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Waukesha County, through its Department of Parks and Land Use, is dedicated to fostering the protection, wise use, enhancement, and enjoyment of the County's cultural and natural resources and the health of its citizens. To help engage businesses, citizens, and visitors in achieving this objective, an Activity Guide of environmental education opportunities has been developed.

The environmental education opportunities presented in this Activity Guide seek to:

- Increase the amount of material recycled from households and businesses to reduce taxpayer cost.
- Create opportunities for citizens to explore the outstanding natural resources in the Waukesha County Park System.
- Collaborate with School Districts in the County to offer a variety of science-based educational opportunities to meet curriculum requirements and enhance the quality of life in the County.
- Protect and enhance the quality of the County's lakes and streams by informing citizens on how property management decisions impact water quality.
- Protect the quantity and quality of the groundwater resources in the County by promoting water conservation and groundwater infiltration.

I welcome you to explore the opportunities within this Activity Guide and help us keep Waukesha County a great place to live, work, and play.

Dan Vrakas,
Waukesha County Executive

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At a Glance

February - March 18	Order Rain Garden Plants at Half Price
February 4 Wednesday	Camera Club
February 5 Thursday	Waukesha Public Library "Green Cleaning Workshop"
February 7 Saturday	Wild Winter Night Planetarium Shows
February 9 Monday	Nature Explorers "Wild Bird Feeders"
February 10 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "The Red Mitten" Brookfield Public Library "Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop"
February 11 Wednesday	Muskego Public Library "Recycling 101: Easier than Ever!"
February 14 Saturday	Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes Planetarium Shows Kids Ice Fishing Clinics
February 20 Friday	Evening Trails "Creatures of the Chilly Night"
February 21 Saturday	Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes Planetarium Shows
February 28 Saturday	Winter Wildlife on Showshoes Planetarium Shows
March 4 Wednesday	Camera Club
March 5 Thursday	Brookfield Public Library "Green Cleaning Workshop"
March 7 Saturday	Aldo Leopold Weekend Planetarium Shows
March 9 Monday	Nature Explorers "Mystery Hikers" Alice Baker Library "Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop"
March 10 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "Journey Through the Stars" Mukwonago Community Library "Green Cleaning Workshop"
March 12 Thursday	Menomonee Falls Public Library "Green Cleaning Workshop"

March 14 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows Master Gardener Workshop
March 21 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows
March 28 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows Master Gardener Workshop
April 1 Wednesday	Camera Club
April 3 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
April 4 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows
April 9 Thursday	Oconomowoc Public Library "Green Cleaning Workshop"
April 10 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
April 11 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows Kids Fishing Clinic
April 13 Monday	Nature Explorers "Spring Fever"
April 14 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "House for Sale" Pewaukee Public Library "Green Cleaning Workshop" Mukwonago Community Library "Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop"
April 17 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
April 18 Saturday	Planetarium Shows Poplar Creek Gardens "Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop"
April 19 Sunday	Earth Week "Canoe Outing"
April 22 Wednesday	Waukesha Public Library "Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop"
April 23 Thursday	Preschool Nature Exploration

April 23 Thursday	Poplar Creek Gardens "Home Composting Workshop"
April 24 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
April 25 Saturday	Earth Week Finale Planetarium Shows
May 1 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
May 2 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows
May 5 Tuesday	Muskego Public Library "Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop"
May 6 Wednesday	Camera Club Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"
May 8 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
May 9 Saturday	Spring Native Plants, Rain Barrels & Compost Bins Sale Retzer Nature Center "Home Composting Workshop" Planetarium Shows
May 11 Monday	Nature Explorers "Searching for Animals"
May 12 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "Wiggly Worms at Work" Pewaukee Public Library "Home Composting Workshop" Mukwonago Community Library "Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop"
May 13 Wednesday	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"
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May 20 Wednesday	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"
May 22 Friday	Morning Bird Hike

