



# It's Our Nature

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## AUCTION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

May 10, 2007 • 7 pm  
Bubolz Nature Preserve

- Smorgasbord of Treats
- Entertaining Auction
- 2 Raffle Items
- Wisconsin Trivia Pyramid
- Great Friends

**Prepare for Fun!**  
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## Upcoming Programs

**June 14**

Please visit our website for details.  
[www.wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley](http://www.wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley)

**July 12**

No Program. Enjoy your summer!

## Red Rock Wilderness Lobby Days in Washington D.C.

*by Diana Lawrence*

On March 17, 2007 I left Appleton for Washington D.C. to meet with people from all over the United States to lobby on behalf of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. The Utah Wilderness Coalition, of which Sierra Club is a member, was the primary sponsor of the week of lobbying known as Wildweek. There were about 50 people besides myself, including Clayton Daughenbaugh and several professional lobbyists in the employ of the Sierra Club. Our main objective was to get 218 co-sponsors for the bill so that it could get to the hearing process and a possible vote in the House of Representatives.

Our first day of work on Sunday was an entire day learning about the lobbying process and our objectives for the week. Kelly Reed from Russ Feingold's office was on hand to help us understand a typical day in the life of a legislative aid and the multitude of tasks they perform. Monday through Wednesday of the week we spent going to the appointments with the legislative aids that we made prior to leaving our home states. A lot of walking between buildings gave me blisters on the first day but the experience was worth it.

If I had one disappointment it was the lack of interest in actual-ly co-sponsoring the bill on the part of many Representatives and Senators. Everyone was in favor of preserving the Red Rock Wilderness, which is land already owned (*Continued on page 4*)



*Celebrating the Fox Valley Sierra Group's 25th Anniversary at the Columbus Club in Appleton on April 12th.* MONNY HJERSTEDT

## FROM THE CHAIR

Our well-attended meeting in February was very heartening because it helped to demonstrate that the local public is interested in the outdoors. Writer and traveler Eric Hansen spoke to an almost-overflowing crowd about hiking and traveling in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Eric had helped generate publicity with press interviews, but clearly his topic was of interest to many people.

Our citizens do enjoy the outdoors. This is hardly a surprise to anyone who has tried to make a campground reservation at a state park. Hunting and fishing are favorite past-times for many. Parks and green spaces are always popular destinations in nice weather. Our government leaders should know that the public supports preservation of the outdoors.

Our group celebrated its 25th anniversary at Appleton's Columbus Club on April 12. One of our founders, Dale Schaber, organized the event, with a delicious dinner and wonderful program. Current and past group and chapter leaders made comments about the past, and future of our organization. Keynote speaker Spencer Black (see article elsewhere) was the chapter chairperson at the time of our group's founding, and currently serves in the State Assembly. Spencer reminded us that the Sierra Club has always been about the future. Tom Sutter ended our program with a "lantern slide show" featuring John Muir's writings on the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Yellowstone.

Our May 10th meeting is our annual auction fundraiser. It is always a fun time, so please come. And please bring some money. We'll begin with a potluck dinner and the camaraderie of friends, but the auction is really important. Most of our members are surprised to learn that their annual Sierra Club dues do not support the local groups. Most of that money is for the national organization. The John Muir Chapter receives a portion of your dues. But the groups get a very small portion. We receive only 30

cents per member, and may apply for an additional 30 cents for approved projects. Groups must be mostly self-supported. Our group earns most of its funding from our annual auction.

Our group needs the auction fundraiser to be successful. It supports the publication of our newsletter, and it supports our activities, and it pays for the rental of our meeting facility at Bubolz Nature Preserve. Please come, and please be generous. If you cannot attend, please consider contacting our treasurer and sending in a non tax-deductible donation.

My family was very involved in March supporting legislation to protect wilderness areas in Utah and elsewhere. My wife, Diana, went to Washington, DC with a coalition of environmental organizations to make the case to our legislature. Although personally expensive, it was a rewarding experience for the family.

Global warming (aka climate change) has been making daily headline news. Unfortunately, the local public does not understand the issue, if the editorials in Appleton's Post-Crescent are any gauge. This newsletter contains my recent letter to the newspaper telling why I believe the global warming theory.

