

## JAMES & SHEYENNE RIVERS



We invite both formal and non-formal educators to participate in the 2023 Explore Your Watershed Program, Discover Today's James and Sheyenne River Watersheds Institute. **The institute is scheduled for July 17-21, at Valley City State University.** 

Join us in Valley City for an opportunity to experience current watershed management and water resource issues in the James and Sheyenne River Watersheds. While exploring the issues and identifying solutions, participants will receive real-world, user-friendly and classroom-ready instruction from specially trained Proj-

ect WET (Water Education Today) facilitators, resource professionals, and scientists. Participants will be able to easily transfer the institute's field studies to practical classroom or educational applications. Participants will experience hands-on, minds-on learning through a balance of presentations, discussions, activities, field tours, and environmental investigations.

The Watershed Institute has become a popular workshop where participants can earn four graduate credits (upon approval) through Minot State University, North Dakota State University or the University of North Dakota continuing education programs. While the program is designed for all elementary and secondary educators, many natural resource personnel and interested citizens have registered to be a part of this unique opportunity. The Institute is funded by the ND Department of Water Resources, and an Environmental Protection Agency Section 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Grant.

The institute is available to the first 25 participants who register. It is anticipated that the demand for this workshop will be high, and spaces will fill quickly. The registration fee for the Watershed Institute is \$200, which includes room, meals, resource materials, and instruction. If the registrant is applying for graduate credits for the course, there is an additional \$50 per credit to be paid to the institution of your choice.

For more information about the 2023 Watershed Institute, please contact Tina Harding, Project WET Education Manager at 701-328-4833 or tinamharding@nd.gov. The complete flyer can be found on the DWR website (https://www.dwr.nd.gov/) under the Water Education tab.



Water is the only substance on Earth that naturally occurs as a solid, a liquid, and a gas. Learn more facts like this at the institute!







Participant Objectives for the Watershed Institute include the following:

- GAIN an understanding and experience incorporating and teaching institute curriculum materials in a variety of situations.
- ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE, skills, motivation, and commitment to teach about contemporary watershed issues and concerns.
- UNDERSTAND the foundation of water, science, social, and economic impacts of today's watershed.
- UNDERSTAND why the watershed is important to the benefit of North Dakota's citizens.
- PROVIDE INFORMATION and education resource materials pertaining to the watershed.
- ENHANCE CRITICAL THINKING and information processing skills while developing a personal perspective of the watershed.

