

AUCTION

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

May 14, 2009 • 7:00 PM • Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton

- **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 Auctions:** The "Remarkable" Randy Cannour will conduct the live bidding on unique and priceless items and services donated by our members and local businesses. We will also have silent auction items!
- **Raffle:** Purchase tickets for your chance to win one of four amazing prizes. Can't make it to the auction? Order your tickets using the form below! Need not be present to win.
- **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 be auctioned off. Previous "hot sellers" include: framed art prints, computer work, bike ride & picnic, craft projects, professional massage, yard work, food specialties, sporting goods (new), wood carvings, stained glass, antiques, dinner for two, etc.

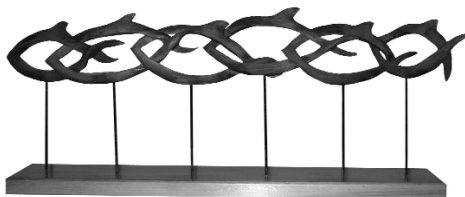


Please pre-register items/services for auction by phone (920) 468-7252 or by mail: Maureen Birk, 3381 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. Include your name, phone#, item/service to auction, any limitations, and estimated value. Bring items at the time of the auction, or call Maureen at (920) 468-7252.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

Can't make it to the auction but still want to support the Fox Valley Sierra Group?

Mail a check made payable to "Fox Valley Sierra Group" to FVSG Treasurer Sally Peck, 1646 Amy St, Green Bay, WI 54302

FVSG RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM



Drawing Held: Thursday, May 14, 2009
at Bubolz Nature Preserve,
4815 N. Lynndale Dr., Appleton, WI.

Need not be present to win!

Purchase tickets for your chance to win:

Grand Prize: Linked Fish Wood Carving by Bob McCurdy (\$350 Value)

\$50 Gift Card to Outdoor Outlet in Appleton

\$25 Gift Card to Art Affair in Menasha

Fox Valley Area Green Card: Wisconsin's Best Discount Golf Card

Name _____

Ticket Prices:

Mailing Address _____

___ 1 for \$5

___ 3 for \$10

Phone _____

___ 8 for \$20

Complete form and mail check payable to "Fox Valley Sierra Group" to: Kelly Krupka, 430 Caroline St, Neenah, WI 54956

Note: We will NOT mail the raffle tickets to you. We will automatically enter them into the drawing to be held the night of our fundraiser on May 14, 2009.

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Updates from Our Political Chair

by Cindy Carter, FVSG Political Chair

- The phosphorus ban passed the Senate and House and is awaiting Governor Doyle's signature.
- The Omnibus Public Land Management Act was passed by the federal government and recently signed by President Obama. The Omnibus Act will protect over 2 million acres of lands, rivers and cultural sites. Here is how the voting went:
 - 247 Democrats voted yes
 - 4 Democrats voted no
 - 38 Republicans voted yes
 - 136 Republicans voted no
- The Omnibus bill also makes the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) official. The NLCS includes over 850 federally recognized areas and approximately 27 million acres of National Monuments, Wilderness areas and Wilderness Study areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Scenic and Historic Trails to be protected from development, exploration and mining.
- On Tuesday, March 24, 2009 the EPA halted dozens of mountain top removal (MTR) permits. The EPA will finally review these permits for this type of mining pending their impact on rivers, streams and the environment. Please write, email or call President Obama to urge him to install a Director at the Federal Office of Surface Mining to work with the EPA on controlling these permitting processes in the future.
- Please contact your local and state legislators and Governor Doyle regarding the bills AB 138 and SB 113 on reinstating an Independent DNR Secretary. ♣

WANTED

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD NOMINEES

The Fox Valley Sierra Group is once again seeking nominations for our Environmental Award. The purpose of the Environmental Award is to recognize and honor those that have achieved significant benefits to the environment from their efforts and contributions. The nominee's contribution to environmental improvement need not be earth-shaking. The award will consist of a plaque and a \$100 cash award to be presented at a future FVSG meeting.