A newspaper commentary, just this morning, claims that global warming is only a theory. The writer said that other environmental issues, like DDT, really were problems, and that after those problems became well known we were able to make corrective changes. My wife reminds me that Rachel Carlson told the country about DDT and nobody listened to her at the time. People are slow to understand problems.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

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## Attend the John Muir Chapter Autumn Assembly October 12-14, 2007

Wondering what to do during the second weekend of October? Why not join other Wisconsin Sierra Club members at the John Muir Chapter Autumn Assembly! The Autumn Assembly will be held on October 12-14, 2007 at Camp Helen Brachman. The Fox Valley Group is hosting this year's Autumn Assembly.

Camp Helen Brachman is located near the town of Almond, Wisconsin, between Waupaca and Stevens Point. The camp offers 200 acres of open prairie, red pine plantation and upland hardwood forest. It is located on Pickerel Lake, a small lake that is surrounded by a sand beach and wooded bluffs. There are athletic fields, hiking trails, fishing, canoeing, games and other seasonal sports activities available at the Camp. You may walk the Nature Trail that members of the Fox Valley Sierra Group developed with AmeriCorps volunteers and the Camp Helen Brachman staff. You may also bike on the Dr. Jim Glassner Memorial

Bike Trail loop from Camp Helen Brachman to Hartman Creek State Park and back again.

The Rosenblum Lodge will be the site for registration, meals and group activities. Maps of the Camp will be available when you arrive for the weekend. The website for Camp Helen Brachman is <http://www.campbrachman.org>.

Families will stay in the Retreat Center. Individuals will stay in another heated building. You are encouraged to sign up early for indoor lodging to guarantee a bunk. Tenting is also available. Restroom facilities are indoors with showers.

The camp will provide food service and beds with mattresses. Guests are to provide bedding and towels, all weather clothing, personal gear and snacks.

Two hotels are located on the west side of Waupaca at the intersection of Highways

10 and 54: Best Western (715-258-9212) and The Comfort Suites (715-942-0500). Contact the individual hotels for lodging information.

Roy Lukes will be the featured speaker on Saturday night. Roy served as chief naturalist and manager of the Ridges Sanctuary in Bailey's Harbor from 1964-1990, and has taught in Wisconsin schools for twenty years. He has written five books, and for the past thirty years has written a weekly column for area newspapers.

Lou and Peter Berryman will provide the musical entertainment on Saturday night. Authors of twelve recordings and three songbooks of original material, this couple has performed together for more than twenty years.

The scheduled programs were selected to provide information about environmental issues, concerns (*Continued on page 4*)

## State Representative Black Speaks at Anniversary Dinner

by Alan Lawrence

Speakers at our 25th Anniversary dinner on April 12, 2007 included Caryl Terrell and Carla Klein, our past and present chapter directors, and Chris Nehrbass and Jim Steffens, past and present chapter chairpersons. And then our keynote speaker, Representative Spencer Black. Rep. Black has served as the state representative for the 77th Assembly District since 1984, and is a wonderful supporter of environmental issues. Rep. Black was the chapter chairperson from 1979 to 1983, and helped with the founding of our Fox Valley Group in 1982.

Rep. Black began his speech by noting that he had also attended our 10th Anniversary Party in 1992 (the same year that Sierra Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary), and that he still had the coffee mug he'd been given at our event. He uses it daily and treasures it.

He quipped about serving as chapter chair and later as state representative, saying we almost had a repeat as our member, and former chapter chair Penny

Bernard Schaber ran for that office this past November, very narrowly losing.

Representative Black reminded the audience of some of the great things Wisconsin has done. Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day before becoming Governor and working with the legislature to create the Stewardship Fund. The fund has purchased and protected thousands of acres throughout Wisconsin.

He told us that Wisconsin's Landmark Recycling Law was the best in the nation. And he told us that Wisconsin's Mining Moratorium Law was the best in the nation, and possibly the world. He reminded us of how the mining law, and organizations like Sierra Club, defeated very well funded companies that wanted to build the Crandon Mine.

Rep. Black told us that he introduced Wisconsin Safe Climate Act (SB 81) earlier this year. The Act is aimed at reducing Wisconsin's contribution to global warming. If Wisconsin passes the legislation it will be the second state to do so. Global warming is one of the key conservation issues adopted by our Sierra Club chapter.

