

**Mississippi Headwaters
Audubon Society**

Membership Application

Name _____

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_____ Enclose a \$20 check made out to
the **National Audubon Society** for a
new membership at a special
introductory rate (combined NAS &
MHAS membership)

or

_____ Enclose a \$15 check made out to
MHAS for a chapter membership.

Mail check and this form to:

MHAS
PO BOX 193
BEMIDJI, MN 56619-0193

FIELD TRIPS

Active members with special expertise in birds and natural history regularly lead field trips to explore Northern Minnesota's unique places and animals. MHAS sponsors several field trips per year.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Subscription to the award-winning magazine Audubon (NAS members only)
- Subscription to the MHAS chapter newsletter The Source (NAS & MHAS members)
- Booklet Nature Sites in North Central Minnesota (new NAS members)
- Beltrami County Bird Checklist (new NAS members)
- Invitations to attend field trips and programs

CONTACTS

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A Chapter of the National Audubon Society

ORIGIN

The Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society resulted from the efforts of concerned Bemidji citizens who saw the need for a strong environmental voice in the early 1970s. They decided to affiliate with the National Audubon Society because of its reputation for effective environmental advocacy and its long history of protection of wildlife and natural resources. Today the chapter represents 400 members living throughout north central Minnesota, owns and manages an environmental learning center, and is a widely respected participant in conservation issues.

ISSUES

City, township, and county governments, along with private interests, seek out our Audubon chapter for an informed environmental perspective on proposed land development and other issues. Working together with 15 other MN Audubon chapters and Audubon Minnesota, we can influence statewide decision-making. Please join us and help shape the landscape we leave to our children.

NEILSON SPEARHEAD CENTER

The Neilson Spearhead Center for Environmental Education and Research was established by MHAS in 1979, by a donation from the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Katharine Neilson Cram generously gave her time and resources to sustain the Spearhead Center's mission. NSC comprises 460 acres of coniferous forest and wetlands surrounding Spearhead Lake, 9 miles southwest of Bemidji. An earth sheltered house and a research/education laboratory building were constructed in 1981.

MHAS has sponsored the **Young Naturalist Program** for Bemidji area youth since 1985, with up to 100 young adventurers exploring Spearhead's woods and waters each summer. The program is highly experiential: the young naturalists identify plants, animals and ecosystems, get very wet and muddy while immersing themselves in wetlands and bogs, learning outdoor skills and respect for the environment. Limited class size guarantees individual attention.

MISSION STATEMENT

In recognition of the uniqueness of our location at the headwaters of three major watersheds in northern Minnesota, and the need to promote appreciation and enjoyment of the wonders of nature so that future generations will inherit this natural legacy, the Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society's mission shall be to:

- Educate people about the natural environment and ecological concepts
- Promote implementation of management plans and lifestyles that support sustainable use
- Become citizen advocates on issues that require influencing public policies
- Support applicable local-to-global Audubon initiatives