



Directions:

Kalamazoo Nature Center
 7000 North Westnedge Avenue
 Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009
 (269) 381-1574 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)



Directions to field experience sites will be provided during class sessions.



Conservation Stewards

August 25 – October 13, 2009

Tentative Class Schedule

Meeting	Location	Topic
Tuesday, August 25 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Introduction to the Conservation Stewards Program & Ecology Walk
Saturday , August 29 9:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Conservation Heritage Ecoregions of Michigan
Tuesday, September 1 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Making Choices to Manage Our Natural Resources
Tuesday, September 8 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Wetland Ecosystems & Management
Tuesday, September 15 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Lake and Stream Ecosystems & Management
Saturday , September 19 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Kellogg Forest, KBS Bird Sanctuary	Aquatic Field Experience & Agriculture, Land Use and Conservation Best Practices
Tuesday, September 22 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Forestland Ecosystems & Management
Tuesday, September 29 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Grassland Ecosystems & Management
Saturday , October 3 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Terrestrial Field Experience Optional: early birding & banding . . .
Tuesday, October 6 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Putting It All Together - Volunteer Expo & 2007 CSP Alumni Reunion & Recognition!
Tuesday, October 13 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Nature Center	Final Projects & Participant Recognition

Participants earn a Conservation Stewards Program Certificate by fulfilling the following:

- Completion of the core curriculum (40 hours of in-class learning & training)
- 40 hours of approved volunteer conservation service within one year.

8 hours of advanced training & 40 hours of conservation service required for annual re-certification.

Refunds:

Registration fee will be fully refunded if requested by August 12, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. No refunds will be granted beyond that date.

Conservation Stewards Registration Form **Registration Deadline:** August 14, 2009

Kalamazoo Nature Center, August 25 – October 13, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please mail this registration form and your check for \$225.00 made payable to MSU Extension to:

Kalamazoo County MSU Extension
 P.O. Box 42
 Nazareth, Michigan
 49074-0042



Program instructors

Instructors are faculty and staff from:
Michigan State University
Michigan Natural Features Inventory
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Kalamazoo Nature Center
Western Michigan University
Local planning offices and organizations
Conservation organizations

Evening sessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Field experiences:

Selected Saturdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Questions?

About the registration process:

Karen Smeltzer - (269) 384-8197

About the program:

Haley Breniser - (269) 381-1574, ext. 18

Sarah Reding - (269) 381-1574, ext. 17

Space is limited!!!

Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.



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Michigan Conservation Stewards Program



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The Michigan Conservation Stewards Program (CSP) is a collaboration between community-based volunteers, conservation organizations and agencies and educational institutions throughout Michigan.



This collaboration provides a statewide network of dedicated, well-prepared volunteer Conservation Stewards who understand, promote, actively contribute to or lead significant conservation management activities on public and private lands.

These volunteers take part in informed, science-based conservation and resource management. Together, volunteers work to sustain healthy ecosystems across Michigan.

Volunteer Conservation Service

As an integral part of the training, each participant chooses a conservation service project with a local conservation group or educational institution.