He told us that in baseball, "It ain't over

until the last strike." But with the environment, "It ain't ever over". We have to keep on fighting the battles.

Although our anniversary celebration is about our past 25 years, Spencer Black reminded us that Sierra Club has always been about the future. Our organization is concerned about protecting the outdoors for future generations to enjoy.



Kristina Sawyer designed the anniversary cake enjoyed at the January meeting. KELLY KRUPKA

*(Red Rock continued from page 1)*

by the Bureau of Land Management, but they did not want to co-sponsor although many offices indicated they would probably vote yes when it came for a vote.

It was a very busy five days in which I made some new friendships and gained knowledge on how the lobby process works on the federal level. In the future I hope to do more of the same on behalf of SUWA and Sierra Club.

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*(Autumn Assembly continued from page 3)*

and programs that are of importance in the Fox Valley area. In addition, Wisconsin Sierra Club members will learn about issues that are relevant at the state and national levels from the John Muir Chapter and the Midwest Office representatives.

More information about this year's Autumn Assembly will be found in future issues of the *Muir View* or on the Fox Valley Sierra group website: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley/>. If you have questions or need more information, contact Dale Schaber at (920) 739-6041 in Appleton or contact Dale by e-mail at: [dschaber@athenet.net](mailto:dschaber@athenet.net).

## Ice Age Trail Workdays

The Ice Age Trail Service Workdays will be June 9th and September 22nd at Hartman Creek State Park. This year we will be doing either maintenance work or new trail development on segments in either Portage or Waupaca Counties. Contact Dale Schaber at 920-739-6041 or Mike Kirk in Waupaca at 715-258-2295 to sign up for the workdays.

Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, and mosquito and tick repellent with you. If you have a lopper or a pruning saw, please bring them along with you. Ticks (both deer and wood) are a concern for all of us who will be working on the Trail.

To carpool to Waupaca, we will meet at the Citgo Station located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Hwy 96 (Wisconsin Ave) and Hwy 76 west of Appleton at 8:30 AM to travel to the work area. We will meet Mike Kirk at the Hartman Creek State Park Office at approximately 9:30 AM.

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## A Productive Day in Madison

*by Jan Moldenhauer*

Driving to Madison from Oshkosh is always a pleasure because of prosperous farms, clean little towns, animals getting out on winter-dead fields, and on this particular day, a car full of friends and SUN! It is always more fun if you don't have to drive yourself. So with Charlie Paine driving, his wife, Caroline, and friend Jackie Smith tucked into the backseat, we drove to Madison for Conservation Lobby Day. If you ever have a chance to go, do! You meet all sorts of people who

are interested in the good of the Earth. For those who pre-register, appointments are set up with the appropriate legislators so you don't even have to call ahead. On this particular day, over 500 people were gathered from every voting district in the state.

Once in the meeting room, we were assigned tables according to whom we were going to see. At my table, I was happy to greet a group from our local Trout Unlimited chapter. We were given a briefing book and the speakers went over the topics they hoped we would bring up with our legislators. The Stewardship Fund was a main topic for me. Water, land use -- you could pretty much cover anything you wanted. Since the state budget had yet to be voted on, dreams could still become a reality if we played our cards right.

Next we took off for our appointed rounds. My Senator, Carol Roessler, wasn't around but I made an appointment for later in the day and walked to the rotunda where all sorts of environmental groups had displays. This was an easy place to gain insight, infor-

mation, and just chat about problems facing the individual and the state. By the time we got into the senator's office, I was primed and so were the fisherman. When Senator Roessler looked at our issue folder, she laughed at the desired increase to the Stewardship Fund, nearly double from the last time. Then the good ol' boys hunkered down in their chairs and told her the facts of real estate in the Northwoods -- property values increasing every day, land that was bought for \$1,000 now worth \$10,000, and the need to keep certain lands free from building to keep waters running free and cold. I actually think we changed her mind. As an old teacher, you can tell when someone goes into the listening mode.

After visiting with our senator, we split up to see our representatives, almost running to make our time slots. I visited with Gordon Hintz. We were welcomed by this new face in Madison.

