

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest: Native Plant Program Greenhouse

2008 Accomplishments

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest continued to expand its successful Native Plant Program in 2008 with the addition of a greenhouse at the Oconto River Seed Orchard (ORSO). We now have a fully-automated, year-round greenhouse for the Forest's Native Plant Program.

Several projects will soon get underway using in the new greenhouse: 1) native wildflowers and grasses will be grown to augment the Lakewood Ranger Station's native plant/pollinator garden; 2) Pathrush (*Juncus tenuis*) plugs will help control erosion on FS boat landings; 3) Districts will get native shrubs for their landscaping needs; and 4) The State-endangered Dwarf Bilberry (*Vaccinium cespitosum*) will be propagated for reintroduction to frost pockets on the Lakewood District. And that's just the beginning!



Figure 2. The Nicolet Distance Education Network's TAPS (Technology Alternatives Plus) Program helped build the greenhouse structure on June 11 as part of their 9-day Wilderness Adventure Summer School.



Figure 1. Nicole Shutt works with students during the ground breaking event.

Year Awarded: initial award in 2008

Project completion: 2008

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- Funding from NFN \$35,000
- Funding from NFVW \$10,000
- Total Funding: \$15,000
- Total Amount Spent: \$15,000

• **Partners:** Nicolet Distance Education Network's TAPS (Technology Alternatives Plus) Program and Schoolyard Habitats Across Wisconsin Project

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