Triple Event Nature Days
Dates and Locations of Workshops

Crookston Public Library – May 3, 2014
Lake Bronson State Park – May 17, 2014
Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge – June 12, 2014
Zippel Bay State Park – June 14, 2014
Itasca State Park – June 21, 2014
Fertile (Agassiz Environmental Learning Center) – September 20, 2014
Lake Carlos State Park – June 6, 2015
Itasca State Park – June 13, 2015
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge – June 28, 2015

Those scheduled, but cancelled due to insufficient registration:

Buffalo River State Park - April 26, 2014
Hamden National Wildlife Refuge – June 7, 2014
Greenbush – June 17, 2014
Warren - June 28, 2014
The 9 workshops were attended by approximately 210 adults/youth, which calculates out to be an average of 23 attendees per workshop.

Although the emphasis was always directed at 4-H families (adults and youth), the workshops were not limited to an exclusive 4-H audience.

When setting up each workshop, once the host site was determined, e-mails were sent to the U of M Extension/4-H coordinator in that county, as well as surrounding counties.

The responses from those U of M employees determined the make-up of each workshop audience.

Total miles travelled for scheduling and conducting events – 2,613 miles
Example of flyer used to promote the event

Other promotional efforts:

Newspaper coverage
Host site web page coverage
Advance notices and invitations sent to U of M extension/4-H coordinator in surrounding counties
Letters of confirmation to pre-registrants
Meetings with host site staff prior to event

Nature Photography Workshop
Saturday, May 17, 2014
Lake Bronson State Park – Visitors Center

A Special Triple Event Nature Day. In the morning Steve Maanum will conduct a digital camera training session for any interested adults who work with youth, such as 4-H staff and volunteers, and older youth leaders. In the afternoon we would invite a group of youth in for a short training session before sending them out on a nature photo safari. Any of the morning participants would be welcome to stay and be a part of the photo safari component. Following the photo safari, Steve will give a presentation on photographing wildlife.

10:00-12:00 a.m. ~ Digital photography training
Noon ~ lunch (bring your own)
1:00-3:00 p.m. ~ Digital photography youth photo safari
3:15-4:00 p.m. ~ Wildlife photography presentation focusing on:
- Techniques and ethical ways to photograph wildlife.
- The role of technology in wildlife research.

YOUTH PHOTO ASSIGNMENT: Included in the training will be an opportunity for youth to participate in a community service project, a citizen science project, or a S.T.E.M. related activity.

REGISTRATION: Call or e-mail the Kittson County Extension office at 218-843-3674 or mnext-kittson@umn.edu. Cost – FREE. State Park permit is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Contact the Lake Bronson State Park or the Kittson County Extension Office. Brought to you by The Northern C.L.I.C.K. (Conservation Lessons Involving Cameras & Kids) Steve Maanum steve.maanum@gmail.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: To learn more about 4-H learning opportunities, please check out our website! www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H
Photos of participants in action
Printing favorite photo
Two generations sharing a ‘nature moment’ through photography

“If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.”

Rachel Carson
Being touched by nature on a personal level

“There is no greater high than discovery.”

E. O. Wilson
Photos taken by participants during workshop
Move the subject from the center (rule of thirds)
Reflections
Same subject, different point of view
Point of view – ant’s view
Point of view – bird’s eye view
Patterns
Texture
Thank you for allowing me to connect kids to their natural world through the lens of a camera.