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### **West Michigan Shoreline Naturalist Program**

The program schedule is as follows:

**March 27, 2010** -- Introduction to Michigan Geology, General Ecology, Conservation, and the Environment

**April 24, 2010** -- Wildflowers, Weeds and Invasive Plants

**May 22, 2010** -- Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines

**June 26, 2010** -- Sand Dune Environments

**July 24, 2010** -- Wetland Habitats and Invasives to Wetlands

**August 28, 2010** -- Aquatic Habitats and Invasive Species

**September 25, 2010** -- Prairie Environments

All classes are held on Saturday's from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and will be led by trained educators and/or conservation professionals.

These sessions will be taught in both indoor and outdoor settings. There will be a classroom time of 45-60 minutes with the remainder of time being in the field. The outdoor sessions will be lead on foot in a wide variety of locations throughout Muskegon County. Since some of these locations may have steep or rough terrain, appropriate attire is recommended. Automobile transportation is necessary and carpooling from to the field location can be coordinated if needed.

All participants will be provided with a training notebook, materials and resources appropriate for study. Participants should wear appropriate clothing such as boots, hat, long pants, etc. A camera, hand lens, field guides and binoculars may also prove helpful on field walks.

**Please note that all classes will be held rain or shine.**

To receive your certification as a "West Michigan Shoreline Naturalist", each participant must complete the seven session program and 30 volunteer hours in a conservation / environment type of setting.

If you have any other questions, please contact Joe Hill, Board of Directors, Muskegon Conservation District via e-mail at: [joe.hill@macd.org](mailto:joe.hill@macd.org).

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