

Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training to be held at Carleton College Arboretum

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June 2018, Morris, Minn. — Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? If so, consider becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer!

Carleton College Arboretum, Northfield, MN is hosting a Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training beginning September 17th, 2018.

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 ‘North Woods, Great Lakes’.

This class will cover the natural and cultural history of the ‘Big Woods, Big Rivers’ region. We will provide an in-depth overview of the deciduous 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 Mondays and Thursdays, September 17th to October 22 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM with two Saturday field trips will be on September 29th and October 13th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Instructors include: Nancy Braker nbraker@carleton.edu and Laurie Hougen-Eitzman farmers@bigwoodsfarmesa.com.

For more information and register on-line at <https://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org>. For registration assistance call Julie Larson at 320-589-1711 Ext. 2120; 1.888.241.4532, or e-mail info@minnesotamasternaturalist.org.

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