



Jeffers Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota with funds received from the estate of Robert W. Jeffers, a resident of Prior Lake, Minnesota. It is an operating foundation under the non-profit tax laws. While most non-profit foundations merely make grants of assets to other organizations, Jeffers takes an active hands-on involvement in its charitable activities. Jeffers achieves its charitable objectives by: developing proprietary teaching materials designed to foster environmental stewardship; and by conducting workshops to teach educators how to use these materials to meet academic standards.

The mission of the Foundation is to foster environmental stewardship; but, in order to *care for* the environment, one must first *care about* the environment. Educational research has found that an attitude of environmental responsibility comes from frequent experiences in nature with family, friends and teachers as role models. With this goal in mind, Jeffers provides free training and materials to support learning outdoors. Professional development workshops help teachers discover the wildness in the tamest of school grounds while teaching outdoors.

Materials and workshops are described in detail in the Jeffers website: jeffersfoundation.org.