

Rivers2Lake Overview

We live on the shores of the largest lake on Earth. Bring 10% of Earth's freshwater into your classroom!

Supportive training, collaborative mentoring and financial resources help teachers provide inquiry-based and outdoor experiences for students. Rivers2Lake improves learning, enhances engagement and fosters a sense of place in the Lake Superior Watershed.

What will I experience in the Rivers2Lake program?

In the summer, become part of a group of teachers traveling the length of the St. Louis River to Lake Superior, gaining scientific, historic, and cultural knowledge of our region. Build your skills in outdoor education. Experienced teachers, scientists, and natural resource experts join us along the way. During the school-year, you have the bi-monthly support of Rivers2Lake mentors, who help integrate the Lake Superior watershed into your curriculum. Rivers2Lake is designed to be integrated- not just in science but in all the core subjects, helping you to meet objectives while improving student learning and engagement.

What are the program requirements?

You must attend the Summer Institute from **August 1th-August 4th**. With help from Rivers2Lake staff, you'll create a plan to incorporate the Watershed into your curriculum. You work with a mentor to plan regular outdoor experiences that enhance student understanding of the Lake Superior Watershed and help students create a public presentation that demonstrates their learning.

What are the program benefits?

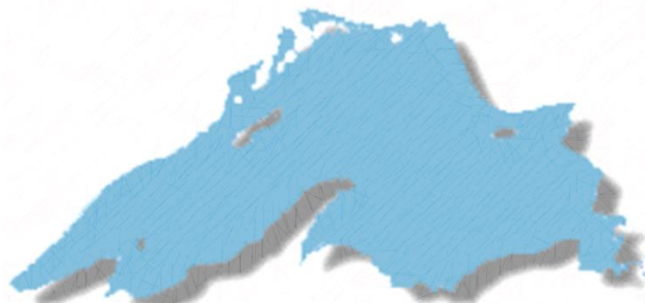
After you complete the one-year program, you'll receive a stipend of approximately \$500, depending on available funding. You also receive approximately \$120 to purchase materials that help you teach outdoors, and you'll have access to Reserve water quality kits, snowshoes and more. Funding is provided for two off-site student field experiences per year (\$400) and for an on-water boat experience, as well as student admission to the Great Lakes Aquarium. Teachers are eligible to receive graduate or undergraduate credit from UW-Superior at a reduced cost.

How do I get involved?

Apply today! Applications must be postmarked or emailed to the Lake Superior NERR by Sunday, June 4, 2016. Participants are selected based on demonstrated dedication to professional development and demonstrated interest in environmental or outdoor education, Lake Superior, or the St. Louis River. IN 2017, applications are expected to be competitive.

Contact Education Coordinator [Deanna Erickson](#) for more information. To obtain an application visit our website at www.rivers2lake.org and follow the application link.

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Utilizing the Lake Superior watershed and the St. Louis River as a foundation for learning



Improved learning through integrated outdoor and environmental education. Using the environment as a context for learning has been shown to improve student scores and retention in science, math and reading while enhancing student engagement. Rivers2Lake will help you do it!



Teacher professional development through field experiences and year-long mentoring. Rivers2Lake provides hand-on outdoor learning experiences with the regular support of a professional mentor. Mentors help integrate environmental learning into your curriculum, meeting your individual classroom needs.



Extended Resources and Support. Rivers2Lake provides funding for student field experiences and outdoor education resources for teachers to use in their schools. Participating teachers receive a stipend and can use water quality kits, snowshoes and more from the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve.



Join us! The Lake Superior Reserve is a national organization dedicated to research, stewardship and education on the shores of the St. Louis River and Lake Superior. We are currently seeking applications for Rivers2Lake from regional PK-12 educators.



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