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W.S. BADGER SUPPORTS BADGER VOLUNTEERS!

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As the 2010 Volunteer Restoration Season gets well underway at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant, The Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance is excited to announce a new partnership with **W.S. Badger Company, Inc.** the makers of Badger Balm and other USDA certified organic products!

As part of the Alliance's Volunteer program, which has been growing steadily over the last several years, new Restoration Volunteers will receive one of a selection of products donated by W.S. Badger! Existing Volunteers can participate, too! Simply bring a friend along to a regularly scheduled Alliance workday, and introduce them to the vision of a restored Badger! The makers of Badger Balm are thrilled "to support their fellow Badgers", and the Alliance is just as thrilled by their involvement in this growing community stewardship program!

Volunteers at Badger work side by side one Saturday morning per month removing invasive species from remnant prairie and savanna sites. Activities may include cutting invasive shrubs, pulling mustard or other weeds, collecting seed, or creating a prairie nursery.

The Alliance's first scheduled Volunteer Workday of the season was Saturday, March 13. Volunteers were hard at work removing old barbed wire fencing, collecting common burdock seed, and marking patches of garlic mustard to be treated later this spring. The Alliance hopes to continue work inside Badger throughout 2010, focusing efforts on the Hillside Prairie and in a large savanna at the northeast end of the plant. When at all possible, volunteers will work inside the fence. *Many thanks to USDA Dairy Forage for allowing access inside their gate in order to reach worksites more consistently!* On days when access inside the fence is limited, however, work activities will occur outside the fence, along U.S. Highway 12, or at the Moely Prairie on County Road PF.

The next scheduled workday is Saturday, April 10 from 9am until 12 noon; volunteers are please asked to RSVP in advance to workdays@saukprairievision.org. For a full schedule of volunteer workdays, please visit the Alliance's website at www.saukprairievision.org/newsroom.