Participant Information 2020 January Interim Course at Audubon Center of the North Woods Wolves and Northwoods Carnivores: Predator Ecology, Jan 2-19, 2020

We look forward to meeting you in January and sharing this month of winter, wolves and other large predators with each one of you. No season creates as much stress on the ecology of wildlife as winter. In the summer, there is always enough to eat when the plants are green and abundant, but what food is to be found when three feet of snow covers the ground? There is always shade in the heat of summer, but is there always a warm place to be found in winter? What are some of the physical and behavioral adaptations of organisms to the cold, dry winter environment?

During this season we will attempt to understand winter through interpretation of wolf and predator ecology, research and practical experience. We will be tracking wolves to locate territorial packs and observing the environmental impacts of deer on their habitat. We will assist lynx researchers with tracking data. We will also spend a week divided between Superior National Forest and the North Shore of Lake Superior to survey the wolf population on the Jonvick Deer Yard, a special ecological zone which concentrates over 100 deer/square mile, and at one time the largest wolf pack in Minnesota. We will prepare for our experiences with lectures on wolves, lynx and the other predators of Minnesota, as well as their interactions with prey species, and will practice data gathering techniques and do tracking surveys which will benefit wolf and lynx researchers and managers.

We will furnish snowshoes for the research and will work with you on first aid and winter survival skills. There will be some time for cross country skiing on your own and some of our routes are better run on skis.

Required Texts:

<u>Track Pack: Animals in Full Life Size</u> by Ed Gray <u>Animal Tracks of Minnesota and Wisconsin</u> by Ian Sheldon and Tamara Eder

Recommended Reading:

<u>Wolves: Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation</u> by L. David Mech and Luigi Boitani <u>Recovery of Gray Wolves in the Great Lakes Region of the United States</u> by Adrian P. Wydeven, Timothy R. Van Deelen and Edward J. Heske <u>The Company of Wolves</u> by Paul Steinhart <u>Tracking and the Art of Seeing</u> by Paul Rezendes

Please see other attachments (or download PDF files off our website) for detailed course information (such as packing list, syllabus, etc.) and REQUIRED FORMS.

www.audubon-center.org/event/jterm2020/

Call or email the Audubon Center of the North Woods if you have any questions: PO Box 530, Sandstone, MN 55072 1-888-404-7743 or 320-245-2648 audubon1@audubon-center.org

2020 January Interim

Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

1/2 -- Arrivals by plane: Airport Pickup: 2:00 p.m. Flight must arrive at Mpls/St. Paul Int'l Airport (MSP) no later than 2 p.m. to be included in the airport shuttle (\$35 each way)

Arrivals by car: plan on arriving at the Center between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (*Please try to arrive no earlier than 2 p.m. – lodging facilities may not be ready until after 2*)

Introduction to the ACNW, Dinner, Overview of month, Expectations, Journals and Grading

- 1/3 -- Wolves, Cross Country Skiing, Winter First Aid and Safety
- 1/4 Coyotes & Foxes, Lynx & Bobcats, Predator/Prey Class
- 1/5- Orienteering, Predator/Prey, Bears & Mustelids
- 1/6 Tracking Presentation and Outside Tracking
- 1/7 Tracking at Banning State Park
- 1/8 Trip to DNR Regional Headquarters, Grand Rapids, MN. Meet with Researchers & Biologists
- **1/9-** Tracking at Sandstone Wildlife Management Area
- 1/10- Visit to University of MN, Wildlife Science Center
- 1/11 Depart for Ely. Visit Int'l Wolf Center, Radio Telemetry Flights, Dinner in Town
- 1/12 International Wolf Center, Radio Telemetry Flights, Listening Point and tracking
- 1/13 Tracking in Superior Nat. Forest, Dinner in Town, Visit North American Bear Center
- 1/14 Hike in BWCA Wilderness. Travel to Lake Superior and Solbakken Resort, Dinner Out
- 1/15 Tracking through transect hikes and skiing. Browse Surveys. Readings. Night Hike
- 1/16- Tracking through transect hikes and skiing. Browse Surveys.
- 1/17 Depart. Visit Gooseberry Falls St. Park, Visit Duluth's Canal Park. Return to Audubon Center
- **1/18** Study and homework AM. Final Test PM. Evening Fun.
- 1/19 Airport Shuttle- we will have you to airport by 10 am –

DO NOT schedule outbound flights before noon!

