Choose a location

GAYLORD **Meeting Room** **Sibley County** **Service Center** **111 8th St.**	Monday nights Feb. 4 - March 25 6:00–9:00 p.m.
NORTHFIELD **Community** **Resource Center** **1651 Jefferson** **Parkway**	Thursday nights March 7 – April 25 6:00–9:00 p.m.

WHAT PAST PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

"Well worth the time invested. Good people that have a passion for the material."

"Invaluable. We're inspired!"

"This class will help me avoid some expensive mistakes in the future."

ABOUT SMALL FARMS PROGRAM

We understand the everyday heroics required to run a small farm. We can't add more hours to the day, but we can make your day easier with practical, researched–based education.

Our programming efforts are aimed toward Minnesotans new to land ownership. Find more of our events and sign up for our email list at **extension.umn.edu/smallfarms**.

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Living on the Land

2013 WORKSHOP SERIES

GET ANSWERS TO YOUR LAND MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS!

Eight-week course starts Monday, February 4 in Gaylord and Thursday, March 7 in Northfield.

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Living on the Land will provide you with a solid background in all aspects of land management. The basic agricultural information will help you be a good steward of your land and prepare you for more advanced learning opportunities.

The eight–week course, offered by University of Minnesota Extension, begins with goal setting and individual property inventory, then addresses soil, plant, livestock, and water basics. You'll also have plenty of time for networking and questions.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All classes are from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Choose between attending classes:

Monday nights in February and March in Gaylord or

Thursday nights in Northfield in March and April.

THE FOLLOWING MODULES WILL BE COVERED IN THIS EIGHT-WEEK PROGRAM

Module 1: Setting the Stage, Inventorying Resources: *What do you have and what do you want? What can you do? Turning Dream into Reality: Gain an understanding of the reasons for living on small acreage property. Develop short and long term goals, complete an inventory and property map. Introductions to Extension, and get to know each other. Understand available resources and regulations, and explore agriculture enterprise opportunities.

Module 2: Your Living Soil: Getting Down and Dirty with Soil, Managing Soil to Keep it Productive: Learn about soil texture and structure, soil biology and fertility, minimizing erosion, soil testing, and how to maximize soil quality.

Module 3: All Life Depends on Water: Protecting Water Quality: Review of global and local water resources, our impacts on water quality, and maintaining septic systems and wells. Learn to best manage your property to positively affect water quality.

Module 4: Love Your Grass and Stop the Weeds: Get tips and information on the best techniques for caring for your pasture, garden and trees. Learn about state laws regarding weeds, and techniques to prevent weed invasions and spread.

Module 5: Don't Forget the Animals! Caring for and Managing Your Animals: We will explore legal constraints of animal ownership, including zoning and permitting, learn the basics of animal needs, estimating how many animals your property can support, labor and financial costs, basic animal husbandry, nutritional needs, and proper management of manure.

LIVING ON THE LAND

2013 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE:
$200 for the session, or

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE:
$175 for the series until Jan. 28 for Gaylord location or Feb. 28 for Northfield location

Price includes:

- Registration for up to two people per farm
- Resource kit with handouts and publications
- Soil samples
- Farm tour
- Light meals
- Networking with peers and experts

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND ENCLOSE A CHECK

Name(s)_____

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Address_____

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Phone_____

Email_____

Class location (select one):

___ **Gaylord (Monday evenings February - March)**

___ **Northfield (Thursday evenings March - April)**

Make checks payable to: **University of Minnesota**

Early bird registration fee $175 enclosed (due 1 week prior to start date)

Regular registration fee $200 enclosed if less than 1 week prior to start date

MAIL PAYMENT AND THIS FORM TO:

University of Minnesota Extension–LOTL
Mike Donnelly, Extension Educator
1900 Fairgrounds Dr. #17
Faribault, MN 55021

OR contact a host County Extension Office to register.