North American Monarch Institute:
AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A GREAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dear Teachers and Educators,

We are very pleased to invite you to participate in a unique, all expense paid workshop on monarchs and science inquiry learning. This workshop is a partnership between the US Forest Service International Programs and the Monarchs in the Classroom program at the University of Minnesota. We’ll bring together teams of teachers from the greater Milwaukee area to study monarchs and build lasting collaboration and networking along the monarchs’ migration flyway route to Mexico. Our goal is to recruit school teams that will participate in within- and between-school collaborations during the school year.

WHAT: An intensive 3 day workshop taught by university scientists and expert classroom teachers with a standards- and inquiry based approach to science. Specifically, you will:
- learn monarch biology and ecology,
- participate in conservation efforts and research for monarchs,
- learn to rear monarchs in your classroom,
- be able to receive up to $1000 to plant a schoolyard garden,
- become part of an international science partnership between educators, researchers and students along the monarch migration flyway,
- receive lots of great classroom materials,

WHEN: July 22nd-24th
WHERE: Urban Ecology Center – Menomonee Valley – Milwaukee, WI
INSTRUCTORS: Dr. Karen Oberhauser and Katie-Lyn Bunney, University of Minnesota Monarch Lab; Dr. Michelle Solensky, University of Jamestown; Mike Rizo, US Forest Service; Ann Hobbie, University of Minnesota Monarch Lab, St. Paul; Karla Juetten, Weaver Lake Elementary, Osseo, MN.
PARTICIPANTS: 40 K-8 teachers from throughout the Milwaukee Area. Teachers from institutions that receive this invitation letter from the NAMI team will receive full consideration. If you know other teachers interested in participating, please contact us prior to sending the registration materials.
HOW TO APPLY: To apply, please complete the online application located here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bsfA1RxVz1-Va3h40e_u6HnukoReWEgQzWhBAPsJVA/viewform
Applications received by June 21st will receive full consideration. Applications received after June 21st will be considered if space is available. Teams of teachers from the same school are encouraged to apply together to establish a support network throughout the school year.
COURSE SYNOPSIS: The course consists of field and laboratory work, lectures, and research projects. Participants will gain hands-on experience with monarchs, and work in grade-level collaboration groups to translate their knowledge of monarch butterflies into classroom activities and projects. Regular contact with a mentor/instructor follows the summer program.

We hope you are excited about this new course as we are! If you have any questions feel free to email Katie-Lyn (kbunney@umn.edu).