

# Planting For Pollinators

A two-part series for 3rd–6th grade students

## PART I:

WHAT: The pollination cycle & the importance of pollinators (hands on activities)  
Receive “assignment\*”

WHEN: Monday June 15 1:00–3:00 PM

WHERE: Sherburne History Center  
10775 27th Ave SE  
Becker, MN 55308

## PART II:

WHAT: Plant a pollinator garden!  
Presentations  
Refreshments

WHEN: Wednesday–June 24, 2009  
9:00 AM–Noon

WHERE: Private residence, ~3 miles north of Big Lake (map will be provided.)

**WHY:** Pollinators play a significant role in the production of more than 150 food crops in the United States, such as apples, alfalfa, almonds, blueberries, cranberries, kiwis, melons, pears, plums, and squash.

The services provided by native pollinators contribute to the productivity of crops as well as to the survival and reproduction of many native plants.

## WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- Pollination cycle;
- Examples of pollinators;
- Role pollinators play in maintaining the ecosystem and productivity of agriculture;
- Actions necessary to protect and encourage the growth of pollinator populations.

**COST:** Free!

*~SPACE IS LIMITED TO 19 STUDENTS~*

\*Each participant will be assigned a species of native wildflower to research between the Part I and Part II. At the Part II event each participant will have the opportunity to present what they learned about their species. After the presentations they will then be part of the installation process by planting their species in the pollinator planting. Details will be provided at Part I.

### *To Register Please Contact:*

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