

# Northwoods Volunteer Training



## Take care of State Natural Areas!



### Care about State Natural Areas (SNAs) and want to empower others?

Great, we need more people like you, especially in the Northwoods! We are looking for motivated individuals to **form a volunteer team of leaders** who help carry out tasks benefitting our local plant communities, especially SNAs, and teach others how to do those tasks. Come learn how you can be a part of the team!

**Day 1:** Discover what makes the Northwoods special and how we can keep it that way. We'll hike local SNAs to identify northern forest plant communities, why they are cool, and the upcoming threats impacting them. We'll identify actively invading plants and how to remove them using tools and herbicides.

**Day 2:** Learn the basics of being a State Natural Area volunteer. Then, strengthen your skills leading volunteers in natural areas management with this interactive primer for volunteer stewardship activity planning, group dynamics, safety, and volunteer empowerment. Learn how to plan and run a productive volunteer workday for activities such as invasive brush removal that inspires volunteers to keep coming back. Discover some methods of bringing volunteers together with social media, mailing lists, and in-person meetings. Gain skills to recruit, retain, and empower volunteers to lead others with community organizing fundamentals.

**Instructors:** Carly Lapin, North Central Field Ecologist and Jared Urban, State Natural Areas Volunteer Coordinator

**Notes:** Held online, indoors, and outdoors. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes for hiking. Limit 20.

**Supplies:** Please bring a water bottle and materials for writing. Lunch provided June 1.

#### **Schedule and location:**

Registration closes at 11:59 pm, May 14 (spaces are limited)

Online portion (pre-requisite for Day 2) opens May 18

**Day 1-** Friday May 31, 1pm-5:30pm

**Location:** Boulder Junction Community Center

5392 Park St.

Boulder Junction, WI 54512

Travel to local SNAs

**Day 2-** Saturday June 1, 9am-4pm

**Location:** Same

#### **Fees:**

\$10

#### **Registration (Contact Jared):**

**Email:** [jared.urban@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jared.urban@wisconsin.gov)

**Call:** 608-228-4349

Once a spot is confirmed we will direct you on how to pay the fee.