May 23 Saturday	Family Adventure Hikes Planetarium Shows
May 27 Wednesday	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"
May 29 Friday	Morning Bird Hikes
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June 3 Wednesday	Camera Club Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"
June 5 Friday	Morning Bird Hikes
June 8 Monday	Nature Explorers "Funny Frog Adventure"
June 9 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "Froggy Fun"
June 10 Wednesday	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Powerful Tools for Caregivers"
June 12 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
June 13 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike Master Gardener Workshop
June 15, 17 & 18 M, W & Th	Boy Scout Merit Camps "Mammal" & "Forestry"
June 16 & 19 Tues & Fri	Boy Scout Merit Camp "Environmental Science"
June 19 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
June 20 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
June 26 Friday	Morning Bird Hike
June 27 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
July 1 Wednesday	Camera Club
July 11 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
July 13 Monday	Nature Explorers "Prairie Bug Hunt"

At a Glance continued

July 13 - 17 Mon - Fri	Summer Camp "Habitat Explores"
July 14 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "Water Play"
	Boy Scout Merit Camp "Soil & Water Conservation"
July 18 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
July 20 - 24 Mon - Fri	Boy Scout Merit Camp "Insects"
	Summer Camp "Adventures on the Earth & In the Sky"
July 25 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike

August 1 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
August 5 Wednesday	Camera Club
August 8 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
August 10 Monday	Nature Explorers "Exploring the Pond"
August 11 Tuesday	Wee Wonders "Creepy Crawlers"
August 15 Saturday	Family Adventure Hike
August 22 Saturday	Fall Native Plant Sale Family Adventure Hike

Special Events

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Wild Winter Night

DATE: Saturday, February 7

TIME: 6 pm - 9 pm

LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center

FEE: \$2.00 per person

Cure your winter cabin fever and join us for this wild winter adventure! There will be guided hikes led by Retzer Naturalists, snowshoe use included with fee, and an informal sing-along by a warm campfire with s'mores and hot cocoa. Dress appropriately, this event will be held regardless of the weather. We'll explore the winter sky through an outdoor observation with telescopes, as well as an indoor Planetarium program entitled "Amazing Stargazing." Learn how to find your directions, spot planets, plot craters on the moon and find out how astronomers explore the planets.

PLEASE NOTE: There are a limited number of snowshoes available, so there may be waiting time. Planetarium Shows are limited to 90 people per show, which are first-come, first-served. Ticket distribution starts at 6 pm and show times are at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, and 8:30 pm.

Kids Ice Fishing Clinics

DATE: Feb. 14

TIME: 9 am - 3 pm (Stop in any time, it will take just over 1 hour to complete all stations)

LOCATIONS AND INSTRUCTORS: Menomonee Park, W220 N7884 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls / Instructors Badger Fisherman's Club, Fox Brook Park, 2925 North Barker Road, Brookfield / Instructors Wern Valley Sportsmen Club

FEE: Free

Introduce ice fishing to your minnow (ages 15 and under). Equipment and bait will be available and instruction will be provided on knot tying, safe use of equipment, proper techniques, and safety issues. Instructors are DNR Angler Certified. The daily park entrance fee is included with clinic participation, parking passes will be distributed the day of the clinic by clinic organizers. Please call Waukesha County Park System (262) 896-8074 to register groups of 10 or more.

Special Events Continued

Aldo Leopold Weekend - The Legacy of Aldo Leopold

Reading From Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*

DATE: March 7

TIME: 10 am - Noon

LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center

FEE: Free

Adults & Older Children

All participants are invited to participate with readings of their favorite selections from Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*!

Reading the LandScape! - Hike

DATE: March 7

TIME: 1 - 3 pm

LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center

FEE: Free

Adults & Older Children

Use Leopold's detective approach, to figure out the land story!

Kids Fishing Clinics

DATE: April 11

TIME: 9 am - 3 pm (Stop in any time, it will take just over 1 hour to complete all stations)

LOCATIONS AND INSTRUCTORS: Menomonee Park, W220 N7884 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls / Instructors: Wisconsin House Outdoorsman, Muskego Park, S83W20370 Janesville Rd, Muskego / Instructors: Womens Hunting and Sporting Association, Fox Brook Park, 2925 N. Barker Rd, Brookfield / Instructors: Wern Valley Sportsmen Club

FEE: Free

See Feb. 14th description.