Required Forms (also available on our website at www.audubon-center.org/event/jterm2020):

Medical History and Liability form is required. Please fill out and mail or fax it to the Audubon Center of the North Woods, along with the balance of the fee for the course (unless you've already paid in full). <u>THIS</u> IS DUE BY DECEMBER 6, 2019. (Course fee is \$2,095, deduct any deposit you have already paid). Please note that all fees are non-refundable.

Travel information and attendance verification form is required. THIS IS DUE BY DECEMBER 6, 2019.

Please fill this out and return it along with the Medical History & Liability form and final fee payment. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to write or call.

Lodging Information

While at the ACNW you will stay in Lowry or Schwyzer Student Lodges. There are 4-6 bunks per room and men's and women's bathrooms and showers. While at ACNW, you will have bunks in rooms designated male or female. You will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow to throw out on a bunk, as well as towels and washcloths. You will have daily housekeeping responsibilities.

While in Ely you will be staying at Silver Rapids Lodge, and while on the North Shore of Lake Superior, you will be staying at Solkbakken Resort near Lutsen, Minnesota. Since there are limited beds, and in order to keep costs reasonable, it will be necessary for participants to SHARE DOUBLE- or QUEEN-sized BEDS WITH ROOMMATES. Rooms will be designated male or female, depending on the number of registrants of each gender.

Travel Information:

LOCATION OF ACNW: The Center is located 90 miles north of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area and70 miles south of Duluth. The Center is situated on the east shore of Grindstone Lake, approximately eight miles west of Sandstone, Minnesota. A map is available on our website. **Phone number is: 1-888-404-7743 or 320-245-2648**

TRAVEL BY CAR:

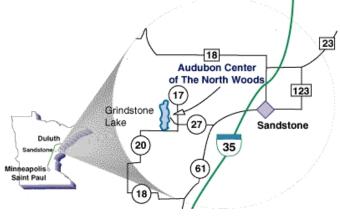
<u>ARRIVAL:</u> If driving by car, plan to arrive between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2020 (do not arrive earlier than 2 p.m. to allow for housekeeping turnover).

DEPARTURE: You will be done the evening of January 18, 2020. If you have a long way to drive, you may stay overnight and depart on the 19th. The airport shuttle will depart the morning of Sunday, January 19 for the airport. DO NOT schedule flights to depart before noon on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

Driving directions: street address for mapping: 54165 Audubon Drive, Sandstone, MN 55072 GPS coordinates: (46.117186384284004, -92.99793720245361

From the south – Minneapolis/St.Paul: Head north on Interstate 35 to the Sandstone exit 191. Exit and head west for ~2 miles on 61/23. Make a right turn on Grindstone Lake Road/Cty 27 (sign here) and head west ~3.1 miles. Make a right on Fox Lane/Cty 17 (sign here) and head north ~ 100yards. Make a left turn on Audubon Road between pillars (gate may be chained at night but is not locked) and go about 1 mile down driveway to the office.

From the north: Head south on Interstate 35 to Sandstone exit 191. Exit and head west for ~2 miles on 61/23. Make a right turn on Grindstone Lake Road/Cty 27 (sign here) and head west ~3.1 miles. Make a right on Fox Lane/Cty 17 (sign here) and head north ~ 100yards. Make a left turn on Audubon Road between pillars (gate may be chained at night but is not locked) and go about 1 mile down driveway to the office.



TRAVEL BY BUS: Groome Transportation shuttle service arrives from the south (Twin Cities) or north (Duluth) - check with www.groometransportation.com (tel. 218-724-4676) for schedule and let us know your arrival time. Arrangements can be made to pick you up/drop you off at the shuttle stop in **Sandstone**. If traveling by shuttle, PLAN TO ARRIVE ON THURS., 1/2/2020. PLAN TO DEPART ON SUN., 1/19/2020 (or late evening on SAT., 1/18/2020).

TRAVEL BY PLANE: ACNW will provide an airport pickup/drop off for \$35 each way.