Persons making nominations must be current members of FVSG. Any individual or group may be nominated: for example, an informal group of individuals, a club, a company, a unit of government, or a nonprofit organization. Nominations must be submitted in essay form no more than 500 words in length. The nominating essay will describe the action or effort put forth, the environmental benefits accruing thereto, and the contribution of the nominee to the effort or action, plus any other pertinent information. **Nominations must be received by June 30, 2009.**

Email your nominating essay to Charles Paine at chasp@ntd.net or mail a hardcopy to: N8172 Firelane 13, Menasha, WI 54952-9650.

Those selected by the reviewing committee will be published in the August issue of *It's Our Nature* along with a ballot for members to use to vote for the nominee of their choice.

FROM THE CHAIR

April is associated with spring and is welcomed by most people for the longer days, warmer weather, increased signs of wildlife, and growing plants. But the retreat of melting snow reveals lots of trash that was buried out of sight and out of mind during the winter. That reminds me of another association with April. Since 1970, April 22 has been recognized as "Earth Day". Founded by Wisconsin's U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in, Earth Day continues as an annual tradition intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment.

For thirteen years our group sponsored cleanups of more than a dozen parks located along the Fox River. Named the "Fox River(bank) Cleanup", the event involved several hundred participants in the communities of Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Appleton, Menasha, and Neenah. The event provided many people with an avenue to participate in Earth Day. I often regret that we abandoned this project, which was partly because our project coordinator needed a break, and partly because the parks had become pretty clean.

Our group continues to be involved with Earth Day. We participate in table events to share information. We work on trying to control the invasive garlic mustard plant (in early May). Last year Rachel Anderson helped organize the "Take Back the Pavement" publicity stunt in Green Bay which turned parking lots into parks for a few hours. This year our Conservation Chair, Dale Schaber, is organizing the garlic mustard "pull", and coordinating our involvement in an Earth Day fair sponsored by Appleton's ReStore. If you are interested in championing an event for next year, please let me know.

My wife and I participated this year in the annual "Conservation Lobby Day" in Madison. Organized by the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, more than 500 citizens from around Wisconsin met at the state capitol on February 25 with the goal to share our conservation priorities with lawmakers. In meetings across the state, Sierra Club and dozens of other conservation interest groups worked together and developed a short list of common priorities that we all agreed we want our lawmakers to support. Those areas of focus are: preserving groundwater; promoting a strong clean energy economy; restoring an independent, rather than appointed, Department of Natural Resources Secretary; and protecting the state's drinking water.

I was very impressed at the large number of participants, most of whom used a vacation day, traveled large dis-

tances, and made other sacrifices to attend. I believe every member of the State Senate and Assembly was visited by citizens of their districts who presented the conservation priorities and explained why it was important. My two legislators were very attentive and seemed to be mostly supportive.

Nationally, environmental issues are getting some serious attention that many of us believe was missing with the last administration and Congress. In March the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, protecting more than two million acres of wilderness, passed through Congress and the Senate, and was signed by President Obama.

Unfortunately, the world's economic recession causes many people to worry about whether we can afford to protect the environment when our economy is suffering. It continues to be my belief that we must always care about the environment. The consequences of messing up the environment are more than we can imagine. On one end of the scale are the places, habitats, and species that we may lose, and the regrets that we will have for those losses. On the other end of the scale, our own survival may be at stake.

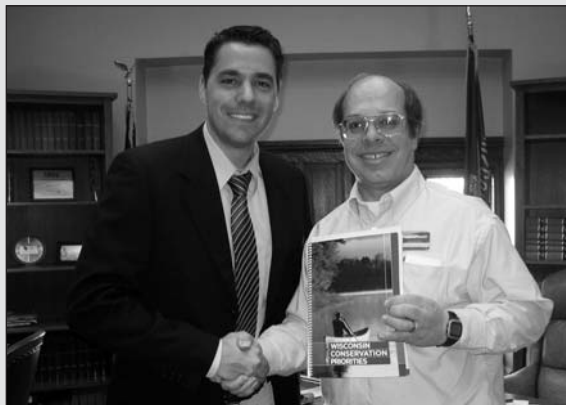
Recently, another of the now-frequent television documentaries about the environment presented several very troubling issues. Glaciers are melting at fast rates, threatening to raise sea levels and flood the homes

and agricultural areas for millions of people. Mountain glaciers in South America are expected to vanish within a few years, with the consequence that rivers will dry up and agriculture will become impossible for millions of people. Our own United States is not exempt from problems expected from global warming and climate change.