That afternoon we wended our way back to the first meeting room of the day which had now become a dining room with a wild game dinner. The meal was fabulous. I loved the pheasant, turkey, bear and fish but I couldn't convince myself to try the raccoon!

If you have the chance to attend Conservation Lobby Day next year, GO!



*Janet Wissink talks with February speaker Clayton Daughenbaugh about protecting Utah's Redrock Wilderness. DALE SCHABER*

# Trekkin' with Dale



On May 12, 2007, hundreds of thousands of people in the United States will observe International Migratory Bird Day. IMBD is annually celebrated on the second Saturday of May. It focuses attention on the journey that birds yearly undertake between their summer and winter homes. Nearly 320 species of migratory birds travel between their nesting habitats in North America and their non-breeding grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

IMBD is not just a single-day observance. "Every day is Bird Day" is stated in the promotional materials of IMBD. For more information about IMBD check out this web site: <http://www.birdday.org/>.

Use the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail guides to help you celebrate IMBD. These guides are mapped auto trails (<http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/trail/>). They lead the nature traveler to birds and mammals found in some of the Wisconsin's premier wildlife areas. The Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail guides are a project of the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative (<http://www.wisconsinbirds.org/>).

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism is producing these full-color viewing guides for each of the five-birding and nature trail regions in Wisconsin. Three of the guides are published. The fourth guide will be printed in 2007 and the fifth guide in 2008. Contact the Department at <http://www.travelwisconsin.com/> or at 1-800-432-8747 to order free copies of the guides.

You can track bird sightings and birding activities in Wisconsin

at [www.ebird.org/wi](http://www.ebird.org/wi). This is a free service and can be used by both beginners and experts. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society started this site in 2002. Birders record their observations of birds moving through Wisconsin. Regional and local bird experts review all information submitted before it is placed on the database. Bird information is organized by counties. You are able to check your county to see what birds are traveling through or are now present in your county. You might even want to submit your own bird observations!

Check out the new web site for the Northeast Wisconsin Birding Club: (<http://www.newbirdclub.org/index.html>). The club provides the opportunities for sharing the enjoyment of bird watching. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of the month, usually at Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London at 10:00 AM. A calendar lists the topics and dates for the meetings.

While observing birds be careful to respect them. We don't want to love them to death. Patrick Hughes, a local observer and recorder of bald eagle activity along the Fox River, commented recently in the Appleton Post Crescent about the increased bald eagle activity on the Fox River. He enjoys watching and photographing the eagles but is becoming increasingly wary of eagle watchers. "While observing nesting sites the past few weeks, I have noticed people that are very ignorant of proper etiquette to assure these birds are not disturbed. People get in and out of their cars, slam doors, talk loudly and make sudden movements that scare the birds off the nests. People that disturb the sites can cause eagles to abandon their nest and any eggs in the incubation stage."

Patrick carries with him a printout listing respectful viewing habits from the web site American Bald Eagle Information: [www.baldeagleinfor.com](http://www.baldeagleinfor.com). Follow these suggestions the next time you view bald eagles along the Fox River.

Enjoy National Bird Migration Day on May 12, 2007. Have fun observing Wisconsin's birds.

## ANNUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER

- **Smorgasbord of Treats:** \$3 admission lets you indulge on an array of goodies. We will start eating promptly at 7:00 so please arrive earlier to set up and socialize. **Bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. BYOB.**
- **Entertaining Auction:** Tom Egan will conduct the bidding on unique and priceless items and services.
- **Raffle Items:** Purchase tickets for your chance to win a leaf birdbath handcrafted by Jean-Marie Birk or an outside table donated by Neil Koeneman.
- **Wisconsin Trivia Pyramid:** Purchase tickets and test your smarts to win valuable prizes.
- **Auction Donations Needed:** In order to make this fundraiser a success we need people to bring an appetizer to pass and an item or service to auction. Previous "hot sellers" include: art photos, computer work, bike ride & picnic, craft projects, professional massage, yard work, food specialties, sporting goods (new), antiques, dinner for two, rock climbing lessons, etc.

Please pre-register items or services for auction by phone (920)468-7252 or by mail: Maureen Birk, 3381 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. Include your name, phone#, item/service to auction, any limitations, and estimated value. Bring items at the time of the auction, or call Maureen at (920)468-7252. Last-minute items accepted at the door, but please come 15 minutes early!

# NATURE CENTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Brillion Brillion

### May 5 - Saturday

**Forest Health and Invasive Species.** 10-Noon. Learn about native forest pests, both insects and diseases and exotic insect pests such as the emerald ash borer. Learn about invasive plants such as buckthorn, garlic mustard, and reed canary grass. A walk following the presentation will allow you to see invasive plants first hand. Please pre-register. Cost: Free.

### June 12 - Tuesday

**Assistance in Managing Your Woodland.** 6:30-8:30 PM. The creation of a healthy, productive woodland requires knowledge of specific techniques and the investment of time and money. This session will introduce you to the people, programs and organizations that offer technical and financial assistance in woodland management. Please pre-register. Cost: Free.

### June 21 - Thursday

**Slither Into Summer.** 3-4 PM. Learn about the different kinds of snakes that live in the area. We'll talk about why snakes don't blink, how they move without the use of arms or legs, and how they help farmers. This program is intended for individuals or family groups. Members: free, Non-members: \$1/individual, \$3/household. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Heckrodt Menasha

### May 12 - Saturday

**Migratory Bird Day Bash.** 12-3 PM. Hikes, bird netting and banding, live birds, and geocaching. We'll also have a brat fry and root beer floats. Kids can enter our coloring contest to win prizes. Cost: \$2/person; food extra.

### June 2 - Saturday

**Free Fishing Weekend.** 8-11 AM. Meet us at Jefferson Park in Menasha to kick off Wisconsin's free fishing weekend. We'll host a variety of partners from the fishing community to showcase fishing equipment and answer your fishing questions. There will games for the kids and a kids fishing tournament. Sponsored in conjunction with City of Menasha Park & Rec Dept. Cost: Free!

### July 28 - Saturday

**Mid-Summer Evening Campfire.** 6:30-8:30 PM. Join us for an evening about one of Wisconsin's top predators, the Timber Wolf. Find out how they're faring as we host a presentation on wolves set in front of our fire pit. S'mores will be provided. Cost: \$2/person.

## Ledgeview Chilton

### May 13 - Sunday

**Mother's Day Wildflower Hike.** 1 PM. Stroll through the woods with a naturalist to admire

and learn about the beautiful spring floral display. Cost: \$3/person, mothers free.

### All Summer Long

**Cave Tours** (starting May 19) on Wed., Fri., and weekends at 1 PM. Schedule posted on website. Take a naturalist-guided tour and learn the geology, biology, and human history of the caves. Caves are dark, damp, and dirty. Wear layers and plan on getting dirty. Flashlights helpful. Caves accessed by stairs and ladders. Minimum age five years old with parent. Minors must be accompanied by supervising adult. Tours last 2-3 hours. Cost: \$5/person.

### June 3 - Sunday

**The Kayak Connection.** 1 PM. Experienced kayakers will teach about types of kayaks, equipment, safety, and more. Cost: Free.

## Mosquito Hill New London

### May 18 - Friday

**NEWStar Astronomy Program.** 8 PM. Advance registration appreciated but walk-ins also welcome. Cost: \$3/adults, \$2/students, seniors & FOMH, \$7/family.

### June 2 - Saturday

**Nature Journaling.** 12:30-3 PM. Registration and payment are due before May 26. Cost: \$5/adults, \$3.00/students, seniors & FOMH.

### June 16 - Saturday

**Monarch Larva Monitoring Project.** Noon-3:30 PM. Advance reservations appreciated by June 12. Cost: Free.

### July 7 - Saturday

**Butterfly House Opens.** 11 AM - 3 PM. This outdoor exhibit featuring live Wisconsin butterflies in an enclosed landscaped habitat will be open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, through August 26. Cost: \$1/person donation.

## Navarino Shiocton

### May 19 - Saturday

**3rd Annual NWA / NNC Prairie Bird Survey.** 5:30-11 AM. Help survey 12 prairie sites across the wildlife area. There is a job for everyone, whether your just getting started in birding or an expert birder. Contact Tim for more info.

### June 2 & 3 - Saturday & Sunday

**3rd Annual NWA / NNC Forest Bird Survey.** 5:30-11 AM. Survey 10 sites each morning that are located across the wildlife area. There is a job for everyone, whether your just getting started in birding or an expert birder.

### June 16 - Saturday

**Water Regulations & Wetland Protection.** 9 AM.

Join Scott Koehnke, DNR Water Management Specialist for a program / hike discussing the importance of wetlands and the regulations that help protect them. This program will start at the nature center, after a presentation/discussion in the nature center there will be a walking tour addressing the wetlands near the nature center.

## Ridges Baileys Harbor

### May 5 - Saturday

**Spring Hike at Logan Creek.** 10 AM and 1 PM. Early woodland wildflowers will be the focus of this guided hike. Meet at Logan Creek parking lot, 5724 Loritz Road, south of Jacksonport. Please call 920-839-2802 to preregister for either hike. Cost: \$5/person, children under 18 free.

### May 24-26

**Door County Festival of Nature: Exploring Wildflowers, Birds & Conservation.** The Festival is a cooperative event that features field trips to unique natural areas all over Door County. Visit our website, [www.ridgesanctuary.org/festival.htm](http://www.ridgesanctuary.org/festival.htm) for more info on this exciting annual event!

### June 16 - Saturday

**Bike Ride For Nature.** Call or e-mail for a brochure, or download info from our website, [www.ridgesanctuary.org/Ride\\_for\\_Nature.htm](http://www.ridgesanctuary.org/Ride_for_Nature.htm).

## 1000 Islands Kaukauna

### June 1 - Aug. 31

**21th Annual Mini Angler Contest.** Co-Sponsored by Dave's Musky Club.

### June 12 - Tuesday

**Learn About the 1000 Islands Bald Eagles.** 9-10:30 AM. Hike to eagle nest will be included.

### June 14 - Thursday

**Bird House Building.** 9:30-10:30 AM. For all ages. Must register 2 weeks in advance of date. Bring a hammer. Donation \$1.

### June 21 & July 19 - Thursday

**Crayfish & Critter Hunt.** 9:30-11 AM. All ages. Wear tennis or water shoes to walk in the river.

### July 17 - Tuesday

**Meet the Animals Day.** 9:30-10:30 AM. Dream Acres Traveling Petting Zoo will bring a Wallaby, Iguana, Coatimundi, etc.

*The aforementioned activities are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.*

# OUTINGS

## May 12 - Saturday

**Green Eggs and Plants Bike Ride.** Bike the back roads and part of the Mountain Bay Trail in Shawano County, about 25 miles of easy to moderate biking. Buy free-range eggs from one of the farms we'll pass and then check out bedding plants at Earthworks Greenhouses. Start 11am from Koeller Farm, Shawano. Bring picnic lunch. *Nancy Brown-Koeller, day 721-5431, home 830-6625, weekend 715 524-2293.*

## May 20 - Sunday

**Hike the trails at Ledge View Nature Center south of Chilton.** Ledge View has one of the best-rounded centers for environmental education and recreation in the area, with several short to moderate length hiking trails. In the nature center we will learn how caves form and how the Ledge View caves are being excavated. Wear good hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring a lunch to eat after hiking for 2-3 hours. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

## May 30 - Wednesday

**Bike the Wiouwash Trail from Medina to Hortonville.** Ten miles round trip. This is a leisurely evening ride, returning to Medina before dark. Along the way we'll have a good chance of seeing sandhill cranes. We'll stop at Charlie's Place in Hortonville for ice cream. Meet at 6pm sharp in the parking lot across from D&D Liquidators in Medina on Hwy 96. Helmet required. *Kelly Krupka 920-540-9139.*

## June 2 - Saturday

**Bike the Wild Goose Trail, about 25 miles.** The Wild Goose is a rail-trail that starts in Fond du Lac and travels west, skirting the north edge of the Horicon Marsh. We will stop at the Horicon Marsh Nature Center to see the exhibits and to learn about the marsh history and ecology. Bring a bike, helmet, lunch and water. *Alan Lawrence 920-730-9515*

## June 9 - Saturday

**Ice Age Trail Work Day.** See article on page 4.

# Thank You!

I'd like to acknowledge my regular crew who spends several hours six or seven times a year folding, tabbing and labeling over 1400 newsletters. These faithful volunteers are: Carol and Steve Clark, Roddie Larsen, Chris Calhoun, Paul Siket and Diane Mandler. Without their help, I couldn't do my job.

Jackie Calhoun Smith,  
Newsletter Distribution

# 2007 Programs & Special Events

May 10	Annual Auction
June 14	Meeting and Program
July	No Meeting or Program
August 9	Picnic
September 13	Meeting and Program
October 6	Hike-A-Thon, Iola Winter Park, Scandinavia, WI
	Wiouwash Quad Relay & Individual Race, Clayton
October 11	Meeting and Program
October 12-14	Autumn Assembly, Camp Helen Brachman, Almond, WI
October 20	Romp in the Swamp, Bubolz Nature Preserve
November 8	Meeting and Program
December 13	Solstice Celebration

## June 16 - Saturday

**National Trails Day paddle on the Fox River.** Learn why we need water trails and legal public landings and access. Learn how the Fox River was our historic "water trail". Meet at 10am at the Optimist Point boat landing on the east side of the Fox, at the end of Lazarre St., 1 block north of Hwy 172. BYO boat, life jackets, water. We will stop in at various retailers along the way for food, beverage, or rest stops. *Jerry Ladewig 920-336-6788 jkayakl@new.rr.com*

## June 17 - Sunday

**Geology Hike on the Niagara Escarpment.** Marcia Bjornerud, a geologist with Lawrence University, will lead us on an excursion to learn how our landscape was shaped by glaciers. This trip will be an introduction to how to read a landscape. We will begin in the bed of Glacial Lake Oshkosh, then climb the Niagara Escarpment up onto the rolling landscape left by the last glacier to cover Wisconsin. We will walk a total of ca. 3/4 mile to see an esker and use geologic logic to infer from first principles how it formed. Meet at 1pm at Mom's Diner at the junction of Hwy 10 and Cty PP in downtown Brillion. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and dress for the weather. The trip will end by 3:30pm (maybe we could return to Mom's Place for a Father's Day slice of pie!) *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

## June 23 - Saturday

**Bike Ride to High Cliff State Park and Darboy Chickenfest, about 25 miles.** Bike from Darboy Community Park to High Cliff State Park where we can view the ruins of a lime kiln and learn some of the history of our community. Then on to Sherwood for an ice cream break. From Sherwood we'll return to Darboy Park in time to find Chickenfest 2007 in full swing. Attractions include a craft show, DJ, food and beverage tents, chicken dance contests (hourly), and the band

Sonic Circus if we stay till 7pm. Bring a bike, helmet, water. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

## July 28 - Saturday

**Bike Door County from Bailey's Harbor to Peninsula Park and back** with stops at Wilson's in Ephraim (for ice cream), Cana Island, and The Ridges Sanctuary, about 38 miles. I seem to remember a pizza place in Bailey's Harbor where we can refuel before the drive home. Bring your bike, helmet, water. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

## August 4 - Saturday

**Bike from Scandinavia through Iola and Waupaca,** about 32 miles on country roads. We will stop in these communities to learn their history. Plus it is rumored that Scandinavia has a free corn roast this particular weekend. Besides corn on the cob we can look for Lefsa and other Norwegian specialties. Bring your bike, helmet, water. *Charlie Paine 920-739-1900.*

*More detailed outings information may be found on our website. Times and meeting locations of outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form.*



*Maureen Birk and Dale Schaber at Wolverine Ski Trail near Bessemer, Michigan. CHARLIE PAINE*



Explore, enjoy and protect the planet



## Friend or Foe?

America's water, rivers and lakes are at risk from giant, corporate-owned factory farms which are fouling our water with pathogens and chemicals - not to mention being the *largest* source of toxic ammonia air pollution in the U.S. The air around factory farms is contaminated with suspended dust particles, which have been linked to asthma, bronchitis and other diseases. Our government wants to pass legislation which would exempt factory farms health and environmental laws. Support Sierra Club's effort to keep our water clean and our air friendly. The hogs have gone wild, now it's our turn.

**Cause a stink. JOIN Sierra Club.**

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