Each fall, monarch butterflies from the U.S. and Canada begin a 2,000 mile migration to Mexico. The following spring, their great grandchildren return. This summer, an exciting opportunity for teachers is coming to a town near you.

The powerful story of the monarch butterfly inspired the emergence of the Monarch Teacher Network (MTN) in 2001 and its Canadian partners in 2003.

'Teaching and Learning With Monarch Butterflies' is a two-day teacher workshop combining classroom and field experiences. It enables pre-K through 12th grade educators to teach essential skills in literacy, math, science, geography, technology, Spanish, the arts and social studies... through the captivating story of monarchs. Teachers complete the workshop with all the materials they need to bring this exciting and dynamic subject into their classrooms.

Workshops are taught by a team of experienced classroom teachers and educators. Participants are provided with the knowledge, skills, materials and confidence to raise monarchs in the classroom and create an outstanding learning experience for their students. Workshop graduates can apply for $200-$800 MTN fellowship awards to participate in one week tours of Mexico or California where we visit the over-wintering colonies of Monarchs and explore local Mexican culture in the state of Michoacán or other animal migrations and old growth forests of California.

Each participant receives: Hands-on instruction by experienced teachers; Rearing cages, books, posters, DVDs and other essential materials; Strategies for butterfly gardens and “Monarch Parades”; Inquiry-based science activities for all abilities; Activities for Mexican/pre-Hispanic culture, history and Spanish language; Activities for language arts, math, social studies, drama, and fine arts; Distance learning projects with schools in Canada/Mexico/California; Proven models for engaging community support; Post-workshop ongoing support.

This workshop is Co-sponsored by EIRC and South Haven Public Schools.

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Here is what people are saying:

- “This was the most awesome learning experience in my 30 years of teaching.”
- “Thank you for all the insights - reflecting on our way of life and how to make a difference.”
- “Everyone’s commitment, dedication, energy and obvious passion for this project are outstanding and contagious … wonderful ambassadors for the planet Earth!”
- “What a magical place the classroom will be! I can’t wait to try to connect kids even more to the environment.”
- “I have never had monarchs in my classroom and now I am excited to start this new amazing classroom activity! I feel fully equipped to start this new hands-on adventure!”

Workshop Details

Dates: June 30 and July 1, 2016
Location: North Shore Elementary School
South Haven, Michigan
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: $99.00

Name_______________________________ Summer E-mail (important) _______________________

Home Address (street, city) __________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________State___________zip__________
Home phone: (_____) ________________________  Grade_______________T-shirt size_________

School Name & Address:   __________________________________________________________
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☐ Check here if you would like to purchase a school lunch each day. The cost per day is $5.
Dietary restrictions: ______________________________________________________________

No space will be held until the completed form is received.

Mail this completed registration and payment to: Monarch Teacher Network™ at: EIRC–
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