ARRIVAL: Plan to fly into the MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL INT'L AIRPORT Terminal 1 (not Terminal 2). Arrival must be before 2:00 PM on 1/2/2020– the earlier the better to account for flight delays. The van departs for ACNW from Terminal 1 at Baggage Claim Door #4 at 2:00 PM

When you arrive at the airport give the center a call (1-888-404-7743 or 320-245-2648) so that we know you're in and can let you know any last details about the pickup. We will plan on picking you up at the baggage claim level outside of door #4 of TERMINAL 1.

DEPARTURE: Departure must be after noon on Sunday, January 19, 2020. We will have you to the airport by 10-10:30 AM.

Transportation to the study sites <i>during the course will be provided by the Center's 15 and 7 passenger vans.

Additional Course Information:

MEALS: Served buffet style in the main lodge while at the Audubon Center. Many lunches will be packed to eat in the field. On the North Shore we will cook our own meals. Special diets can be accommodated. We can prepare vegetarian, vegan options and gluten free options. You will be responsible for three restaurant meals during the course.

TRAINING: You should be prepared. **This is a physically demanding program.** Get some exercise! Walk a lot ahead of time. We recommend getting up to 4 miles or more 3-4 days per week at a brisk pace with a day pack and water – see equipment discussion for information on what you might carry in your pack on a typical day. If you are physically prepared for the program your experience will be much more enjoyable and safe.

TESTS: There will be various short quizzes. Research skills and background are important and we need to have some idea of where you're at. Some of you will also need to have grades for the credits for your school. These tests will help assess your grades. We will also ask you to research some aspect of wolf ecology or behavior to present to the class.

<u>GRADES</u>: Course requirements are outlined in the syllabus. **Please let us know if a grade is required and who to send grades to - in advance.** We need name, address, phone, fax and e-mail.

Drug & Alcohol Policy: Alcoholic beverages and recreational drugs are not allowed at ACNW during this program. Cigarette smoking and ecig vaping is not allowed in any of the buildings or vehicles. Smokers/vapers will be asked to move away from the group when smoking in the field. Smoking at the center is restricted to one outside area. Chewing tobacco is not allowed in any of the buildings or vehicles.

MAIL: Use the Center's street address for all mail and deliveries (your name, Audubon Center of the North Woods, 54165 Audubon Dr., Sandstone, MN 55072). UPS delivers directly to us Monday through Friday and is a better option for any packages, since we have to pick up US mail in town and it is not delivered directly (we do pick up mail every morning at the post office, but sometimes there is a delay with US mail packages).

PHONE: There is a phone in the lodge (320-245-3149). It will accept incoming calls; however, you must use a credit card or call collect for long distance outgoing calls. The telephone number for the center is (320) 245-2648. There is voice mail to take messages when no one is in the office. The fax number for the center is (320) 245-5272.

FIRE HAZARDS: Candles and incense cannot be burned inside.

SYLLABUS: Also enclosed is a copy of a syllabus for the course. This course is offered for credit through Carroll University and students can register as visiting student to receive credit. You can show your professor the course content.

<u>USING ACNW GEAR</u>: You are personally responsible for repair or replacement of any gear lent or rented to you by ACNW and will be charged for loss or damage if it is the result of personal negligence.

Weather Conditions: January is our coldest month of the year, with a temperature range from above freezing to -45 degrees F. We are more concerned about the annual thaw and the wetness that accompanies it than with the cold weather. If you dress in layers and wear the proper fabrics, you should have no problems with the cold. We will discuss, in great detail, how to dress for and behave in cold conditions. Most temperatures will be in the - 10 to +20 degrees F range. A suggested packing list is included. **ACNW does have cross country ski equipment for you to use.** Our bindings are back country style which allows you to use your warm winter boots. REMEMBER, CROSS COUNTRY SKIING IS AN OPTIONAL ACTIVITY. Some of our wolf-tracking routes are best done on skis. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to use any of our equipment.

<u>Winter Clothing Concerns</u>: Please refer to the suggested packing list. Winter conditions demand far greater concern for proper clothing than any other season. The effect of cold, wind and moisture are most severe at this time, so clothing should be chosen to serve adequately for safety and comfort. Wool is one of the best materials, since it has a high insulation value and retains most of that value even when wet. Silk, polypropylene, pile, bunting, and a host of other materials are available, with specific uses and abilities, and they should also be considered, especially if layered with some wool. COTTON SHOULD BE AVOIDED, BECAUSE IT HOLDS MOISTURE AND LOSES ALL INSULATION VALUE WHEN WET.