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Earth Week

DATE: April 19-April 25

FEE: All events during Earth Week are free

Celebrate Mother Earth with this Friends of Retzer Nature Center sponsored week-long family event.

Canoe Outing

DATE: Sunday, April 19

TIME: 1 pm

REGISTER BY: Monday, April 13 - Call (262) 970-6680

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the marsh, river and wetlands in spring on a naturalist guided canoe outing led by Retzer staff & guest naturalists. We will canoe the Oconomowoc River to Lowe's Lake. A wearable Coast Guard Approved Life Preserver (PFD) is required. Participants must provide their own canoe.

Preschool Nature Exploration

DATE: Thursday, April 23

TIME: 10 - 11 am (Ages 2-3 yrs) or 1 - 2 pm (Ages 4-6 yrs)

REGISTER BY: Monday, April 20 - Call (262) 970-6680

A nature experience awaits children on a Retzer hike. Come explore the sensory wonders of the outdoors while observing and comparing spring insects, flowers, & other treasures. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Each session is limited to 15 participants.

Morning Bird Hike

DATE: Friday, April 24

TIME: 7 - 8:30 am

Discover the birds returning to the diverse habitats of Brown's Fen—Retzer's finest natural area.

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Earth Week FINALE

DATE: Saturday, April 25
TIME: 5 am - 9 pm

JACK YOUNG MEMORIAL EARTH WATCH

TIME: 5 am - 12:30 pm

REGISTER BY: April 23 - Call (262) 970-6680

Experience nature's beauty in a whole new way by volunteering for Earth Watch. Observe the often unnoticed activities of the birds & animals of Retzer during your 2 1/2 hour shift. Equipment is provided.

FAMILY BIRD WATCH

TIMES: 9, 10, 11 am - meet by main entrance

Learn how to participate in this fascinating & fun activity through a guided tour. This program includes 1/2 hour discussion and 1/2 hour hike on wooded and open areas on gentle terrain, near the building.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & GAMES "Natural Creations & Explorations"

TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

Kids of all ages will enjoy a variety of crafts and activities by using natural and recycled materials. Create a birdfeeder, and unique crafts with items found around the land and finish by going on a fun forest adventure hike.

COMPOST- TURN YOUR GREEN INTO GOLD

TIME: 11 am - Noon

Join Master Gardeners, Janet Manke-Fischer & Barb Havas, as they show you the perfect recipe for creating the best compost to be used in your garden beds.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Age 14 thru Adults

TIME: Noon - 3 pm

REGISTER BY: April 20 - Call (262) 896-8074

Join Retzer staff in this worthwhile volunteer project of invasive species removal or spreading wood chips on trails. Must be 14 years of age or older.

TREES & WILDFLOWERS HIKE

TIME: 2 - 3 pm - meet by main entrance

Enjoy this guided hike on trails in wooded and open areas on moderately hilly terrain.

FAMILY CONCERT BY TOM PEASE

TIME: 3 - 5 pm

CAMPFIRE SONGS & S'MORES

TIME: 5 - 7 pm

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR: Guided Twilight Hike Into Brown's Fen

Adults & Families with older children

TIME: Approx. 7:15 - 9 pm

This natural area features frogs and peepers, woodcocks, coyotes, and constellations. Enjoy our own Treasure Hunt! This hike is on very hilly terrain, in twilight and darkness, so bring your flashlight.

Spring Native Plants, Rain Barrels & Compost Bins Sale

DATE: Saturday, May 9

TIME: 9 am - Noon

LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center - (262) 970-6680

It is preferred that customers pre-order and pre-pay for plants. Visit waukeshacountyparks.com for pre-order plant options. Deadline for pre-order is March 6. Master gardeners will be available to answer questions and demonstrate both container and straw bale gardening at the sale. Also available are rain barrels and compost bins at great sale prices. Learn how to compost at the FREE home composting workshop at 10 am. **Compost bin - \$50 | Rain barrel - \$60 | Tandem barrel set - \$100**

Fall Native Plant Sale

DATE: Saturday, August 22

TIME: 9 am - Noon

LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center - (262) 970-6680

It is preferred that customers pre-order and pre-pay for plants. Visit waukeshacountyparks.com. Landscaping with native plants is good for the environment, wildlife and your wallet. Check out the great variety of native plants and get tips on growing your own native garden.

