

Birding Retreat:

*The woods are alive
with the sound*



Wilderness Wind
Ely, Minnesota

Retreat Cost: \$545

Price includes field trips, resourcing, housing, and meals. Canoes, kayaks, life-jackets, and paddles will be available during free time. Price also includes blankets, quilts, pillows and all local taxes. Linens are not provided but are available upon request at \$6/packet. (Packet includes: 1 set of sheets, pillow case, 1 bath towel and 1 wash cloth).

Accommodations: The log cabins are fully furnished housing units which accommodate 2-4 people comfortably. Each cabin has 1-3 bedrooms with varying sleeping accommodations (queen, double, etc.). The kitchen and sitting areas provide additional relaxation and reading spaces. Typically retreatants share cabins. Bedrooms that hold more than one bed may also be shared. For more photos of the cabins see the cabin details page of the website. Though we encourage participants to experience the full benefits of retreat, high-speed internet is available at our Pine Ridge location (4 miles away) if needed.

Birding Retreat Facilitator



Bill Tefft has more than 20 year of experience teaching individuals and groups of all skill levels about field identification of birds, including raptors. Bill taught courses at Vermilion Community College including Raptor Ecology and Ecology of Northern Birds. Bill is a naturalist with a vast knowledge of the region and is excited about sharing his knowledge with curious individuals.

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nurtures relationships to God and creation through wilderness living which promotes spirituality, cooperation, and environmental sustainability.

Wilderness Wind is a nonprofit corporation that has a 20-acre base camp and 3.5 acres of Lakeside property located close to Ely, Minnesota. Wilderness Wind is a member of Mennonite Camping Association and the Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

June 14-19, 2011

Retreat Facilitator:

Bill Tefft, Ely Minnesota

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Retreat Schedule

Join Bill Tefft in exploring the habitats of North Eastern Minnesota, including: lakes, forest/uplands, wetlands, altered environments and wilderness areas. Participants of past retreats lead by Bill have seen over 100 different species of birds, including the Connecticut Warbler. In addition to daily field trips, participants can expect morning and evening readings chosen from the writings of Wendell Berry, Mary Oliver, and other nature writers. There will be time for campfire conversations as well as free time to explore and play.

June 14, Day 1: Arrive between 3:30-5:30, settle into cabins.
Evening: Supper at 6:00pm, welcome, introductions, and orientation

June 15, Day 2: Birding/Field Trip/ Orientation to habitat and place.
Morning, 5:30: Breakfast
6:30: On site birding experience.
Mid morning -afternoon: Field trip with observation of local habitats and trip to Listening Point. Packed lunch in the field.
Evening: Supper on site, evening reading, canoe/kayak skills and free time to paddle.

June 16 and 17, Day 3&4: Birding field trip/ Ely exploration/free time
Morning, 5:30: Breakfast
6:30 - mid afternoon: Birding field trip. Packed lunch in field.
Evening: 16th- supper (on own in town), 17th - supper on site, evening reading and free time.

June 18, Day 5: Birding field trips/free time.
Morning, 5:30: Breakfast
6:30: Birding field trip. Lunch back on site with discussion about individual interests.
Afternoon: Optional Birding trip/free time.
Evening: Supper on site and closing ceremony.

June 19, Day 6: Day of Departure
Morning, 8:00: Breakfast
Departure (Participants are welcome to continue to use the cabin until 1:00pm. If you would like to stay longer (or arrive earlier), please make arrangements in advance. Additional nights cost \$35/per person.)



Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Cabinmate request: _____

Payment Information:

Retreat Cost/person: \$545 = _____

Linen Packet _____ x \$6 = _____

Total Due = _____

\$25 retreat discount if registered by April 30th
Deposit: \$50 (nonrefundable)

Send a check (payable to Wilderness Wind) or credit card information for your deposit or total payment.

Or you can visit www.wildernesswind.org to pay your deposit or total via credit card.

Credit Card # _____

Name on card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Registration Instructions:

- 1) Complete the registration form above
- 2) Return registration form along with your deposit to Wilderness Wind via
Mail: 2945 Hwy 169 Ely, Minnesota 55731
Email: Kathy@wildernesswind.org
Phone: 218-365-5873 or 316-217-1129