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Becoming an Invasive Species Education Resource

You are invited to attend a one-day workshop that will give you the skills, materials, and confidence to conduct invasive species education programs for students. This workshop is free to participants and will include everything needed to become a classroom resource for your local schools.

When: **October 21, 2025 // 9:00 – 4:30**

Where: **MT FWP Region 5 Headquarters
2300 Lake Elmo Drive Billings, MT**

As invasive species issues attract more attention it is not unusual for entities and agencies to receive requests from schools or teachers to provide programs dealing with invasives. Unfortunately, many who are asked to provide these programs are not trained to lead educational programs and may be uncomfortable at the task.

This workshop is designed to address the training needs to become comfortable at providing quality invasive species education programs upon request. The workshop is open to any entity or agency staff person who may be called upon to conduct youth education programs. While the workshop is sponsored by invasive species interests, any staff member who may be asked to present on invasives while representing their organization is invited to attend.

The workshop will combine presentations about how to work with schools and students with hands-on training in how to deliver programs. Training will be provided on how to interact with teachers and schools, how to deal with students of various ages and how different learning styles impact the ability to reach students. Several hands-on learning activities will be presented and participants will be supplied with the materials they need to conduct these same activities for groups of students. All participants will leave with confidence that they can conduct a quality program whenever they are asked.

The focus of the workshop will be on aquatic invasives. However, the information presented will be broadly applicable to anyone teaching about any aspect of invasive species

This workshop will be instructed by Matt Wilhelm past professional instructor for Invasive Species Action Network and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. The workshop is being supported by the Montana Invasive Species Council, Montana DNRC, and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

Registration for twenty participants is now open. Please call or email to register.

For additional information or to register for the workshop contact:

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