Beaches Open Saturday, May 30th

**Fox Brook
Menomonee
Minooka
Mukwonago
Muskego
Naga-Waukee**

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JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMS AT MOOR DOWNS & WANAKI

Lessons Include:

- Putting • Chipping • Woods • Irons
- Simulated On-Course Practice
- Rules and Etiquette overview

Juniors golf FREE with paying adult
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General Programming

Join us at Retzer Nature Center for our general programming and activities!
Pre-registration may be required for some programs as space may be limited.
Please see specific program descriptions.

Volunteer Teaching Naturalist Training

Call (262) 970-6680 for more information

We offer an apprenticeship program for our teaching naturalist training. Through this program you will receive the same training as the Teaching Naturalist Training Course. We prepare you to lead a school group on their selected hike. There is no registration deadline for the apprenticeship program; we welcome new volunteers anytime of the year.

Retzer Nature Center Camera Club

DATES: Wednesdays, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, & August 5

TIME: 7 pm

Call (262) 970-6680 for more information

The Camera Club meets monthly and includes instructional programs, sharing/critique of members' photographs, discussion of equipment and technique, and opportunities for taking photographs at Retzer Nature Center and other nature areas.

Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes

Adults/Families & Scouts

DATES: February 14, 21, 28

TIME: 9 am - 11 am & 1 pm - 3 pm

REGISTER BY: Friday prior to class date (limited space)

FEE: \$5.00 per person

Winter is a great time to get out and explore your environment, and snowshoes are a great way to do it. Join a Retzer Naturalist as you trek the trails in the silent world of winter on snowshoes. The program will emphasize wildlife tracks and signs and recreational snowshoeing as you connect to your winter surroundings.

Master Gardener Workshops

Join Master Gardeners on Saturdays for a themed workshop at Retzer Nature Center.

FEE: Free

DATE: Saturday, March 14

TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 am

"Shrub Pruning" hands-on program

DATE: Saturday, March 28

TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 am

"4 Seasons of Interest" hands-on program

DATE: Saturday, May 16

TIME: 11 am - Noon

"Tree and Shrub" hands-on program

DATE: Saturday, June 13

TIME: 11 am - Noon

"Differentiating Weeds from Wildflowers" hands-on program

Morning Bird Hike

DATES: April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26

TIME: 7 - 8:30 am

FEE: \$2.00

They're back! Our frisky, feathered friends are back! We'll explore their habitats, welcome back spring migrants, and check on our year round residents. Don't forget your binoculars. Binoculars are available at Retzer on a limited basis. No reservations needed. Meet in parking lot.

Family Adventure Hikes

Join us Saturdays for flexible themed adventures to get families out on the trails, and have a land discovery experience - exploring with a Naturalist. Programs are family-friendly and geared toward all ages. Each Saturday listed will be a new adventure; you never know what you might be exploring. No need to pre-register.

FEE: \$4.00 per person (Children under 5 free).

DATE: March 14
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: March 21
TIME: 8:30 - 10 am

DATE: March 28
TIME: 8:30 - 10 am

DATE: April 4
TIME: 1 - 3 pm

DATE: April 11
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

DATE: May 2
TIME: 1 - 3 pm

DATE: May 16
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: May 23
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: May 30
TIME: 9 - 11 am & 1 - 3 pm

DATE: June 13
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: June 20
TIME: 8:30 - 10 am

DATE: June 27
TIME: 1 - 2 pm

DATE: July 11
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

DATE: July 18
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: July 25
TIME: 8:30 - 10 am

DATE: August 1
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: August 8
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: August 15
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

DATE: August 22
TIME: 9 - 11 am

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

DATES: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10

TIME: 1:30 - 4 pm

REGISTER BY: May 1 - Call Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center at (262) 548-7827

FEE: \$3.00 per person (one-time fee to cover facility use)

This 6-week program is packed full of strategies to help family caregivers (no professional caregivers) take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse/partner, friend, or someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country, you will learn ways to practice self-care; reduce personal stress; communicate in challenging situations with family and healthcare providers; and find and use community resources.