Returning back to our Fox Valley Sierra Group, I need to remind everyone that our group's existence depends on several things. It needs active members and it needs money. Your Sierra Club dues mostly support the national organization, with some support to the state chapter, and mere pennies for our group. Our group funding comes almost entirely from our annual auction fundraiser. We need generous participation at our auction to help share the financial needs of our group. This year we are selling raffle tickets in advance so that friends who cannot attend will have the opportunity to help. I hope you will join us for our enjoyable and necessary fundraiser.

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

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Assembly Rep. Roger Roth with FVSG Chair Alan Lawrence

May-July 2009 Events Calendar

Spring 2009

Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Schedule

Springtime is cleaning time in many Wisconsin homes. Contact your local county government for information about its household hazardous waste program or its Clean Sweep Program. This is the link for Outagamie County: <http://www.co.outagamie.wi.us/sw/hazardouswaste.htm>

Recycling information in Northeastern Wisconsin is found at this link:

<http://www.recyclemorewisconsin.org/>

Take a virtual spring wildflower hike in Wisconsin at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/veg/plants/wildflowerindex.htm> .

May 15

Endangered Species Day

Endangered Species Day is a celebration of our nation's wildlife and wild places. Every year, thousands of people throughout the country celebrate Endangered Species Day at parks, wildlife refuges, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, libraries, schools and community centers. You can participate in festivals, field trips, park tours, community clean-ups, film showings, classroom presentations, and many other fun and educational activities. Visit endangeredspeciesday.org to find events near you!

May 28

Sierra Club's Birthday

The Sierra Club was organized on May 28, 1892: <http://www.sierraclub.org/history/>

June 6

National Trails Day

www.americanhiking.org/ntd.aspx

July 25

Prairie Fest

A fun, family-centered event to celebrate the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum and our native plants heritage. The event is free and open to the general public. Bring your own picnic and lawn chairs or blankets. Held rain or shine at the UW-Fond du Lac Campus at the Gottfried Arboretum, 400 University Drive, Fond du Lac. The Fox Valley Sierra Group will be an exhibitor. http://www.fonddulac.uwc.edu/arboretum/prairie_fest.html ♣

Sustaining Life Environmental Film Series

Harmony Café • 1660 W. Mason St, Green Bay • 6:30-9:00 PM

April 22 • "Return of the Cuyahoga" • The death and rebirth of one of America's emblematic riverways. A positive example for local people working to improve the Fox River.

May 27 • "Worth Fighting For: Protecting the Great Lakes" • Four communities where grassroots efforts improved the environment & uniqueness of the lakes.

June 24 • "King Corn" • The impact of the corn agribusiness on the environment, public health, and family farms.

July 22 • "Manoomin: Ojibwe Spirit Food" • History, ecology, and harvest of wild rice from a Native American perspective.

Brown County Public Library • 515 Pine St, Green Bay • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

April 25 • Green Cartoons • A series of lighthearted short films, repeating hourly. Come for one or stay and watch them all.

Bubolz Nature Preserve • 4815 Lynndale Dr, Appleton • 6:30-9:00 PM

May 6 • "Return of the Cuyahoga" (see descriptions above)

June 3 • "Worth Fighting For: Protecting the Great Lakes"

July 1 • "King Corn"

Sponsored by: Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Helfenstein Soup Council, Multicultural Center of Green Bay, PEAC, Bubolz Nature Preserve



Our First Spring Outing

by Alan Lawrence

Delayed a week by weather, Charlie Paine's "first spring outing" was on March 28, and the weather cooperated nicely. My wife and I joined Charlie for a two hour hike in the High Cliff State Natural Area immediately south of High Cliff State Park. The trail was still moist and a bit too muddy in places but mostly suitable for hiking. We hiked into the State Park a bit and enjoyed the high vistas of Lake Winnebago from the cliff tops.

An outing highlight was the observation of a blue bird. The three of us instantly recognized the bird though none of us remembered having ever seen one in the wild. The bird seemed to be teasing us as it flew, sang, and hopped nearby. It didn't seem too concerned about our presence, though it kept a cautious distance.

Please join us on an upcoming outing. See page 7 of our newsletter or visit our website at: wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley ♣

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK



APRIL 18 - SATURDAY

Earth Day Celebration for Kids at Ledgeview Nature Center in Chilton. 10 AM. Bring the kids out to make an Earth Day craft, plant a tree, and plant some flowers to take home. Cost: \$2/child.

An Uncommon Bird Event at Heckrodt Wetland Reserve in Menasha. Featuring Stan Tekiela, award winning author of *Birds of Wisconsin*. www.heckrodtwetland.com

Baird Creek Clean-up and Oak Savannah Restoration Project. 9-Noon. Meet at Triangle Hill to help clean the park and begin planting an Oak Savannah! Located at 500 Beverly Road (off Baird Creek Road). Contact Maureen Meinhardt execdirector@baird-creek.org for more information. www.bairdcreek.org

APRIL 19 - SUNDAY

Green Gardening Tips & Compost Demo. 1-2 PM. Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Rd, Green Bay. www.gbbg.org

APRIL 20 - MONDAY

"Sustainability of Local & Global Food Systems" Prof. Andrew McCann, St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. 7 PM in Science Hall 102 at Lawrence University, Appleton.

Fortunate Wilderness Film. Join producer George Desort for a showing of a film about the ecology of Isle Royale – a film four years in the making. Held at UW-Green Bay in Mary Ann Cofrin (MAC) Hall, Room 208 at 7 PM. www.fortunatewilderness.com

APRIL 21 - TUESDAY

Talk on The Story of Stuff with Annie Leonard. 6:15 PM in the Lawrence University Chapel, Appleton.

APRIL 22 - WEDNESDAY

Garlic Mustard Pull at Brillion Nature Center. 9-11 AM. We will go out as a group and clear the most sensitive trails of this exotic weed. You will be amazed at what a great impact and how much fun we can have when we all work together. Refreshments to follow.

"Climate Feedbacks and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Northern Peatlands: Meltdown of the Great White North" by Prof. Jeffrey R. White, Biogeochemical Laboratories, Center for Research in Environmental Science, Indiana University. 4:30 PM in Science Hall 102 at Lawrence University, Appleton.

"Why Should We Care About Sustainability?" 6:00 PM. Hear national speaker Bob Willard, leading expert on the business value of corporate sustainability strategies, speak at UW-Green Bay Phoenix Rooms in the University Union.

Celebrate the Environment through Music! 7:30 PM. University Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert. UW-Green Bay, Weidner Center. Cost: \$7/Adult and \$5/Student and Senior.

APRIL 23 - THURSDAY

"Primitive Ways in an Accelerated World" by Patrick Dougherty. (www.stickwork.net/) 4:30 PM in Wriston Auditorium at Lawrence University, Appleton.

Leave Your Car at Home Day Green Bay Challenge. All day plan to participate in the city-wide initiative and leave your car at home. Make it a goal to log all the miles you save from driving by walking, biking, taking public transportation or carpooling and feel great about your commitment to the environment and yourself!

Green Drinks. A monthly social gathering for green minded folks every third Thursday of the month from 6-10 PM at Kavarna (112 S. Broadway, Green Bay). This event is free and open to everyone! www.kavarna.com or www.greendrinks.org

APRIL 24 - FRIDAY

"Music for Sea and Sky" Lawrence University Wind Ensemble directed by Green Roots member Andrew Mast. 8 PM in the Lawrence University Chapel, Appleton.

Critical Mass Bike Ride in Green Bay. 5-6 PM. Hop on your bike and head down to the Brown County Courthouse (100 South Jefferson Street) and join bike enthusiasts as they hit the streets for an hour long bike ride through downtown to promote bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation.

EcoJam at the Holiday Inn City Centre! 7PM-Midnight. Enjoy a concert for all ages, featuring local favorites Jazz Orgy and Burnt Toast and Jam. 200 Main Street in downtown Green Bay. Kim Biedermann (920) 819-9548 for more information. Cost: \$5/person.

APRIL 25 - SATURDAY

A day of music, volunteer activities and fun at Lawrence University, Appleton. Sponsored by Greenfire. Activities all day (8am-3pm) on Main Hall Green and in the sustainable garden at the bottom of Union Hill (down Lawe Street).

Downtown Green Bay Clean-up. 9-Noon. Gloves and garbage bags provided as well as refreshments and a light lunch. Volunteers can meet in the Hotel Sierra Parking lot, 333 Main St. Sponsored by the Downtown Neighborhood Association and The Plant People.

Izaak Walton League's Teddy Bear Hunt in Bellevue. Noon-4. Volunteer or enjoy the day outside with the family. Lunch, fishing, and more! Held at the Izaak Walton League property Osprey Point, off Hwy GV approx. 1 mi south of 172. Questions? Contact Kim at (920) 429-9008 or kim@conservationvoters.org

Earth Day Potluck Dinner & Dance. 6:30-10 PM. Miranda & Baptiste of A Better Footprint will be hosting a free family and earth friendly potluck. Bring a dish to pass that is locally grown, organic, fair trade or inspired by the earth! Contact Miranda or Baptiste at 569-6332. Held at 1228 Main Street, Green Bay in Olde Town Crossing. www.abetterfootprint.org ♣

NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES, LOCAL EVENTS & CLASSES

Brillion Brillion

May 9 - Saturday

Woodland Wildflower Hike. 1:30–2:30 PM. Hikers will learn about the many native plants that adorn the forest floor. Dress for the weather and be prepared for possible muddy conditions. Cost: Members/Free, Non-members/\$1-individual or \$3-household.

June 27 - Saturday

VolunTeens Program Orientation. 10–11:30 AM. Students that have completed 6-12th grade have a unique opportunity to volunteer at the nature center while learning skills in conservation, plant and animal ID, trail maintenance, environmental education and more. Individuals must fill out an application and schedule an appointment with the naturalist before orientation. Cost: Free.

Animal Coloration. 1:30–2:30 PM. Learn the advantages of camouflage, mimicry, counter-shading, warning colors and other kinds of animal coloration. Then attempt to spot animals on a nature hike. Cost: Members/Free, Non-members/\$1-individual or \$3-household.

July 25 - Saturday

Paper Making. 1:30–3 PM. Make recycled paper using newspaper, natural fibers and other materials. Participants will learn the process of paper-making, go outside to gather natural materials to use in their paper, then return to the building to create their works of art. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Members/\$3, Non-members/\$5. Please register in advance.

Bubolz Appleton

May 23 - Saturday

Reptile Fest. 1-4 PM. Learn about reptiles & amphibians and get an up-close look at them. Cost: \$2/person, \$5/family.

July 11 - Saturday

What Tree Is That? 1-3 PM. Learn how to recognize trees by their leaves, seeds and bark.

Heckrodt Menasha

May 16 - Saturday

Let's Get Green Together Expo. Noon-4. How green is your home? We'll have exhibitors and hands-on activities to help increase your awareness and give you tips for improvement. We'll also host the Wetland Waddle - sponsor a floating rubber duckie and cheer your entry as it floats down the channel toward the finish line. Prizes for the winner! \$5/duckie (proceeds support HWR education programs). Cost: Free.

June 6 - Saturday

Free Fishing Day. 8-Noon. Join us at Jefferson Park in Menasha for the kick-off to fishing season. We'll host lots of fishing partners and

exhibitors with cool info about fishing. There will be fun activities for kids and a small scale fishing tournament for all young shore fishers. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Bring your pole and let's go fishing! Cost: Free.

July 25 - Saturday

Wetland Fireside. 6:30-8:30 PM. Join us for fun filled evening by the glowing light of a campfire. Stories are sure to entertain and are appropriate for all audiences. Lemonade and supplies for S'MORES will also be on hand. Cost: \$2/person.

Ledgeview Chilton

May 10 - Sunday

Mother's Day Wildflower Hike. 1 PM. Walk with a naturalist to see and learn about the spring floral display. Cost: \$3/person, Mothers free.

