

Project WILD, WET & Learning Tree Summer Institute for Grade 7-12 Educators

St. John's Arboretum on the
Campus of St. John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota

July 18-20, 2011



Photo by Shane Miller

For classroom K-12 teachers, naturalists, pre-service teachers, university and college professors, homeschool educators, scout and youth group leaders, natural resource professionals, or anyone who educates K-12 students.

Need hands-on, interactive activities that will engage your middle or high school students? Use the natural world to teach students math, reading, science, and other topics.

This annual educator institute is designed to familiarize you with Minnesota Projects WILD, WET, and Learning Tree while demonstrating ways to address Minnesota Academic Standards by incorporating activities into your curriculum.

This institute includes **several field trips** through the Arboretum and University campus, led by Arboretum and DNR staff.



DETAILS

Registrants must participate in entire institute to receive activity guides.

9 am – 4 pm each day

Cost: \$115, which includes:

- 18 CEUs
- Lunch all 3 days
- *Project WILD K-12 Activity Guide*
- *Project WET K-12 Activity Guide*
- *Project Learning Tree* high school modules
- On-site field trips
- Supplementary teaching resources

Optional: *Project WILD Aquatic activity guide* (\$15), *Project Learning Tree K-8 activity guide* (\$20), *Healthy Water, Healthy People* water quality activity guide (\$25).

Optional: Comfortable on-site dormitory housing is available for \$36.50-\$47.50/night, depending on style of room. Reservations required. A link to online housing reservations will be sent to confirmed workshop registrants.

Optional: Breakfasts and dinners may be purchased from the University Cafeteria for \$8 and \$10.75 respectively

One optional graduate credit is available from Hamline University at a reduced rate of \$128. Registration and payment for the graduate credit will be collected in a separate check made out to Hamline University on the first day of the summer institute.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO SAY

"These guides are excellent tools that I can definitely use in my classroom. I have already spent more time looking at these and coming up with how they will work for me than I have looking at any of my other supplemental resources. Thank you DNR for these guides!"

"This workshop was very good. I enjoyed not only the material from the DNR, but the information and ideas I got from other teachers at the workshop."

"I like the fact that many of the activities have cross-curricular components."

REGISTRATION

July 18, 19, 20, 2011 PLT, WILD, WET Summer Institute for Grade 7-12 Educators

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Registration deadline: June 30, 2011

No refunds after July 8, 2009

Name	
School/Organization	
Work Address	
Home Zip code	
Summer telephone #	
Email	
Summer Email	
Grade(s) you teach	
Class(es) you teach	
Are you interested in the optional graduate credit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, bring a checkbook to class. Cost is an additional \$128) <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you need lodging at St. John's?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, we will email an online link to select room and make payment) <input type="checkbox"/> No

Send completed form and check for \$115 (made out to Minnesota DNR) to:
Laura Duffey, MN-DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4044
Confirmation and full agenda will be e-mailed upon receipt of registration.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECTS?

Minneosta Projects WILD (wildlife education), WET (water education), and Learning Tree (forestry and environmental education) are award-winning international K-12 education programs. All three "Projects" use the natural world to increase students' understanding of the world around them.

All three Projects emphasize teaching students **how to think**, not *what* to think. The lessons in each activity guide promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills and give youth the knowledge and experience they need to make informed decisions when tackling future natural resource decisions.

www.mndnr.gov/projectwild
www.mndnr.gov/projectwet
www.mndnr.gov/plt

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE:

- **Correlated to the Minnesota Academic Standards**
- Interactive and hands-on
- Ideal for different learning styles
- Excellent for teaching science, math, reading, health, geography, social studies, and fine arts
- Flexible. May be used indoors or outside
- Easily incorporated into existing curricula