Habitat Explorers Camp

DATES: July 13-17

TIME: Noon - 3 pm

REGISTER BY: Monday, July 6

FEE: \$80.00

As we visit a variety of Retzer's habitats, campers will discover a world of wildlife just outside our backdoor at this five day camp. Time will be spent down at the pond catching critters swimming and crawling in the muck. We will also explore the forest and prairie as we uncover colorful inhabitants. Unique projects, utilizing items found along the way, will highlight camper's explorations as they create fantastic memories of camp. Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5.

Adventures On the Earth & In the Sky Camp

DATES: July 20-24

TIME: 8:30 am - Noon

REGISTER BY: Monday, July 13

FEE: \$100.00

This cooperative five day summer camp between the Horwitz Planetarium and Retzer Nature Center will be out of this world! Campers spend time each day learning about the planet Earth and Space Odysseys. Reaching for the stars at the planetarium, campers will fly through the solar system on a voyage to learn about different parts of our galaxy. Back down to earth, campers find themselves unearthing the secrets of life on our planet. Cool projects and experiments will highlight this week-long exploration. Maximum number of registrants 40, minimum 8.



Wee Wonders Program

Ages 2-4

Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Fee: \$4.00

This monthly program at Retzer Nature Center will focus on outdoor fun for the next few months and is designed for parents or grandparents with young children ages 2 to 4. Wee Wonders will introduce sensory skills that help you, the adult, experience the natural world with your child. Each child must be accompanied by an adult for participation in this program. Please dress for the weather. Sorry, no walk-ins.

Participants must pre-register by calling (262) 970-6680.

The Red Mitten

DATE: Tuesday, February 10

REGISTER BY: Friday, February 6

Discover what can be collected on your mittens. Join the naturalist on this sticky exploration in winter. Decorate a mitten with your collection to take home and display.

Journey Through the Stars

DATE: Tuesday, March 10

REGISTER BY: Friday, March 6

We will be heading to the Planetarium to see the show "Mister Roger's Neighborhood." Scenes and characters from this popular children's show will introduce your child to the wonders of the day and night sky. Finish off your journey with a creative star activity.

House for Sale

DATE: Tuesday, April 14

REGISTER BY: Friday, April 10

Collect the nesting supplies and finish off with building a nest that can be taken home for added fun in your backyard as you watch for lodgers to move in.

Wiggly Worms at Work

DATE: Tuesday, May 12

REGISTER BY: Friday, May 8

Explore the life of a worm and the places they live as we dig up a few of these wiggly creatures to hold and enjoy. We will then make a worm home to take your new pet with you.

Froggy Fun

DATE: Tuesday, June 9

REGISTER BY: Friday, June 5

Hop on down to the pond to find frogs and their friends in the water. Children (with their parents' help) will use nets to catch these amazing animals for a close-up look and discovery adventure. Dress for mud!

Water Play

DATE: Tuesday, July 14

REGISTER BY: Friday, July 10

It's time to get busy watering! Children will decorate their own watering can before they help water all of the thirsty plants they can find. The watering can is yours to take home to help in your yard.

Creepy Crawlers

DATE: Tuesday, August 11

REGISTER BY: Friday, August 7

Let's go on a bug hunt! Join our naturalist as she guides your young entomologist in a search for creepy crawlers. Parents will assist their child with a sweep net as they hunt for these 6-legged creatures



Nature Explorers

Ages 5-7

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fee: \$4.00

Join the exploration at Retzer Nature Center! A new topic will be explored each month through stories, crafts, and activities. Explorers will have a chance to discover nature while making friends. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather. Sorry, no walk-ins. **Participants must pre-register by calling (262) 970-6680.**

Wild Bird Feeders

DATE: Monday, February 9

REGISTER BY: Thursday, February 6

Learn about the birds that fly south for winter, and those who stay in our backyards all winter long. Create a feeder for the birds and squirrels to enjoy out in your backyard!

