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Dear MCF members and affiliated clubs,

The future of Minnesota's natural resources and outdoor heritage depend upon young generations who will inherit our legacy.

Minnesota Conservation Federation (MCF) members and affiliated clubs have been a tremendous supporter of youth education and mentoring in the past by sponsoring hunter safety classes, youth recruitment and retention activities such as youth days and fishing derbies, participation in youth archery and shotgun programming, and through work directly with area schools and classrooms. MCF is excited to offer another great opportunity for MCF members and our member clubs to engage children in their community and around the state.

In partnership with Michigan United Conservation Clubs (publisher of Michigan Out-of-Doors media), MCF is launching a children's reader, replacing the previous Walk on the Wildside publication. Published in the Great Lakes, with emphasis on the woods, waters, and wildlife of the region, Tracks Magazine is the perfect place for kids to start learning about Minnesota's amazing outdoors. It is also a very cost effective supplement to classroom science lessons and helps science come alive both in and out of the classroom. Tracks is an upper elementary reader featuring Great Lakes-centered science concepts. Each Tracks Magazine subscription includes eight full-color 20 page issues and runs during the school year from October through May.

Every issue of Tracks includes a glossary, poster, fun activities, "Tracks Facts," and letters from young readers. In addition, each issue includes a science lesson that can be done in a classroom or as an at-home science activity. Tracks Magazine includes articles about wildlife, habitat, ecology, adaptation, conservation, and much more.

As we roll out this program, clubs of all sizes have committed to helping teachers introduce their students to the outdoors by supplying classrooms with Tracks Magazine subscriptions. If you or your club is already a supporter, THANK YOU! If you are not yet a sponsor, we invite you to join our Tracks Team.

Classroom subscription rates for the 2018-2019 school year are \$6.00 per student per year with a minimum purchase price of \$60.00 (minimum 10/classroom). A single subscription of Tracks is \$12.00 per individual for a full year of Tracks. Please direct all orders, questions, or school sponsorship inquiries to Tammy Abrahamson at info@mncf.org or Jason Dinsmore at dinsmorej@mncf.org or 517-204-8962.

Your support is essential in ensuring that our children learn science through science-based sources like Tracks Magazine. Help us secure the future of conservation by sponsoring Tracks Magazine in a classroom near you today!

Yours in Conservation,

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