The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE) is hosting a field-based course at Mounds View Grasslands, a 570-acre property owned by TPE located south of Blue Mounds. Site includes remnant prairies, prairie plantings, prairie seed production beds, woodlands, streams and wetlands. Our classroom base will be the rustic Schurch-Thomson barn, a working barn for research and prairie restoration. Topics of the course will include geology, soils, plant communities, watersheds, mammals and prairie pollinators. A wealth of guest experts will join us. In addition to exploring our site at Mounds View, we will visit nearby spectacular oak savanna, short grass prairie and Lower Wisconsin River floodplain areas. Come join us and enjoy the gorgeous spring flowers and birds of the prairie (*Baptisia*, violets blooming, Upland Sandpipers calling, bobolinks setting up territories, northern harriers nesting!)

Course taught by TPE volunteer naturalists with guest experts. For more information on course content or setting, contact Pat at ptrochlell@gmail.com.

For information on the Master Naturalist Program and registration information see https://wimasternaturalist.org or call 608-262-0020.

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a network of well-informed citizens dedicated to conservation education and service within Wisconsin communities. The Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course provides 40 hours of coursework in natural history, interpretation, and conservation stewardship. Courses combine classroom instruction with field experiences and are taught by professional natural resources educators and scientists. Once trained, Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteers provide 40 hours of service and take 8 hours of advanced training each year to maintain their certification.
**Schedule:** The class will meet rain or shine. Bring your own lunch.

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday, May 16: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, May 17: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Saturday, May 30: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, May 31: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Saturday, May 13: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, June 14: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Fee:** $275 includes all class materials and a one-year membership with the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, you must fill out the Master Naturalist scholarship form before registering.

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**NOTE** - Course participants who want to be certified Master Naturalist Volunteers will be required to:

- Attend regularly. Only four hours of training may be missed.
- Participate in field trips, even in inclement weather.
- Travel in personal vehicles as necessary to reach field trip locations.
- Experience moderate activity on uneven terrain.
- Please consult with the program office info@wimasternaturalist.org before registering if you have questions about accessibility.
- Complete a capstone project during the course.

**Registration**

- Registration deadline is April 22, 2018.
- Class size is limited to 15 participants.
- If course is cancelled due to low enrollment, all registrants will receive full refund.
- If registrant cancels prior to registration deadline, a full refund (minus $25 administration fee) will be provided. No refunds will be made for cancellations after the registration deadline.