Mystery Hikers

DATE: Monday, March 9

REGISTER BY: Friday, March 6

This explorer class is all about hiking the trails and finding mysteries and treasures along the way.

Spring Fever

DATE: Monday, April 13

REGISTER BY: Friday, April 10

April showers will bring May flowers, let's go hiking through the prairie to see what grasses, flowers and bushes are blooming. We will collect some nice leaves and seeds to make a beautiful "Welcome Spring" collage.

Searching for Mammals

DATE: Monday, May 11

REGISTER BY: Friday, May 8

Mammals are always hard to find as they camouflage and hide during the day, but we are going to go search for their homes and food! In this program we will create a fun mammal tail to take home.

Funny Frog Adventure

DATE: Monday, June 8

REGISTER BY: Friday, June 5

Leaping, hoping, jumping and cur-plunking! Time to put on your mud boots and come on down to the pond to catch some frogs.

Prairie Bug Hunt

DATE: Monday, July 13

REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 10

Last month we caught the frogs and this month we are going to catch some bugs on our bug hunt through the prairie.

Exploring the Pond

DATE: Monday, August 10

REGISTER BY: Friday, August 7

Time to head down to the pond again with our mud boots and dip in our nets to find what critters are lurking in the mucky water!



Charles Z. Horwitz Planetarium Programs

\$4.00 per person unless otherwise noted.
Private group shows available by reservation.
All shows are held at Charles Z. Horwitz Planetarium located inside of Retzer Nature Center. Planetarium Shows are limited to 90 people per show, which are first come, first served.
For more information or to register a group call (262) 896-8423

Amazing Stargazing during Wild Winter Night

General Public
DATE: February 7
TIME: Show runs every ½ hour from 6:30 pm - 9 pm
FEE: Included in the entrance fee of \$2/person for the Wild Winter Night event

We take you back stage to the making of a cartoon fantasy radio show about the sky. Learn how to find your directions, spot planets, plot craters on the moon and find out how astronomers explore the planets. See Wild Winter Night (page 7) for more information. Ticket distribution begins at 6:20 pm.

A Solar System Adventure Tour

Children's Show (recommended for ages 6-11)
DATES: February 14, 21, 28
TIME: 11 am

You won't believe how fun learning about the planets can be when you step aboard the "Star Traveler" spaceship on your interactive journey past the sun and planets in our solar system.

Chasing the Ghost Particle

General Public
DATES: February 14, 21, 28
TIME: 1 pm

Deep in the ice at the heart of Antarctica, the biggest and strangest detector in the world waits for mysterious messengers from the cosmos. Scientists are using tiny and elusive particles called neutrinos to explore the insides of stars and galaxies. These ghostly neutrinos give us an exclusive look inside exploding stars and black holes.

The Sky Tonight

Children's Show (recommended for ages 4-8)
DATES: March 7, 14, 21, 28
TIME: 11 am

Paint the sky blue, make a rainbow, sing a song about space and clap to the music as we all meet Joe Star, Marsha Moon and Mike Meteor in this fun, participatory sky theater program.

The Universe of Dr. Einstein

General Public
DATES: March 7, 14, 21, 28
TIME: 1 pm

Made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation, this program examines Einstein's life, his discoveries in physics and his theories of relativity. Einstein's discoveries penetrated into the hearts of stars as well as the far reaches of the universe.

3-2-1 Blastoff

Children's Show (recommended for ages 7-12)
DATES: April 4, 11, 18
TIME: 11 am

A magical video gram turns real and takes the audience on a journey past the sun, moon and planets in our solar system. We will see the Earth from space, land on the surface of Mars, and even fly through the rings of Saturn. At the end of the show, we return everyone safely back to Earth.

Voyage to the Edge of the Universe

General Public
DATES: April 4, 11, 18
TIME: 1 pm

This fascinating show presents close-up views of the sun, moon, and planets, then takes the audience into deep space to explore white dwarfs, neutron stars and black holes. Also in this program, scientists explore some of the most current trends in human and robotic space exploration.

