



WCSC Environmental Lessons

Yellow Tag

Overview:

Students will take part in an activity to learn about the life cycle of yellow iris and why it is a threat to its ecosystem.

Basic Lake Minnetonka Principles:

1. Some plants are poisonous
2. Invasive species can come in all different sizes and shapes

Key Concepts

Yellow Iris is a plant that grows on the shore near bodies of water. It kills surrounding plants to make more room for itself, and is poisonous to animals that could eat it. It has flowers that can be yellow or white and can grow up to four feet tall.

Materials

- Just the students!

Duration

Each round can last up to 15 minutes

Physical Activity

Moderate

Activity

Blooming Flower Tag!

1. Choose one or two students to be "it"
2. Have the students spread out and run around
3. Whoever is "it" has to chase all of them down and tag them
4. When a student is tagged, they have to freeze and stick their arms out like flowers

5. To be unfrozen, each student has to have a pair of two students tag them
 - a. If only one student tags them, they have to sit down and are out because they are “poisoned”
6. The first person tagged is “it” for the next round
7. It can go on for as long as you want!

Discussion

1. How should you dispose of yellow iris?
2. What kind of animals live near the sailing center?