

Lake and Stream Leaders Institute

Class of 2009

Make Plans to Be a Part of This Year's Class!

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (MLSA) and Michigan State University (MSU), with generous support from the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, are organizing the Lake and Stream Leader's Institute "Class of 2009". This will be the fourth session of this popular program, which is typically held every other year. The Institute provides an educational experience that improves participants'

understanding of local water resource management planning and program implementation. Past participants have included property owners, concerned citizens, drain commissioners, organization representatives and state and local government personnel.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Institute's Class of 2009!



An Institute participant learns to monitor stream health in the field.

When and Where?

The Institute is conducted in five in-depth sessions that include classroom learning and field experience and practice. The first seminar session will be held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference

Center on Higgins Lake on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The next three sessions are held on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2009 at Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) near Kalamazoo. Meals and lodging at KBS are provided as part of the

registration fee. The last session and graduation dinner will be held at the Bengel Wildlife Center in Bath, north of Lansing on Friday, October 2, 2009.

What are the fees?

If your application is accepted, the registration fee will be \$250 (\$150 for full-time students). Additionally, participants pay their own travel cost to attend the sessions and should anticipate some expenses for their chosen applied project. The registration fee should **not** be sent with the application.

Learning by Doing:

Institute participants learn lake and stream management by:

- Attending classroom and field sessions,
- Preparing an applied project, and
- Completing assigned homework.

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How do I apply?

Application forms and the status of remaining space available in the upcoming class may be obtained from the Institute web site

(www.msue.msu.edu/waterqual/lakeleaders.html) or the MLSA web site (www.mlsa.org).

Applications will be evaluated as they are received and acceptance notices mailed out within two to three weeks of submittal. Applicants will continue to be accepted until

the class limit is reached.

Because of the limited space available, we must restrict the number of individuals that can attend from any one organization.

If you are interested in being part of the Institute's Class of 2009, please complete an application and mail, fax, or email it to Dr. Jo Latimore at the contact information below. It is to the applicant's

advantage to apply early, as participation is limited to a maximum of 30 individuals.

Questions?

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