Spring Sky Legends during Earth Week Celebration

General Public
DATES: April 25
TIME: Shows run every 45 minutes from 9 am - 4 pm
FEE: Free - Part of Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Earth Week activities

This spring sky show presents favorite constellation characters like Hercules the Strong Man, Hydra the Water Snake and Leo the Lion. Each of these characters magically come alive to tell their fantastic stories.

Wish Upon a Star

Children's Show (recommended for ages 6-10)
DATES: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
TIME: 11 am

A little girl and her parents spend a night out under the stars. Together they explore constellations, the moon, planets and even see some meteors (shooting stars).

The Explorers

General Public
DATES: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
TIME: 1 pm

This program takes the audience on an ocean voyage of the Pacific in a small vessel that finds its way by the stars. This celestial navigation show will leave you with a great appreciation for our early ocean explorers.

June, July & August

There are no public shows scheduled for the summer months, however, the planetarium is available by appointment for groups of ten or more. Please call (262) 896-8423 to arrange a show.

Public Skywatches at Retzer

See stars, planets, the moon, nebulae, star clusters and galaxies! Learn how to use a telescope and binoculars. Our telescope will be available, but feel free to bring your own.

DATES: March 6 & May 1
TIME: 7 - 9 pm (weather permitting)
FEE: \$2.00 donation per person is appreciated.

Watch for Upcoming Special Event Shows...

- Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival
- Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Howl-O-Ween

Don't forget to sign-up for Summer Fun



Habitat Explorers
July 13 - 17

**Earth & Space
Adventure Camp**
July 20 - 24



Sign-up early!

www.waukeshacountyparks.com

**Learn to Swim at a
Waukesha County Beach!**
Registration starts May 1st
Call (262) 548-7801

Fox Brook Park - Brookfield
(July 20 - July 31)

Menomonee Park - Menomonee Falls
(July 6 - 17)

Mukwonago Park - Mukwonago
(June 22 - July 3)

Muskego Park - Muskego
(July 20 - July 31)

Naga-Waukee Park - Hartland
(July 6 - 17)

Well Water Test Kits

Available for \$25.00
and tests for bacteria.

Pick up a kit at

515 W. Moreland Blvd., AC 260
Waukesha, WI 53188

Open Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

Or receive a test kit by mail
(additional \$3.00 for shipping).

**Purchase a test kit from
May 3 to May 9
during Drinking Water Week
and receive a FREE Nitrate test!**

Courtesy of Waukesha County

Call (262) 896-8305 for more information
or visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/eh



RECYCLING JUST GOT EASIER

WAUKESHA COUNTY RECYCLES – NOW MORE THAN EVER!

The old days of separating your recyclables are over. We're making it easier! Your hauler will be dropping off a new recycling container for you to use, and all your recyclables will go in that container, mixed together. Yes, really!

Beginning January 1, 2015, paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum cans, glass bottles, all go in the same container. No sorting. No hassle.

LET'S RECYCLE, WAUKESHA COUNTY!



For an expanded list of acceptable materials, go to:
waukeshacounty.gov/recycling



SCOUT PROGRAMS

Call (262) 970-6680 to register your scout or group.

****All Scout Programs are held at Retzer Nature Center unless noted ****

All programs may only be scheduled as follows:

Tuesdays & Thursdays **Saturday Dates*:** March 28, April 18 & May 16
4:30 pm (start by) **9 - 11 am, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, or 2 - 4 pm.**

FEE: \$4 per scout for 1 hour program | \$6 per scout for 1.5 hour | \$8 per scout for 2 hour

*There may be the possibility for more than one group to be scheduled for same programs during the same time slot.

Girl Scouts

(for Troops)

Daisy

Between Earth and Sky • 1 hour (year-round)

Search and discover different colors shapes and textures around Retzer Nature Center and create bark rubbings.

