



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2025 Final Work Plan

General Information

ID Number: 2025-065

Staff Lead: Mike Campana

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Project Title: Outdoor School for Minnesota K-12 Students

Project Budget: \$3,992,000

Project Manager Information

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Project Reporting

Reporting Schedule: March 1 / September 1 of each year.

Project Completion: June 30, 2028

Final Report Due Date: August 14, 2028

Legal Information

Legal Citation: M.L. 2025, First Special Session, Chp. 1, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 05f

Appropriation Language: \$3,992,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center to partner with four other accredited residential environmental learning centers in Minnesota to provide needs-based scholarships to K-12 students statewide for immersive multiday environmental learning experiences.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2028

Narrative

Project Summary: Minnesota's five accredited outdoor schools will provide life-changing, immersive multi-day outdoor learning experiences at their campuses to a minimum statewide distribution of 15,354 K-12 students, achieving ENRTF's goals.

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

Children today are increasingly deprived of time in nature (only 7 minutes daily compared to 7-10 hours on screens daily), resulting in an increasing lack of awareness, understanding and contact with the environment. Meanwhile, over 70% of Minnesota's metro area schools face budget deficits and rising costs. Currently, only 30% of Minnesota's K-12 students experience a trip to a Minnesota outdoor school. Through recent feedback from schools, we've learned that student tuition financial aid alone is not enough, as it fails to address two other crucial funding issues. In this proposal, we add transportation funding and teacher stipends to address those realities. By covering three of the necessary funding areas to make an outdoor school trip occur, we will provide meaningful hands-on nature experiences to children across the state. Through our programs, Minnesota's five accredited outdoor schools (Deep Portage, Eagle Bluff, Long Lake, Osprey Wilds, Wolf Ridge) will build on our current reach by providing a minimum of 230,310 instruction hours to MN K-12 students with immersive multi-day outdoor learning experiences. Every student experience will include multiple courses that are directly focused upon the learning outcomes of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund's (ENRTF) constitutionally declared goals

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.

We will provide student tuition funding, transportation funding and teacher stipends as needed, with each K-12 student spending a minimum of one night and two days onsite. We will reach a statewide population of K-12 students, with eligible schools showing a clear financial need through our application process. Our current ENRTF grant provides important scholarship assistance, but we have learned that is only one part of the financial consideration for these trips. There is also a clear need for teacher compensation, as the vast majority of coordinating teachers work outside of contract hours and receive no compensation for their time and effort to make these impactful experiences happen. In addition, bus transportation costs are a severe barrier to these field trips. Even if schools have no student tuition costs, transportation costs alone are enough to prevent trips from occurring. By supporting teachers and helping with transportation costs, we make it more likely that schools will participate in outdoor school programs. Our work helps Minnesota reach its ENRTF goals with our younger citizens by increasing the number of children recreating and learning outdoors in an immersive way not possible in day-use nature centers, fostering Minnesota's outdoor heritage for the next generation.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

Provide a minimum of 230,310 instruction hours to a minimum of 15,354 Minnesota K-12 students through multi-day learning experiences at Minnesota's outdoor schools. By giving K-12 students extended time in nature, we help Minnesota achieve ENRTF's goals and help students develop environmental awareness, appreciation and interest. Instructional hours will be documented in the LCCMR strategic plan focal areas of water, outdoor recreation, wildlife, plants, climate change, and habitat management. Through financial support to underserved student populations, we address social, economic, and physical barriers. Outcomes will be reported through organizational websites, e-newsletters and/or annual reports.

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Statewide

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Outdoor School at Osprey Wilds

Activity Budget: \$566,870

Activity Description:

Provide outdoor school experiences to a minimum of 2,180 K-12 learners at Osprey Wilds. The outdoor school program consists of a multi-day (2-5 days) K-12 learning experience that includes K-12 class instruction, lodging and meals while onsite. Each K-12 school will apply for funds through a scholarship request application that will state their financial need, anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. After reviewing the scholarship request, an award will be made based on the information shared in the scholarship request. Awards will be tracked through accounting software including number of awards, funds awarded, number of instruction hours, and K-12 classes taught. Records will be kept for K-12 classes each school participates in and shared in workplan updates, along with other outcomes and goals. Teacher stipends will be awarded through a stipend request that is based on the number of students attending, and if the teacher states that they can and would like to receive a stipend.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Reach out to Minnesota's Schools about financial assistance opportunities through print, electronic and verbal communications	December 31, 2025
Publish Annual Update on Progress towards Grant Outcomes	June 30, 2026
Publish Annual Update on Progress towards Grant Outcomes	June 30, 2027
Provide minimum of 2,180 K-12 learner outdoor school experiences	June 30, 2028
Publish Annual Update on Progress towards Grant Outcomes	June 30, 2028

