Preparing Nebraska Future Water Leaders

Are you a mid-career professional involved in water resources management, production agriculture, the law, business, fisheries and wildlife, or recreation and environmental sciences?

The Nebraska Water Leaders Academy is a one year program that identifies community leaders and educates them about water issues and proven leadership skills. The Academy prepares participants to take active, cooperative approaches to decision making about water resource issues in both rural and urban areas. Leading academic scholars and top policy makers serve as program facilitators and mentors.

What participants are saying about the Water Leaders Academy.

*I like the diversity of topics and speakers. It’s not just a series of classroom lectures on water law and use, there is leadership, communication and conflict resolution skills with good interaction and class participation throughout.*
- Richard Eades, water resources specialist, Lincoln

*The Academy is a great opportunity to network with other professionals interested in the industry while learning invaluable information about Nebraska’s water systems.*
- Kristi Boswell, attorney, Omaha

*If you have an interest in Nebraska’s water, then you need to participate in the academy. If you want a seat at the table to set policy related to water use, you need to understand all aspects or uses of water. There are more interests than just your own. The academy can help you understand the big picture.*
- Doug Saathoff, farmer, Trumbull

*The Water Leaders Academy will strengthen your knowledge of water issues in Nebraska and challenge you to develop your abilities to lead Nebraska in this avenue.*
- Rod Zessin, farmer, Madison

Nebraska Water Leaders Academy is accepting applications for the 2013 class. **Application deadline is January 1, 2013.**

The leadership component of the NE Water Leaders Academy is being facilitated by **Dr. Connie Reimers-Hild, UNL Extension Educator at Kimmel Education and Research Center.**

More information is available on the Nebraska State Irrigation Association website, please click here!