Day trips and research days will typically require us to be outdoors all day. Your <u>daypack should be large</u> <u>enough</u> to carry some extra clothing, field guides, a clipboard, water bottles – 2 quarts, flashlight and lunch. If you are prepared to dress in multiple layers, then you can take off or add layers to adjust your temperature, depending on weather conditions and your level of activity. If snow is deep, you will be working hard and building up lots of heat. Layers should then be shed to reduce perspiration so you don't get your insulating layers wet. Wet clothing means quick conduction of heat away from your body - brrrr.

SEE THE SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR ITEMS YOU WILL NEED.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

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Layering System:

If you are prepared to dress in multiple layers, then you can take off or add layers to adjust your temperature, depending on weather conditions and your level of activity. If snow is deep, you will be working hard and building up lots of heat. Layers should then be shed to reduce perspiration so you don't get your insulating layers wet. Wet clothing means quick conduction of heat away from your body.

Day trips and research days will typically require us to be outdoors all day. At any time in the field on a cold day, you might be wearing the following (or an equivalent combination): wool hat, long underwear, turtle neck top, wool sweater, windbreaker or some other windproof layer, long underwear bottoms, wool pants, 2 pair wool socks, insulated boots, ski gloves or wool mittens with leather choppers. In your daypack might be a warmer jacket and/or down vest and/or additional wool sweater. Your daypack should be large enough to carry some extra clothing, field guides, a clipboard, water bottles – 2 quarts, flashlight and lunch.

Each evening you will have to work towards drying clothes so that they can be used again. (Do not go out and buy a parka just for this course. As long as you can bundle up in lots of layers almost any winter overcoat will do.)

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- see packing list on next page -

(NOTE: You do not need all items to attend - READ CAREFULLY!)

Clothing and Equipment Note:

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sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow to put on bed in lodge - make sure they are warm!

Wool or fleece hat or balaclava

Neck Gaiter/scarf- wool or fleece is the best

wool or other heavy duty mittens - at least 2 pairs

leather or nylon overmitts - to keep wool ones dry

wool or fleece sweaters - 2

long sleeved wool or polypropylene shirts

wool shirts

wool or polypropylene long underwear - TOPS AND BOTTOMS - 2 sets is recommended

wool socks - at least 4 pairs

liner socks - lightweight wool, polypropylene, or silk*

down, fleece or polarguard vest

winter jacket, parka or shell

gaiters - a must to keep snow out of boots and socks

good winter boots with REMOVABLE WOOL/FELT LINER -THIS IS A MUST HAVE ITEM! SOREL BOOTS are the best there are many less expensive copies which work well too. These are boots with rubber bottoms and leather uppers.

extra pair of wool/felt liners for boots*

good raingear - jacket and pants - good for wind protection; should be durable in cold - cheap stuff falls apart

handkerchiefs

sunglasses or ski/snow goggles

bathing suit for the sauna and hot tub at Solbakken

wool pants - 2 pairs - one heavy and one light OR one pair of wool and one pair of ski/snow pants. Wool pants are available at Army/Navy surplus stores at very reasonable prices (looks may not be the greatest, but warmth is terrific!)

down or polarguard booties* (optional for lodge use)

LARGE DAYPACK - a must for carrying gear and extra clothing on day trips

camera/film (optional)

pocketknife

small flashlight/bulbs/batteries - headlamp works well – good for late work since it gets dark around 4:30 P.M. in the winter

binoculars (optional)

notebook/pens/pencils (pencils work best in winter conditions)

compass - or orienteering style with 2 degree increments SILVA POLARIS

GPS unit (highly encouraged)

Laptop computer (highly recommended for

homework and class emails)

2 heavy duty large garbage bags to line your daypack

large freezer ZIPLOC bags to cover notebooks and field guides

quart size steel thermos* - so your water doesn't freeze

2 quart-sized water bottles

cross country skis/boots/poles/waxes - optional – but bring your own if you have them

snowshoes - optional - we have some for you to use

watch or portable alarm clock - important

personal toilet and medical items (lotion, lipbalm, toothpaste/brush, soap, bandaids, moleskin, aspirin, coughdrops, tampons, GoGirl for women)

washcloth and towels

ace bandages/braces - if you need to use any. We will be in rugged country, so be prepared for knee/ankle problems if you know these are weak areas

laundry soap

* Optional, yet highly recommended items. Call us for more information if you have any further questions. Be sure to bring sufficient, comfortable clothing for living in the lodge. Include slippers/moccasins, robe, underwear, pajamas, jeans, etc. The above list is to help you for the outdoor activities.

