

January 13, 2010

Have you registered for the February 6 [Huron Pines Annual Meeting](#) in Gaylord yet? Registrations are a must and space is filling fast. [Sign-up online](#) or [register by mail](#).

Make sure to enjoy this winter wonderland while it's here. Neil Sauter, a [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) member in Grayling, was doing just that at [Hartwick Pines](#) when he wondered the following.

How large can a snowflake get?

See the [Huron Pines eNews answer](#).

Below is the 1/13/10 update for Huron Pines. Happy New Year!

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AmeriCorps power at your organization- request for host site applications

With the increasing role that nonprofit organizations are having in their communities, a great opportunity for groups to have a better impact and expand their services is now available. Through a partnership between the Michigan Community Services Commission and Huron Pines, nonprofit conservation groups can obtain some much needed help through the [Huron Pines AmeriCorps Program](#).

We are seeking organizations interested in hosting a full-time member from May-September (each member will serve 900 hours). [Host site applications](#) are due **February 22, 2010**. This is a competitive process and host sites will be selected based on the impact members would have in Northeast Michigan.

Restoration on the Au Sable River- 2009 Large Woody Debris

Check out Huron Pines Restoration Project Manager Patrick Ertel's update on restoration work on the Au Sable: [2009 Large Woody Debris](#). Read the [January 2010](#) update and visit [Stream Enhancement with Large Woody Debris](#) to learn more.

Mio Pond- Habitat enhancement complete

Habitat improvement projects in the Mio Dam impoundment were completed in November 2009. Huron Pines coordinated the installation of large woody debris structures, reef spawning habitat, and spawning benches. To learn more about the project, visit [Mio Pond Habitat Enhancement](#) and check out the project photos on Flickr at [Mio Pond Fish Habitat Enhancement](#).

Upcoming Events and Workshops

January 18-May 14, 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>.

January 22-23, 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.

February 2, 3, 9 and 10, Lake Huron Biodiversity Conservation Strategy Workshops: An international effort to develop a binational action agenda for conserving and restoring, to the greatest extent possible, the native biodiversity of Lake Huron is underway. Join conservation partners to learn about existing local and regional conservation efforts. More information can be found at <http://miseagrant.umich.edu/workshops/lakehuronbiodiversity/>

March 6, Snowshoe hike through Pigeon River Country: Local naturalist and Pigeon River State Forest historian, Joe Jarecki, will lead participants on a snowshoe hike through beautiful Pigeon River country on Saturday, March 6 from 10:00am to 12:30pm. This event is hosted by HeadWaters Land Conservancy. For more information, call (989) 731-0573 or email land@headwatersconservancy.org.

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