Team Leader Training at UW-Madison Arboretum

Team Leaders teach and supervise other volunteers in restoration activities at the Arboretum. The training runs from April to August, and we highly recommend attending a Saturday morning work party before committing to the training. Other requirements are to have a valid WI driver’s license, make a commitment to lead Saturday morning work parties, ability to lift 30 pounds, and have (or will acquire) Red Cross Adult First Aid and CPR certification. Cost for the training is $85. Please contact Marian Farrior at mlfarrior@wisc.edu or (608) 265-5214 for more information and an application form. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2013.

School of the Land

If you don’t like to wake up early on Saturday morning, or cannot make a long term commitment to the Arb, please consider taking School of the Land Classes instead (marked with this ●); please register for these classes on the UW Arboretum website at http://uwarboretum.org/

April 4, Thursday 6:30 p.m.
First Things First: Learning from History ●
This presentation will introduce what we can learn from the land – its history, geology, climate and patterns of human use. We will learn more about the history of the Arboretum while learning about techniques and resources for understanding the geology and land use patterns of a site. Instructors: Molly Fifield Murray, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $17 ($15 for FOA members)

April 14, Sunday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Ecological Design: From Yards to Landscapes ●
This workshop will cover the basics of how to design and implement a restoration at different scales (yards to landscapes) and ecosystem types (wetlands to forests to prairies). We will cover the ten steps of ecological restoration, and dig deeper into site analysis and preparation, plant selection, how to plant and seed native plants, native plant and seed sources, and ongoing site maintenance. Instructors: Molly Fifield Murray, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $50 ($45 for FOA members)

April 20, Saturday 12:30–3:30 p.m.
Ecological Literacy: From Observations to Principles ●
Celebrate Earth Day! This workshop will cover the fundamentals of ecological literacy – the principles and processes of our native ecosystems. We will also hone our observation skills as we explore the ecosystems of the Arboretum. What is learned in this workshop can be applied to other landscapes as we begin to see the functions and elegant design of nature. Instructor: Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $21 ($18 for FOA members)

April 25, Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Reading the Landscape: Woodlands ●
This presentation will cover the woodlands of Southern Wisconsin – their soils, light, topography, and plant and animal species. We will tour Gallistell Woods and learn the basics of tree identification. We may also see some ephemeral spring flowers! Instructors: Sara Christopherson, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $17 ($15 for FOA members)

April 27, Saturday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
What’s That Flower?: Plant Families and Plant Identification ●
This workshop will introduce the dominant plant families in Wisconsin and their key characteristics. We will explore plant adaptations and their functions. We will learn basic flower anatomy, and practice using field guides in the Arboretum’s Native Plant Garden. Instructors: Marian Farrior, Amy Jo Dusick School of the Land cost: $50 ($45 for FOA members)

May 4, Saturday 12:30-4 p.m.
Ecosystems of Southern Wisconsin: Abraham’s Woods and Oliver Prairie ●
A field trip to two of the Arboretum’s outlying properties, Abrahams Woods and Oliver Prairie. We will explore the beautiful spring ephemeral wildflowers of Abraham’s Woods while learning about geologic and land use history of this southern maple forest, then go next door to Oliver Prairie to look for signs of spring there. Some plant identification will be covered. Bring your field guides, water bottles and snacks, and dress for being outdoors. We will convene at the Arboretum parking lot at 12:30 for directions to the site. Instructors: Isaac Nadeau, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $17 ($15 for FOA members)

May 9, Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Reading the Landscape: Prairies ●
This presentation will explore the prairies of Southern Wisconsin – their soils, light, topography, and plant and animal species. We will tour the Grady Tract and identify some of the plants found in a dry prairie. Instructors: Sylvia Marek, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $17 ($15 for FOA members)

May 18, Saturday 12:30–4 p.m.
Ecosystems of Southern Wisconsin: Faville Prairie ●
We will explore the diversity, history and beauty of Faville Prairie in this field trip. Bring your field guides, binoculars, water bottles and snacks, and dress for being outdoors. We will convene at the Arboretum parking lot at 12:30 p.m. for directions to the site. Instructors: Brad Herrick, Marian Farrior

May 23, Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Reading the Landscape: Oak Savannas ●
This presentation will explore the oak savannas of Southern Wisconsin – their soils, light, topography, and plant and animal species. We will tour the Arboretum’s oak savannas and identify some of the plants found there.

Instructors: Amy Jo Dusick, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $17 ($15 for FOA members)

May 30, Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Reading the Landscape: Wetlands ●
This presentation will cover the wetlands of Southern Wisconsin – their soils, light, topography, and plant and animal species. We will explore the wetlands and ponds of the Arboretum, and discover the large and small flora and fauna that live in these wet places. Instructors: Diane Dempsey, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $17 ($15 for FOA members)

June 8, Saturday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
What’s That Weed?: Invasive Plants and Management Techniques ●
This workshop will cover the basics of invasive plant identification and control. We will learn and practice various management techniques for the most prevalent invasive plant species at the Arboretum. We will also discuss the elements of management plans and prescribed burns. Instructors: Michael Hansen, Marian Farrior School of the Land cost: $50 ($45 for FOA members)

June 13, Thursday 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Nurturing Nature: Native Plant Seeding and Planting ●
This workshop will cover how to collect, plant, and seed native plants. We will learn basic horticultural
As a Team Leader you will:
• Learn about native plants
• Develop leadership skills
• Work with a team of interesting and enthusiastic volunteers
• Restore local native ecosystems
• Improve habitat for wildlife
• Get fresh air and exercise
• Learn how to maintain landscapes
• Work in a beautiful natural setting, in every season
• Gain knowledge and skill in ecological restoration
• Add to your professional development
• Contribute to your community

Do you like to work outdoors in all seasons? Do you want to learn about your local environment, ecological restoration, and develop leadership skills? Then consider taking the Arboretum’s Team Leader Training Program.