-fly!

## **Acorn Harvest- Thursday Oct. 9**

- Join the Arboretum as we collect acorns to replant next spring. Meet in the New Science Atrium (by pendulum) at **2:30pm!**

## **Prescribed Fires- Oct. 14, 15 & Nov. 4, 5, 17, 19**

- Prescribed fires at Saint John's Arboretum are an important land management activity. [Sign up](#) to volunteer today!

## **Common Edible Wild Plants of Minnesota- Tuesday Oct. 21**

-Saint John's biology professor Stephen Saupe will present some tips and guidelines for anyone who plans to eat a wild plant. Learn to identify edible plants of Minnesota. The treat begins at **6:30pm** at the New Science Pendulum.

## **Growing Green for Growing Cities- Oct. 20-21**

-Regional experts will discuss options for small to mid-sized cities that expect growth, but want to plan for economically viable green space in residential and commercial developments, effective park design, and storm water management. The session will be held in the Gorecki Family Theatre beginning at **8am**. **Register now!**

## **2008 Eco-Challenge- Saturday Oct. 25**

-Run, Bike, Canoe, Orienteer, and Climb your way to victory! Sign-up your team of 2 or 4 by **Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** to receive the early bird discount. Register in the Personal and Professional Development Center (PPDC) in the basement of Mary Hall, SJU.

## **Controlled Deer Hunt- Saturday Nov. 15- 16**

-Saint John's will host a controlled harvest of antlerless deer to conserve the ecosystem. The goal is to assure a population level that will allow both adequate regeneration of the forest and a healthy deer herd on the Abbey's 2,700 acres. **Apply now!**

**If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail the Arboretum at [arboretum@csbsju.edu](mailto:arboretum@csbsju.edu).**

**We'll be in touch...**

**Your friends at the Arboretum**

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