IMPLEMENTING PRESCRIBED FIRE

For crew member and fire leadership training

Description: The course provides a background in fire ecology, fire behavior, fire effects, and the prediction of fire behavior for fuels of the Upper Midwest (wetland, prairie, savanna). The course includes field training with live fire exercises (working with fire by burning breaks, spot fire training and ring fire implementation) as well as safe, effective and efficient use of equipment (primarily pump can, drip torch, flapper, radio). The course meets requirements for crew member and line boss requirements as described by the Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council. This training is accepted by numerous prescribed fire contractors, The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE) and other conservation organizations but is NOT accepted by those organizations that require NWCG certified courses (e.g. WI DNR, WI Chapter of The Nature Conservancy).

Instructors: Jeb Barzen is an ecologist who has led prescribed burns in the Upper Midwest, Russia and Vietnam for 32 years. Rob Nurre has been engaged with prescribed burning for 6 years and has co-instructed this course for 3 years.

Course Details: November 7 and 8, 2020, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Fred and Karen Wollenburg will host the classroom portion of the course (W-2540 Grouse Road, Dalton) while Alan and Laurel Bennett will host the field portion of the course (W-2797 Grouse Rd, Pardeeville). The Prairie Sands Chapter of TPE is sponsoring this training and there is no course fee for TPE members.

Registration: Contact Mary Goehring raygoe@yahoo.com or Jeb Barzen jeb@privatelandscconservation.org (608-370-3122). Enrollment is limited to 6 crew member trainees and 2 leadership trainees. Preferences will be for 1) Prairie Sands Chapter members, 2) TPE members and 3) any interested candidate. Social distancing and mask wear will apply. Classroom portion will be taught outside and some online materials will be provided.

Registration deadline is Friday, October 30th but register early because there are only a few openings.