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The Source
Messages from Itasca to Itasca's Volunteers

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http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/itasca/index.html

The 2009 volunteer appreciation picnic is being planned for the spring/early summer of 2010. If you volunteered in 2009, watch your mail next spring for details.

Enclosed is a Minnesota DNR Volunteer Time Record sheet. If you volunteered at Itasca State Park in 2009, please fill out the form (as best as you can recollect) and return to Connie Cox by December 1, 2009.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe, Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe, Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Needed: Campfire hosts, lantern lighters, set-up/take-down. If interested either email or call Connie or Sandra.



Wanted: Your email address to share with you upcoming volunteer opportunities and other interesting Itasca happenings.

Training Opportunity: Minnesota Master Naturalist Training (fee program). We are developing plans for an upcoming opportunity to become a Master Naturalist for the Northwoods Great Lakes Biome tentatively beginning in February 2010 in Bemidji.



What is Master Naturalist? Any adult who is curious and enjoys learning about the natural world, shares that knowledge with others, and supports conservation. The Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course consists of 40 hours of in-classroom training. The classroom training includes a variety of teaching methods—lectures, Power Points, hands-on activities, videos, and field trips that provide the participants with information on Minnesota's natural history. The course is designed to be a general overview of Minnesota's three biomes. Each class series focuses on one of the three biomes: Big Woods, Big Rivers; Prairies and Potholes; and North Woods, Great Lakes. Each course costs \$200.00 and includes course manuals and supplies. Go to the Minnesota Master Naturalist website to learn more:

<http://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org/>