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Looks like winter is officially here! Even though Northeast Michigan is blanketed in white, there is still plenty of activity happening throughout the region. Please read below to learn more about conservation projects, events and workshops throughout Michigan.

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2010 Huron Pines Annual Meeting- Gaylord, MI

Join us in kicking off another successful year in 2010 at the [Huron Pines Annual Meeting](#) on Saturday, February 6th from 10:00am-1:30pm (registration begins at 9:00am). As attendees from the past few years have told us, it is the event for meeting and exchanging ideas with conservationists and community leaders from all across the region. This year's keynote address is "Michigan's Conservation Future" by Rebecca A. Humphries, DNR Director with special guest remarks on watershed planning by Robert Stuber, US Forest Service. Come early to visit with staff and try our new interactive river model!

Registration fee is \$10.00 including lunch. Online registration is available. Use our [website donation page](#) to pay your registration fee and under the notes be sure to indicate "Annual Meeting registration." If you are on our mailing list, keep an eye out for the Annual Meeting invitation which includes a RSVP card. Please register by January 29th. The Gaylord K of C Hall is located at [2573 Wilkinson Rd.](#)

Give the Gift of Conservation

This holiday season consider giving the gift of conservation to your family and friends. Donations to Huron Pines make a great gift and are the perfect way to renew your

commitment to conservation in Northeast Michigan. All gifts are 100% tax-deductible

and recognized with a personalized letter, recognition in the [Huron Pines newsletter](#) and [Annual Report](#). [Donate online](#) or call (989) 344-0753 x21 for more information. Happy Holidays!

Lupton Motorized Trail Restoration

The Lupton Motorized Trail project was a response to environmental damage caused by illegal off-road vehicle (ORV) use to gain access to the Bull Gap Trail system located in northern Michigan's Ogemaw and Oscoda counties. The project was a collaborative effort coordinated by Huron Pines with oversight from the USDA Forest Service and volunteer labor provided by the [ATV OFF Road Club of Michigan](#) combining trail

construction for ORV and snowmobile use, closure of illegal forest system road spurs, and rehabilitation of damaged areas. Read the full article and view project pictures at [Lupton Motorized Trail Project](#).

We'd like to thank our partners—USDA Forest Service, Ogemaw County Road Commission, Rose City-Lupton Area Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Alliance for Oscoda County, ATV OFF Road Club of Michigan, West Branch-Ogemaw Travel and Visitors Bureau, and the Yamaha Grants Program.

Please welcome Jacob Francis Muladore

Please welcome our newest Huron Pines addition- [Jacob Francis Muladore](#), born at 6:19am, December 1, 2009, to Ben and Jennifer Muladore of Central Lake. We're happy to report that mom and baby are doing well!

Announcements

[Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members in the Alpena News: [AmeriCorps volunteers help out the sanctuary](#). Huron Pines AmeriCorps is supported in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, DTE Energy Foundation, Huron Pines and contributions from host sites.

Learn more about conservation around the state by reading the [November 2009](#) quarterly partner report for [Michigan Association of RC&D Councils](#).

Stewardship Network Annual Conference: Join fellow land managers, ecologists, volunteers, homeowners and nature lovers of all kinds for the Stewardship Network's energizing and informative annual conference: The Science, Practice & Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems! The group will be partnering with the Midwest Invasive Plant Network to host their 2010 conference on Friday, January 22nd and Saturday the 23rd in East Lansing, MI. For more information, please visit the conference website at www.StewardshipNetwork.org/2010Conference.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Identification Course: Kevin Cronk, the Monitoring and Research Coordinator at [Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council](#), is leading a class at NCMC in Petoskey. Participants will learn to identify most aquatic insects, crustaceans and other macroinvertebrates found in Northern Michigan lakes and streams to the family level. The class will be held on Fridays from 9am to 1pm. The semester starts on January 18 and ends on May 14 and steps for registration can be found at: <http://www.ncmich.edu/studserv/regsteps.asp>.

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Huron Pines is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

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