



ROSEMOUNT & APPLE VALLEY PARKS BLUEBIRD NEST BOX MONITORING CLASS

Each spring thousands of beautiful little bluebirds return to Minnesota from Kansas and Missouri looking for nest sites to raise their young. That's where we come in by **providing them nest boxes and weekly monitoring to ensure their safety** from the time the first egg is laid until the little ones fledge.

BECOME A ROSEMOUNT or APPLE VALLEY BLUEBIRD VOLUNTEER

Bloomfield, Schwarz Pond, Shannon, Innisfree, Ailesbury, Erickson and Winds Parks in Rosemount and Tintah, Diamond Path, Delaney and Huntington Parks in Apple Valley all contain bluebird nest boxes. From April to August bluebirds and their competitors will be nesting in these boxes. In order to keep bluebirds safe and record their nesting progress, the boxes need to be monitored on a weekly basis.

COME JOIN OUR MONITORING CLASS:

- We'll identify where the nest boxes are in each park.
- We'll cover the things we as volunteers need to do to keep bluebirds safe during the nesting period.
- We'll learn how to check the nest boxes and determine who is using the box by nest type.
- We'll talk about competitor bird species and predators – other birds, mammals and insects.
- We'll learn how to record what we find each week and how to report it to BBRP at season end.

Your participation can be as simple as visiting one of the parks once a month for 20 - 30 minutes.

BLUEBIRDING 101 – TRAIL MONITORING IN ROSEMOUNT & APPLE VALLEY PARKS

WHEN: Wednesday, March 22; 6:30 – 8:00pm

WHERE: Robert Trail Library, 14395 S. Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN

RSVP: Send an email to bluebirdsafe@gmail.com – your name & contact information is all we need

QUESTIONS: Email questions to bluebirdsafe@gmail.com

INSTRUCTOR: David Schmidt- Dakota Co. Coordinator – Minnesota Bluebird Recovery Program & MN Master Naturalist

To learn about other Rosemount and Apple Valley volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Erickson, Volunteer Engagement Manager, at derickson@wspmn.gov, or 651-208-4840

This class is presented in cooperation with the following nature-based organizations:

