

## Membership Application

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Send me email invitations to  
MHAS events!

Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclose a \$20 check  
made out to the **National  
Audubon Society** for a new  
membership at a special intro-  
ductory 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

## Membership Benefits

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



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Center on Facebook!*

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*Fostering environmental education  
and resource protection in northern  
Minnesota*

A Chapter of the National  
Audubon Society



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## ABOUT US

MHAS is one of Bemidji's most enduring environmental conservation organizations. We are a respected voice in the community for environmental issues. In recognition of our unique location at the headwaters of three major watersheds in northern Minnesota, and the need to promote appreciation and enjoyment of our natural world for future generations, the Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society's goals shall be to:

- Educate the public about the natural environment and ecological concepts
- Promote environmentally sustainable land management and lifestyles
- Become citizen advocates for environmental issues
- Support local-to-global Audubon initiatives

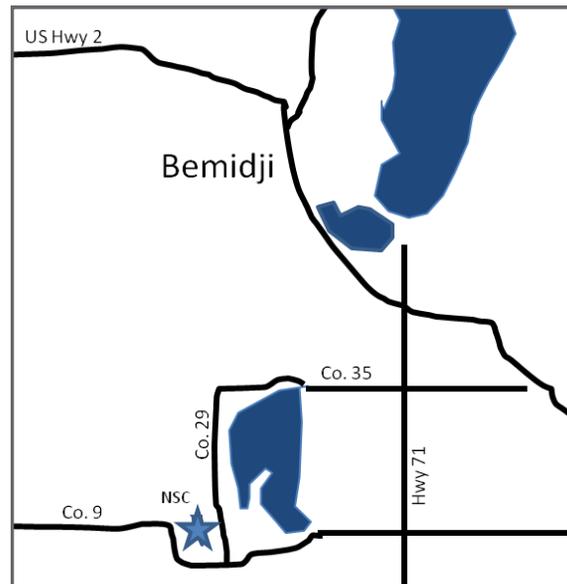
We are dedicated to environmental education for today's youth and tomorrow's leaders. Please join us and help shape the landscape we leave to our children.



*NSC is a wonderful place to hike, canoe, bird watch and explore!*

## THE NEILSON SPEARHEAD CENTER

The Neilson Spearhead Center for Environmental Education and Research (NSC) was established by MHAS in 1979. A perfect setting for our Young Naturalist Program, NSC includes 460 acres of coniferous forest and wetlands surrounding Spearhead Lake and is located just 9 miles southwest of Bemidji. The land was acquired by George W. Neilson in the 1930s. In 1978, George Neilson's daughter, Katharine Neilson Cram, donated the property to The Nature Conservancy, which later deeded it to the MHAS. Our facilities include a earth-sheltered caretaker house and a research/education laboratory building. We also have an extensive network of trails, canoes, boat launches, and a wide variety of wildlife.



## YOUNG NATURALIST PROGRAM

MHAS began our Young Naturalist Program (YNP) in 1985. Up to 100 young adventurers explore Spearhead's woods and waters each summer. YNP is wildly different from your typical summer camp. Students immerse themselves in mud, dirt and all things natural while exploring wetlands, bogs, and forests. They learn outdoor safety, respect for the environment, and the plants and animals of Minnesota through hands-on activities. Limited class size guarantees individual attention.

## HISTORY OF MHAS

The Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society was founded through 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 for its reputation of effective environmental advocacy and its long history of protection of natural resources. Today the chapter represents over 400 members living throughout north central Minnesota.

*Join us! We always welcome fresh ideas and new faces.*