Activity 2: Outdoor School at Deep Portage

Activity Budget: \$610,772

Activity Description:

Provide outdoor school experiences to a minimum of 2,349 K-12 learners at Deep Portage. The outdoor school program consists of a multi-day (2-5 days) K-12 learning experience that includes K-12 class instruction, lodging and meals while onsite. Each K-12 school will apply for funds through a scholarship request application that will state their financial need, anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. After reviewing the scholarship request, an award will be made based on the information shared in the scholarship request. Awards will be tracked through accounting software including number of awards, funds awarded, number of instruction hours, and K-12 classes taught. Records will be kept for K-12 classes each school participates in and shared in workplan updates, along with other outcomes and goals. Teacher stipends will be awarded through a stipend request that is based on the number of students attending, and if the teacher states that they can and would like to receive a stipend.

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Activity 3: Outdoor School at Eagle Bluff

Activity Budget: \$866,263

Activity Description:

Provide outdoor school experiences to a minimum of 3,332 K-12 learners at Eagle Bluff. The outdoor school program consists of a multi-day (2-5 days) K-12 learning experience that includes K-12 class instruction, lodging and meals while onsite. Each K-12 school will apply for funds through a scholarship request application that will state their financial need, anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. After reviewing the scholarship request, an award will be made based on the information shared in the scholarship request. Awards will be tracked through accounting software including number of awards, funds awarded, number of instruction hours, and K-12 classes taught. Records will be kept for K-12 classes each school participates in and shared in workplan updates, along with other outcomes and goals. Teacher stipends will be awarded through a stipend request that is based on the number of students attending, and if the teacher states that they can and would like to receive a stipend.

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Activity 4: Outdoor School at Long Lake

Activity Budget: \$646,700

Activity Description:

Provide outdoor school experiences to a minimum of 2,487 K-12 learners at Long Lake. The outdoor school program consists of a multi-day (2-5 days) K-12 learning experience that includes K-12 class instruction, lodging and meals while onsite. Each K-12 school will apply for funds through a scholarship request application that will state their financial need, anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. After reviewing the scholarship request, an award will be made based on the information shared in the scholarship request. Awards will be tracked through accounting software including number of awards, funds awarded, number of instruction hours, and K-12 classes taught. Records will be kept for K-12 classes each school participates in and shared in workplan updates, along with other outcomes and goals. Teacher stipends will be awarded through a stipend request that is based on the number of students attending, and if the teacher states that they can and would like to receive a stipend.

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Activity 5: Outdoor School at Wolf Ridge

Activity Budget: \$1,301,395

Activity Description:

Provide outdoor school experiences to a minimum of 5,005 K-12 learners at Wolf Ridge. The outdoor school program consists of a multi-day (2-5 days) K-12 learning experience that includes K-12 class instruction, lodging and meals while onsite. Each K-12 school will apply for funds through a scholarship request application that will state their financial need, anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. After reviewing the scholarship request, an award will be made based on the information shared in the scholarship request. Awards will be tracked through accounting software including number of awards, funds awarded, number of instruction hours, and K-12 classes taught. Records will be kept for K-12 classes each school participates in and shared in workplan updates, along with other outcomes and goals. Teacher stipends will be awarded through a stipend request that is based on the number of students attending, and if the teacher states that they can and would like to receive a stipend.

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Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Lindsay Bjorklund	Deep Portage Learning Center	Executive Director	Yes
Colleen Foehrenbacher	Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center	Executive Director	Yes
Dave McMillan	Long Lake Conservation Center	Manager	Yes
Pete Smerud	Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	Executive Director	Yes

Dissemination

Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.

Each outdoor school will disseminate information about this grant opportunity through multiple outlets including: printed and electronic promotional materials to Minnesota's public and private schools, individuals, and families advertisements and promotion on our accounts with various social media platforms, print and electronic newsletters to our individual organization's mailing and emailing lists, annual reports, and in-person promotion and acknowledgements at our onsite programs and offsite programs. Acknowledgement of the ENRTF will be included in all project communications and outreach – including press releases, media interactions, signs, publications, event advertisements & invitations, websites, newsletters, printed materials, presentations, and social media. All written communication will use at minimum the following wording "Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)." For each program, staff will state verbally to the entire group that their visit had "Funding provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund." The Acknowledgement Guidelines document has been shared with each RELC and they are aware that all communications need to be in accordance with the Acknowledgement Guidelines.

