PRAIRIE Earth Partnership Institute 2025

– regenerating opportunities at the Regional Science Center





Educators, students, and leaders from Indigenous, and other underserved communities engaged in cross-cultural, experiential learning. Earth Partnership K–20 project-based learning equips participants to restore native habitats on schoolyards and community spaces, across ecosystem, watershed, age, discipline, ability, and culture.

Macroinvertebrates as bio-indicators in the Buffalo River

The PRAIRIE Earth Partnership professional and community education Institute, July 15–18, 2025 inaugurated a new chapter for MSUM's Regional Science Center.



50+ students & educators participated in hands-on ecological learning activities and environmental education.






How will we bring this home to our communities?









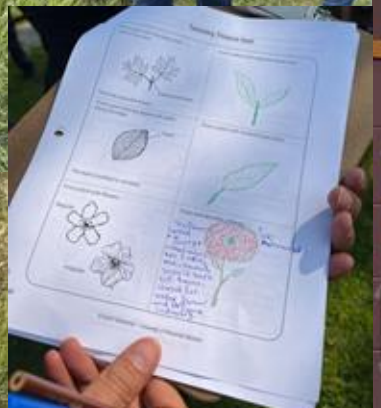




Participants explored “place-based,” experiential learning to enhance…



enjoyment, nature awareness, observation skills, meeting academic standards





Participating Organizations: Trainers from UW–Madison's Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture collaborated with local educators, PRAIRIE and partners to facilitate workshops. The Regional Science Center served as an ideal host site, offering access to prairie, woodlands and riparian ecosystems for field learning.



PRAIRIE Institute

Youth, Food & Ecology Partners

YOUTH STEWARDS

- Indigenous Association
- Baraza la Afrika
- CASA
- Immigrant Development Center
- New American Development
- First UCC Moorhead

MSUM

UW-Madison Earth Partnership

UMN Extension –Master Gardeners

Public Schools (to be invited)

- Moorhead, DGF, Fargo, West Fargo

Youth Stewards, educators and community leaders are ready to teach others!