Syllabus

Course Title: Wolves and Northwoods Carnivores: Predator Ecology Number of Credits 3 semester credits – recommended by instructor Semester Offered January Interim, January 2-19, 2020 Instructor's Name Bryan Wood Contact Phone: 320-245-2648 Email bwood@audubon-center.org

Catalog Description:

This course covers a broad range of topics related to wildlife. The focus will be the gray wolf, lynx and the white-tailed deer, and other MN predators, but all animals directly or indirectly associated with or affected by these predators or prey may be included. The course is field-oriented and includes opportunities for backcountry travel, wildlife observation and tracking, as well as an introduction to habitats, how wildlife respond to natural and artificial disturbance, and human factors. Additional topics include wildlife research techniques, data acquisition and analysis, as well as management practices.

Learning Outcomes. Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Describe animal adaptations to a winter environment.
- 2. Identify and describe various wolf behaviors.
- 3. Identify and describe wolf field sign.
- 4. Identify habitat types and individual woody browse plants important to ungulates in the Border lakes region.
- 5. Describe wildlife research techniques and their application.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to use a map and compass for backcountry navigation.
- 7. Describe and demonstrate safe field techniques.
- 8. Identify and describe ecological factors related to lynx research.
- 9. Identify and describe lynx field sign.
- 10. Describe Minnesota predators and their habitat, prey, and lifestyle.

Student Assessment Methods:

Field Journal Research Paper Oral and written quizzes Discussion of assigned readings Instructor assessment of student participation and competency Instructor assessment of practical skill demonstration and competency Reflection Paper Final exam

Outline of Major Course Content:

Wolf Ecology Northern Predator Species Northern Prey Species Predator-Prey Relationships Predator and Endangered Species Issues and Management Backcountry Navigation Wildlife Habitats Wildlife Research Techniques Winter Field Techniques and Safety

Attendance Policy:

Students must participate in all class activities unless prearranged with class instructor, in which case make-up assignments may be arranged.

Grading Policies and Evaluation Procedures:

Participation	35% of total grade
Journal	30% of total grade
Research Project	15% of total grade
Final Exam	15% of total grade
Reflection Paper	5% of total grade

Final Grade is based upon % of Total Points:

90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-69% = D, Below 60% = F

Course Accommodations: If there is any student in this class who has special needs to learning disabilities or other kinds of disabilities, please discuss your special needs with the instructor.

Course Location: The first half of the course will be based out of the Audubon Center of the North Woods (ACNW), and the 2nd half will be split between Ely and the North Shore of Lake Superior.

Academic Integrity Statement: Students are expected to abide by academic integrity standards in this class. Student unethical practices, such as cheating on examinations or misrepresenting authorship on class assignments will not be tolerated.

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION 2020 January Interim Course at Audubon Center of the North Woods **Wolves and Northwoods Carnivores: Predator Ecology 1/2-1/19/20**

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HOME ADDRESS		
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COLLEGE ADDRESS		
CITY STATE ZIP		
PHONE NUMBER: COLLEGE or CELL () HOME ()		
E-MAIL		
I will be receiving college credits from my own school for this session. What kind of credits?		
An evaluation of my experience/performance should be sent to my advisor,		
His/Her name/address is (include address, phone, fax and email)		
NOTE: PLEASE BRING/SEND A COPY OF YOUR SCHOOL'S EVALUATION FORM if we are to use it.		
I will eat red meat poultry fish vegetables dairy products		
I will need the following equipment from ACNW:		
Cross country skis I am feet inches tall Cross country ski poles Snowshoes		
TRAVEL PLANS		
Others traveling with me are:		
ARRIVAL INFO		
will be arriving by car and will be at the Center by on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.		
	on	
I will need a shuttle (\$35 each way) to ACNW from the airport on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020. My arrival is BEFORE 2 p.m. My flight info is:		
Airline Flight # Arrival Time		
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Airline BEPARTURE INFO		
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DEPARTURE INFO I will need a shuttle (\$35 each way) from ACNW to airport on Sunday, January 19th, 2020.		