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this work be funded?

Minnesota's outdoor schools establish relationships with attending schools helping them plan & schedule their experiences, and regularly providing them with fundraising support. Each outdoor school will work with their schools to help them build a diverse fundraising strategy that creates long term stability. As each outdoor school works with dozens of different schools, lessons learned are shared for community-based fundraising ideas. Minnesota's outdoor schools are economic drivers in their communities, collectively employing over 200 individuals annually across our five sites. Outdoor School For All Minnesota was recently passed by the MN legislature, creating a new state grant program for these experiences.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Increasing K-12 Student Learning to Achieve ENRTF's Goals	M.L. 2022, , Chp. 94, Art. , Sec. 2, Subd. 05b	\$1,602,000

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Deep Portage Learning Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 2,349 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$570,772) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$40,000)		X		12		\$610,772
Long Lake Conservation Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 2,487 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$601,700) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$45,000)		X		12.9		\$646,700
Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 3,332 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$806,263) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$60,000)		X		15		\$866,263
Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 5,005 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$1,201,395) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$100,000)		X		24		\$1,301,395
							Sub Total	\$3,425,130
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-

Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
		K-12 Financial Assistance	Provide outdoor school financial assistance to serve a minimum of 2,180 K-12 learners. Financial assistance award will be based on their stated financial need including anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. Awards will vary based on each school's circumstances and requested funds. Total financial assistance amount awarded to a school can be up to the total tuition cost.	X				\$526,870
		Teacher Stipends	Teacher stipend rates will be as following: \$250 (1-74 students), \$350 (75-149 students), \$500 (150+	X				\$40,000

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							Sub Total	\$566,870
							Grand Total	\$3,992,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
Contracts and Services - Deep Portage Learning Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 2,349 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$570,772) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$40,000)	<p>K-12 financial assistance awards will be based on their stated financial need including anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. Awards will vary based on each school's circumstances and requested funds. Total financial assistance amount awarded to a school can be up to the total tuition cost.</p> <p>The K-12 financial assistance is necessary to make K-12 outdoor school trips available as it is becoming increasingly more difficult financially and logistically for schools and teachers to provide these experiences to their students.</p> <p>Teachers are increasingly being asked to do more with less at schools, making organizing and lead a K-12 outdoor school trip even more of an ask. These stipends acknowledge the considerable extra work teachers put into to making these trips. Teacher stipend rates will be as following: \$250 (1-74 students), \$350 (75-149 students), \$500 (150+ students, 2 lead teachers eligible for stipend). Stipend rates were set to reflect the extra time outside of a normal classroom day that teachers are putting into these trips, including how many children they are overseeing. Teachers receive the stipend as an acknowledgement for the work they do to organize and lead the trip including, but not limited to: making the reservation, collecting health and liability student and chaperone forms, selecting outdoor school classes, organizing parent meetings, securing transportation, physically being onsite for the entirety of the outdoor school experience and being the point contact for the school, and handling health and behavior issues that may arise while onsite. Teachers will put in approx. 48-60 hours for the trip itself, not including all the pre-trip time organizing and post-trip wrap up needs. Any lead teacher may request a stipend during their reservation process. Exact number of stipends is unknown, based on how many schools served, number of students, and number of teachers who request a stipend.</p>
Contracts and Services - Long Lake Conservation Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 2,487 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$601,700) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$45,000)	<p>K-12 financial assistance awards will be based on their stated financial need including anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. Awards will vary based on each school's circumstances and requested funds. Total financial assistance amount awarded to a school can be up to the total tuition cost.</p> <p>The K-12 financial assistance is necessary to make K-12 outdoor school trips available as it is becoming increasingly more difficult financially and logistically for schools and teachers</p>

