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Dear Educator,

Greetings! Welcome back to another exciting school year! And welcome to the fall 2009 Connexus Energy/ Anoka County Parks and Recreation **Pioneer and Settler Heritage Lab** to be held this fall. This will be an 8-station outdoor educational lab covering Pioneer life in early Minnesota. Stations will cover topics such as: Summer Kitchen, Learn Your Lesson, Surveying the Wilderness, Come to Wenstrom's Mercantile, Life in a Covered Wagon, The People Next Door, Pioneer Pastimes, and The Craft of Cloth! The presentations are adjusted to each age level and are done in a participatory, hands-on style. Each station will have a hands-on activity/component. This will be one of the fastest moving, all-day field trips that you will ever experience! Because of the station content the **minimum grade for students is second grade.**

Registrations will be done by a lottery system. On September 2nd we will draw from the received registrations, filling the openings. Openings available after that day will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The **fee is \$5.36 per person and must accompany your registration. If your school is tax exempt then the fee is \$5.00 per person and we will need a copy of your certificate for our files.** There is no charge for 2-3 teachers or chaperones per class. (This would also apply to Home Schools.) The Heritage Lab runs rain or shine. However, should it be raining heavily on-site at 8:00 a.m., we will cancel for the day and phone registrants by 8:15 a.m. Rain dates are scheduled for October 13th & 14th.

Heritage Lab regularly fills quickly so we encourage you to respond as quickly as possible. It is important to return your registration form by mail or fax by September 2nd. Please return the registration form to: **Wargo Nature Center - 7701 Main St., Centerville MN 55038 or fax to 651-429-8167.** This lab will be held at the permanent Heritage Lab site at the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve, located just east of 35W on County Road 14 (Main St.) in Centerville. In addition, the nature center offers environmental education classes for school groups and we are scheduling for the 2009-2010 season on a first come basis. I have enclosed a copy of our curriculum brochure for your planning purposes.

Please call 651-429-8007 for scheduling information.

Sincerely,

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