Weekends starting May 23

Public Cave Tours. 1 PM. Take a naturalist-guided tour of Carolyn's Caverns. Learn the geology, biology, and human history of the caves. Caves are naturally dark, damp, and dirty. Wear layers and plan on getting dirty. Bring flashlight. Caves accessed by stairs and ladders. Recommended minimum age 5 years old with parent. Minors must be accompanied by supervising adult. Tours last about 2 hours. Please arrive before 1:00. Limit: 35 people. (Groups should make reservations separately.) Cost: \$5/person.

Saturdays starting June 13

Crawl Cave Tours. 9:30 AM. Take a naturalist-guided tour of Carolyn's Caverns & Mother's Cave. (See description above). Mother's Cave is ALL CRAWLING. Some narrow spaces. Recommended minimum age eight years old with parent.

July 25 - Saturday

Prairie Wildflower Hike. 10 AM. Hike with a naturalist around the fields of Ledge View as the prairie flowers come into bloom, and learn some floral facts and folklore. Cost: \$3/person.

Mosquito Hill New London

May 9 - Saturday

Birding by Canoe. 7:30–11 AM. Pack your canoe and binoculars and join us for a leisurely morning of paddling and bird watching in the Mukwa Wildlife Area. Cost: \$7/adults, \$5/students, seniors, FOMH. Registration & payment due May 1.

June 6 - Saturday

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds & the Ultimate Hummer Garden. 1–2:30 PM. Learn about these majestic jewels of the garden including little known facts about their feeding preferences and what to plant in your garden to attract them. A plant sale will follow from 2:30-4 PM, allowing you to purchase the plants that attract these birds. Cost: \$5/adults or \$3.50/students, seniors & FOMH. Registration & payment due by June 1.

Ridges Baileys Harbor

May 9 - Saturday

Logan Creek Wildflower Hike. 10 AM & 1 PM. Visit our Logan Creek Property to see an amazing variety of spring wildflowers. Trillium, Spring Beauty, Toothwort and Trout Lilies should all be near their peak. Meet at 5724 Loritz Rd, just south of Jacksonport. Call 920-839-2802 to pre-register. Cost: \$5/adult, children under 18 free.

May 21-23

Door County Festival of Nature. Over 50 field trips to Door County's most unique and pristine natural areas. Birding trips, wildflower hikes, geology workshops, and canoe/kayak outings. Keynote speakers on May 21 & 22. Pre-registration required. Call 920-839-2802 or go to www.RidgesSanctuary.org/festival.htm.

Saturdays May 28 thru July 25

Discovery Bird Hikes. 6:30 AM. Meet at the nature center (8288 Hwy Q, Baileys Harbor) and carpool to various local birding hot spots. Beginning & experienced birders welcome. Cost: \$5 donation. Call 920-839-2802 for more info.

June 20 - Saturday

Ridges Ride for Nature. Bicycle the backroads of Door County, and help support The Ridges Sanctuary. Routes of 25K, 50K and 100K. Registration fees include route maps, sagwagon service, food and beverage stops en route, and a great pasta lunch. T-shirts available. Call 920-839-2802 for registration information, or visit www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.htm.

1000 Islands Kaukauna

June 11 - Thursday

Bald Eagles. 9-10:30 AM. Learn about the Bald Eagles at 1000 Islands then hike to the eagle nest. For adults, children and families.

June 15 - Monday

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

June 17 - Wednesday

Bug Bonanza. 10 AM. Learn more about insects, arachnids and other creepy crawlies then go on a hunt to see how many you can find! All ages.

July 31 - Friday

Stars & Stories. 7-8 PM. Learn about the constellations found in the night sky. Star gazing may be included weather permitting. For adults and families.

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.

SUMMER OUTINGS

Please join us on one of our outings this summer! They are a great way to meet other members and to see some of Wisconsin's most beautiful places. Outings are open to all members and non-members. In order to participate, sign up at one of our general meetings at Bubolz or contact the outings leader directly. After you contact a trip leader, they will provide you with all of the trip details.

Late April or Early May

Garlic Mustard Pull. Pull at two parks in Combined Locks and at High Cliff State Park. Date and time depends on the growing conditions in Northeastern Wisconsin. Contact Dale Schaber at dschaber@athenet.net or (920) 739-6041 for outing information.