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Contracts and Services - Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center	Subaward	Provide outdoor school experiences to serve a minimum of 3,332 K-12 learners. Subaward will cover K-12 financial assistance (\$806,263) for participating schools and teacher stipends (\$60,000)	<p>K-12 financial assistance awards will be based on their stated financial need including anticipated number of students attending, their free and reduced price meal percentage, any other sources of funding they have for the trip, additional information about financial hardships they may face for this trip, anticipated transportation costs, anticipated total trip cost, and their requested amount of funds. Awards will vary based on each school's circumstances and requested funds. Total financial assistance amount awarded to a school can be up to the total tuition cost.</p> <p>The K-12 financial assistance is necessary to make K-12 outdoor school trips available as it is becoming increasingly more difficult financially and logistically for schools and teachers to provide these experiences to their students.</p> <p>Teachers are increasingly being asked to do more with less at schools, making organizing and lead a K-12 outdoor school trip even more of an ask. These stipends acknowledge the considerable extra work teachers put into to making these trips. Teacher stipend rates will be as following: \$250 (1-74 students), \$350 (75-149 students), \$500 (150+ students, 2 lead teachers eligible for stipend). Stipend rates were set to reflect the extra time outside of a normal classroom day that teachers are putting into these trips, including how many children they are overseeing. Teachers receive the stipend as an acknowledgement for the work they do to organize and lead the trip including, but not limited to: making the reservation, collecting health and liability student and chaperone forms, selecting outdoor school classes, organizing parent meetings, securing transportation, physically being onsite for the entirety of the outdoor school experience and being the point contact for</p>

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Other Expenses		K-12 Financial Assistance	The K-12 tuition and transportation financial assistance are necessary to make K-12 outdoor school trips available as it is becoming increasingly more difficult financially and logistically for schools and teachers to provide these experiences to their students.
Other Expenses		Teacher Stipends	Teachers are increasingly being asked to do more with less at schools, making organizing and lead a K-12 outdoor school trip even more of an ask. These stipends acknowledge the

			considerable extra work teachers put into to making these trips.
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	\$ Amount
State				
Cash	MN DNR	Outdoor School For All bill funds	Potential	\$10,000,000
			State Sub Total	\$10,000,000
Non-State				
Cash	Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center	K-12 Scholarship Support	Secured	\$180,000
Cash	Deep Portage Learning Center	K-12 Scholarship Support	Secured	\$120,000
Cash	Aitkin County	Long Lake Conservation Center Support	Secured	\$75,000
Cash	Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center	K-12 Scholarship Support	Secured	\$75,000
Cash	Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center	K-12 Scholarship Support	Secured	\$60,000
Cash	Long Lake Conservation Center Foundation	K-12 Scholarship Support	Potential	\$15,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$525,000
			Funds Total	\$10,525,000

Total Project Cost: \$14,517,000

This amount accurately reflects total project cost?

Yes

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [f2790e3d-5ee.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

The attached document shows what percentage of K-12 students within each Minnesota House of Representative's district currently attend an accredited outdoor school....

Financial Capacity

Title	File
2023 Osprey Wilds Audited Financials	fe76b03e-0a7.pdf
2023 Osprey Wilds 990	1b22a28b-c6f.pdf
Osprey Wilds Secretary of State: Certificate of Good Standing	9be47ccd-cc0.pdf

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Osprey Wilds' Board Resolution	596f84c0-b77.pdf

Supplemental Attachments

Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

Title	File
K-12 Student Attendance Percentage Per MN Senate District	61dc1af1-683.pdf
Aitkin County Letter of Support	38650e70-516.pdf
Eagle Bluff Bd of Directors Letter of Support	a0f7edb5-a38.pdf
Deep Portage Bd of Directors Letter of Support	a3882798-9a4.pdf
Wolf Ridge Board of Directors Letter of Support	f3e659f4-fb3.pdf
Lake County Commissioners Letter of Support	d4ecd78e-0e6.pdf

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

We adjusted our numbers down to 76.77% in students served, instructional hours, and financial assistance per outdoor school to mirror that our grant was awarded 76.77% of our request.

Additional Acknowledgements and Conditions:

The following are acknowledgements and conditions beyond those already included in the above workplan:

Do you understand and acknowledge the ENRTF repayment requirements if the use of capital equipment changes?

N/A

Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?

N/A

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?

No

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

N/A

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

N/A

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Does your project include the pre-design, design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other fixed capital asset costing \$10,000 or more or large-scale stream or wetland restoration?

No

Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7 as "the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children")?

Yes

Do you certify that background checks are performed for background check crimes, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61, Subd. 2, on all employees, contractors, and volunteers who have or may have access to a child to whom children's services are provided by your organization?

Yes

Provide the name(s) and organization(s) of additional individuals assisting in the completion of this project:

Colleen Foehrenbacher, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center; Lindsay Bjorklund, Deep Portage Learning Center; Dave McMillan, Long Lake Conservation Center; Pete Smerud, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements

N/A