



Fox Tales International presents:

Adventures in Nature & Adventures with John James Audubon ~ March 15-19, 2010 ~



The Western U.P. Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education will coordinate assembly requests. If your school would like either or both programs, please **FAX the attached registration form to 906-487-1620 by Friday, January 29, 2010**. *Scheduling is on a first-come basis.*

Presenter: Brian "Fox" Ellis – Award Winning Author, Storyteller and Naturalist

has been the featured speaker at national and state science, social studies, and reading teachers' conferences across the country. He is also a museum consultant who has developed curriculum and presented staff training for Chicago's Field Museum, The Denver Museum of Natural History and countless smaller environmental education centers. Teaching science literacy, science process skills and creative writing across the curriculum are his specialties. Fox is the Artistic Director for Prairie Folklore Theatre, a unique theatre company that celebrates ecology and history through original musical theatre productions. He is the author of nine books including the critically acclaimed *Learning From the Land: Teaching Ecology Through Stories and Activities*, (Libraries Unltd, 1997) and the new children's picture book, *The Web at Dragonfly Pond* (Dawn Publications 2006). www.foxtalesint.com

ADVENTURES IN NATURE – are ecological tales that teach scientific literacy through story-telling and song. Fox has created these tales with the help of a dragonfly, a hemlock tree, and a mountain lion. This assembly program brings the water cycle and food web to life through the personal narrative, including "The Web at Dragonfly Pond," Fox's new book published by Dawn Publications. All of these stories will be adapted to include Great Lakes flora, fauna, and natural history. Every program includes a mix of true stories, poetry, folklore, songs and audience participation, blending scientific inquiry and literacy with high adventure!



ADVENTURES WITH JOHN JAMES AUDUBON – spend an hour in the studio of one of America's greatest naturalists and wildlife artists. Listen to his tales of adventures as he finishes something no one had ever accomplished before: drawing every bird in North America. Audubon will enchant you with stories of his travels and travails in the wildest places on the planet, including his journey through the Great Lakes in the 1830's. With lessons on field ecology, the scientific method, art history, and bird migration, the audience is invited to imitate birds and discuss the life histories of their favorite feathered friends. Storyteller **Brian "Fox" Ellis** portrays Audubon in this entertaining and meticulously researched monologue.



GROUP SIZE: 200-300 students. The content of both programs can be adjusted for grades PreK-12. (With different audiences I tell different stories. If teachers can let us know what they are covering in science, the program can be custom tailored to reinforce your core curriculum!)

PROGRAM LENGTH: 55 minutes. Program length can be adjusted upon request.

SET-UP/TEAR DOWN TIME: 15 minutes before and after the assembly program.

COST: \$300 for the first program, \$150 for the second or \$800 for a full day in one school, (two performances and three writing workshops).

For More Information: Joan Chadde, Assembly Coordinator, Western U.P. Center for Science, Math & Env. Education
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REGISTRATION FORM

School : _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Check all possible dates that work for your school:

___ Monday, March 15

___ Tuesday, March 16

___ Wednesday, March 17

___ Thursday, March 18

___ Friday, March 19

Total Number of Assembly Programs requested: 1 2 3 4

Assembly Location: _____

List all possible times for the Assembly Program:

Date: _____ Start/End Times _____ - _____ Grades Attending: _____ Total Attending: _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Time your school begins: _____ **Time your school dismisses:** _____

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