







## SUMMER PHENOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

Who: Youth Workers, Teachers, 4-H Leaders, and Camp Counselors

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Instructors: John Latimer, staff phenologist, naturalist, and KAXE Radio Host

Charlie Mitchell, phenology coordinator with KAXE Radio

Stephan Carlson, U of MN Forestry

Location: Nine Mile Creek Watershed District office: Discovery Point, <u>12800 Gerard Drive</u>,

Eden Prairie, MN 55346 (Address Link)

**Phenology** is the study of observable, cyclical changes in plants, animals and nature seen throughout the year. It is the blooming of flowers, the return of birds, ice out on local lakes and that first mosquito bite. Phenological patterns are affected by weather, climate, and other factors.

This workshop targets environmental interpreters, camp counselors, summer recreation staff, teachers and any other folks who want to observe nature and record their observations of phenological events. It is designed to give participants a place to begin their observational records, a primer on how to use Nature's Notebook, and introduce the impact of phenology on the radio with KAXE.

This 6-hour workshop will train adults to guide all ages on phenology observations and how to write out and record what they have seen, using the woods and wetlands around Discovery Point. They may then produce a 1-2-minute audio recording to share with expert John Latimer on KAXE Radio's "Phenology Talkbacks" show.

John has been hosting with KAXE Radio on Tuesday mornings for over 40 years. A special part of the program is when children and listeners report on their seasonal observations over the last week. Charlie edits the recordings for radio. On the Phenology Talkbacks show, John weaves the various reports together to create a colorful picture of the broad range of phenological events observed across the state throughout each season. Our current goal is to encourage more summer camps, city rec programs, and environmental centers to get outside, connect with nature, and share their findings with the public. Season Watch website: https://seasonwatch.umn.edu/

No charge for the workshop. Registration link here: https://z.umn.edu/phenologyworkshop







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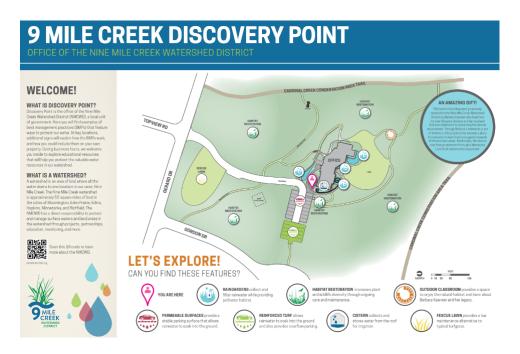






## 9 Mile Creek Discovery Point





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