May 2, Saturday

Hike Maple Hills. Hike a small gem of a trail system just outside of Shawano. After about an 1 1/2 hour hike, we'll go into Shawano to one of the best places to look for sturgeon on their annual run up the Wolf River. Learn about their prehistoric route and how it ends at the dam in Shawano. Meet at 1PM in the Arby's/Shell Station parking lot at the junction of Hwy 22 and Hwy 29. Nancy Brown-Koeller (920) 830-6625 (evenings).

May 30, Saturday

Ice Age Trail Work Day in Waupaca County. This is a joint workday between the Fox Valley Sierra Group and the Waupaca County IAT chapter. Meet at Hartman Creek State Park, west of Waupaca, at 9:30 AM. This FVSG project will do preparation work for the Mobile Skills Crew project June 11-14. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, and insect repellent to the work outing. After our work is done we will stop for ice cream at Dairy Queen in Waupaca. For info and so I have a rough count of the number of participants, contact Darrel Ruechel at (715) 258-5226 or dairl@waupacaonline.net.

May 31, Sunday

Neenah Volksporing. Learn about the American Volksporing Association and the Neenah Volksporing routes. Walk 3.3 miles or bike about 15 miles past historic and scenic Neenah locations. Meet in Neenah at 1PM in the Walgreens parking lot on the corner of Commercial and Winneconne Streets. Nancy Brown-Koeller (920) 830-6625 (evenings).

June 11-14, Thu.-Sun.

Ice Age Trail Work Day in Waupaca County. Volunteers needed for full or half days on one, some, or all 4 days. Hands-on training will be given. Volunteer support is also needed for food preparation and the registration station. This is an IAT Mobile Skills Crew project. A 40-foot bridge will be built, trail maintenance will be done, signage provided, and two kiosks built so 3 miles of the IAT can be certified. Camp headquarters will be at Hartman Creek State Park. Participants can sign in at Hartman Creek State Park south of Hwy. 54 on Hartman Creek Road or at the Skunk and Foster Lakes State Natural Area by taking Foley Road north of U.S. Hwy. 10 a few miles. If desired, participants can enjoy free camping in the group campsite and a courtesy park pass. Water and food is provided. Bring water bottle, work boots and clothes, repellent, and sunscreen. Tools are provided. For registration and information, contact Debbie Krogwold, Waupaca County IAT Coordinator, daytime at (715) 258-6243 or go to www.iceagetrail.org and click on "Volunteer Center", "Trail Building", and then click on the online calendar for the Mobile Skills Crew. Pre-registration can be done online and is requested primarily for meal planning.

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. To read a copy of the waiver, please see the Chapter's website: wisconsin.sierraclub.org/outings.htm

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Upcoming Programs...

June 11, 2009 • Great Lakes Studies • 7:00 PM

Mike Carvan from the Great Lakes WATER Institute will talk about ongoing research in the Great Lakes.

Programs are held at the wheelchair accessible Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (County A) in Appleton, Wisconsin and are open to the public. Please join us! <http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/>



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It's Our Nature



Snowshoe tracks to Baileys Harbor in Door County. KELLY KRUPKA

Deadline...

for submitting materials for the August-October 2009 newsletter is July 11th!

Anyone can submit articles, photos, poems, trip reports, etc. Email Kelly at kellykrupka@yahoo.com

Visit Us at the Fox Cities Earth Day Celebration at the ReStore!

The Fox Valley Sierra Group, along with over 40 other organizations will be participating in a free community-wide Earth Day celebration suitable for all ages!

When: Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Habitat ReStore, 3000 E. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911

Activities: Exhibitors, Educational Forums, Kid's Activities, Workshops, Local Foods, Electronics Recycling (see below), Goodwill collection and so much more!

Visit: www.AppletonRestore.org for more details and a complete listing of exhibitors and food vendors.

FREE TV & Electronics Recycling

During the Earth Day Celebration at the ReStore (see above) drop off your old TV sets, dvd players, computer equipment, microwaves, vacuums, toasters, telephones, cell phones, and all consumer electronics for FREE for recycling!

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