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Adult Health Form

Please send completed and signed form to: Audubon Center of the North Woods PO Box 530, Sandstone, MN 55072 Phone: 320-245-2648; Fax: 320-245-5272 Email: audubon1@audubon-center.org

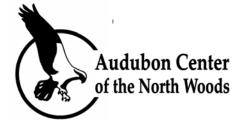
Mail or fax completed form by December 6, 2019

This Fo	orm MUST	be completed	by each	adult guest.

Guest's Name					
Mailing Address					
City, State Zip					
Cell or Home Phone	E-mail Ad	dress			
Date of Birth					
Emergency Contact	Primary Physician (s)		Insurance Information		
Name	Name		Carrier		
Relationship	Phone		Policy #		
Daytime Phone	Name		Group #		
Evening Phone	Phone		Insurance Phone		
 Do you have any of the following conditions? Epilepsy/seizures Bleeding/clotting disorder Heart Asthma/emphysema OTHER: Allergies (food, environmental, medication): Dietary preferences or restrictions (e.g., vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.). Note: We make every attempt to offer and identify vegetarian and gluten-free menu options at each meal. If you have severe food restrictions or specialized dietary needs, you may need to bring supplemental food. List any medications taken on a daily basis (or attach separate sheet): 					
 5. Do any medications require refrigeration? Yes No 6. Do you have any other Medical Condition of which the Center should be aware? (describe below) 					
7. Will you have any special Medical requirements during this event?					
I hereby release the above information for use of the Audubon Center of the North Woods and/or any other Medical personnel who might need to provide care to me during this event.					
In the event of an emergency, I authorize treatment by emergency medical personnel.					

Signature _____





Liability Release Form

Please mail or fax to: Audubon Center of the North Woods PO Box 530, Sandstone, MN 55072 Fax: 320-245-5272; Email: audubon1@audubon-center.org

Mail or fax completed form by December 6, 2019

Please complete and sign this form for each participant in your party - required before program participation

Assumption of Risk and Liability Release

Participant Name

□ I will be participating / □ I authorize the above-named participant to participate in the program at the Audubon Center of the North Woods. I acknowledge and am aware that this program involves certain inherent risks which I expressly accept and assume. These risks may include (but are not limited to) physical injury, emotional injury, paralysis, permanent disability, illness, death or property damage due to inclement weather; walking on uneven trails; canoeing; cross country skiing; snowshoeing; rock climbing and belaying on an indoor climbing wall; a high ropes course activity; field trips to non-Audubon Center sites; and other peoples' actions. Following appropriate medical consultation, I have determined that my child's/my health is adequate to participate safely in this program (except as indicated on the Student or Adult Health Form). In the event of an emergency, I authorize treatment by emergency medical personnel.

Accordingly, I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge the Audubon Center of the North Woods, including all of their personnel, agents, affiliates, staff and directors, from any and all liabilities to me with respect to injury, sickness, disease, loss or damage. This release applies to any and all liabilities to me or my estate of any description, whether arising from ordinary negligence or otherwise, and whether involving fees and expenses of any kind. In the event that some other person or entity seeks compensation for these released liabilities, I or my estate will indemnify and hold harmless the Audubon Center of the North Woods for all sums reasonably incurred in response to that claim. This release is to be interpreted and enforced under Minnesota law.

By signing this document, I understand and agree that if I am hurt or if my property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being release on the basis of any claim for negligence. I have had enough time to read this agreement and consult with legal counsel if I so chose to do so. I understand that this activity may not be made available to me if I were to choose not to sign this release. I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Parent/Guardian or Participating Adult Signal	ture (required)	
Address		
		Zip
Date		
I am a (please check one of the following):		
 Participant of legal age/adult. Parent/Guardian who will not be attending the Center program. 	Audubon	 Parent/Guardian/Chaperone who will attend the Audubon Center program. Teacher/Staff Member of the participating school/group who will attend the Audubon Center program.
Select one below (required):		
Yes, I authorize the Audubon Center to use ar taken during the visit in publicity materials for and understand my/my child's name will not be	the Center	No, I do not authorize the Audubon Center to use any photos taken during the visit in publicity materials
	(Parent/0	Guardian or Participating Adult Signature required)