

**I NEED YOU!**



## ***Piping Plover Coming Soon to a Beach Near You!***

Please help us protect this critically endangered bird by volunteering with the St. Louis River Alliance .

### Please join us for a fun and informational **Volunteer Round-Up Day**

Tuesday May 7th, 5:30pm  
Lafayette Community Center  
3026 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN

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Meet with staff, learn about our program,  
spend some time on the beach with birding scopes and binoculars  
Beverages and snacks will be served

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Please RSVP if possible to:  
**St. Louis River Alliance •218-733-9520**  
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## **Volunteer Piping Plover Monitor Job Description**

### **Essential Functions**

Volunteer piping plover monitors will assist with tasks related to observing and protecting piping plovers and providing information to the general public about piping plovers, the efforts to attract nesting pairs and what the public can do to help these efforts. Volunteers may also work to reduce/limit invasive plant species on designated beach areas and to create a favorable habitat for the Piping Plover to nest.

Piping plover monitors for Wisconsin and Minnesota Points will be a part of a team of monitors in the Great Lakes. Plover monitors will play a key role in a high priority effort to bring back nesting pairs of this endangered species to the St Louis River estuary.

### **Specific volunteer activities and responsibilities:**

- Volunteer monitors will assist SLRA staff in watching for the presence of piping plovers along the selected beaches during the spring migration.
- Volunteer monitors will record of the number of any plovers that they spot, indicating their locations, and the types of behavior the birds may be exhibiting.
- Volunteer monitors will report to SLRA staff any nesting behavior.
- Volunteers monitors will report to SLRA staff the presence of eggs, hatching of chicks, number of chicks, chick behavior and determining fledge dates.
- Volunteer monitors will assist SLRA staff in providing information to the public using the beaches about the plovers and encourage the public's cooperation in staying out of the area where plovers are nesting until the nests are empty.
- Volunteers will assist employees in maintaining habitat areas as needed.

### Key Dates:

April – May: Migration Activity

May-June: Nesting activity (if needed)

June - August: Nest Watch activity (if needed)

### Key Locations:

Minnesota Point Beach in Duluth, Minnesota

Wisconsin Point Beach in Superior, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Point Shorebird Sanctuary, Wisconsin

**For more information call or email:**

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