Extend your program by 1/2 hour:

Choose one topic:

1. Winter tracking (Winter only)
2. Observe and study plant parts (Spring – Fall)
3. Collect and learn about different seeds (Fall only)

Brownie

Bugs (Naturalist Legacy Badge) • 1.5 hours (May - Sept)

Step 1: Talk to a bug specialist

Step 3: Watch three bugs

Step 4: Do a "bug" race

Step 5: Take a bug walk

Extend your program by 1/2 hour to include:

Step 2: Create a bug box or bug craft

Hikers (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Step 1: Choose a Retzer Nature trail

Step 2: Try out a hiking skill

Step 3: Know the right gear for hiking

Step 4: Make a healthy snack to take on your hike

Step 5: Go on a hike with a Naturalist choosing to include one of the following:

A) scavenger hunt, B) play "I Spy" C) do a detective hike

Letter Boxing (Skill Building Badge) • 2 hours (year-round)

Step 1: Practice your "seeking" skills

Step 2: Create your own stamp

Step 3: Practice solving clues

Step 4: Go on a letterbox hunt

Senses (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Step 1: Do a scavenger hunt while hiking

Step 2: Listen for 10 different sounds found in nature

Step 3: Put your nose to work & play the "Smelly Game"

Step 4: Take a taste test

Step 5: Use objects collected at Retzer to make a "feel" box

Junior

Animal Habitat (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Complete this badge outdoors at Retzer.

Step 1: Find out about wild animals

Step 2: Investigate an animal habitat

Step 3: Create an animal house

Step 4: Explore endangered habitats

Step 5: Help protect animal habitats

FREE Girl Scout Programs

Call 262-896-8300 to schedule

BROWNIE HOUSEHOLD ELF BADGE • 1 HOUR

Learn how to make your home clean and green. Make a non-toxic creamy cleaner to take home. Learn the importance of "reduce, reuse, recycle & rot". Take away tips to save water & energy at home to earn your badge!

GIRL SCOUT RECYCLING PATCH • 1/2 OR 1 HOUR

May be held at Retzer Nature Center or your meeting place

Find out where your recyclables go, review what gets recycled, how the materials are processed and what they become. Age-appropriate recycling activities included.

Cub Scouts

(for Dens/Packs)

Tiger

Outdoor Achievement • 1.5 hours (May - Oct)

Enjoy the outdoors as you use your senses hiking the trails at Retzer. Collect leaves and make a fun leaf rubbing project to take home.

FREE Tiger Program

Call 262-896-8300 to schedule

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE (Elective 47) • 1/2 hr or 1 hr

May be held at Retzer Nature Center or your meeting place

Learn about what and how to properly recycle at home, including things that don't go in your recycling bin! How do computers get recycled? Where do batteries go? Find out how recycling works!

Wolf

Birds • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Take a hike and learn how to identify different species living at the Nature Center.

Requirements: 13a (start), b, d, e

Outdoor Adventures • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Join a Naturalist for a tour of the Environmental Learning Center and then take a hike to learn about the poisonous plants found in Wisconsin.

Requirements: 18g, 20d (substitute in snowshoeing)

Bear

Country-Wildlife • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Visit the Environmental Learning Center and talk to a Naturalist. Complete your tour with a hike on the trails where you will learn about endangered and extinct wildlife.

Requirements: 5c, d, e

Extend your program by ½ hour to include one of the following Nature Craft Electives:

1. Make solar prints of three kinds of leaves (late Spring – Fall)
2. Make a display of eight animal tracks (Winter)
3. Collect, press and label ten kinds of leaves (late Spring – Fall)
4. Build a water scope and identify five types of water life (Spring – Summer)
5. Collect eight kinds of plant seeds and label them (Fall)

Webelos

Forester Badge • 1.5 hours (May - Oct.)

Explore the growth and health of a forest. Learn to identify the various trees and woodland plants growing around the Nature Center.

Requirements: 3, 4,5,6,9

Naturalist Badge • 1.5 hours (May - Oct.)

Visit Retzer Nature Center and discover the amazing world around us. Identify birds, poisonous plants and the role animals and plants play in the food chain.

Requirements: 4, 5,6,7,8,9,10

Scientist Activity Badge • 1.5 hours (year-round)

Do some scientific experiments and test a few famous scientific laws of physics. Explore the laws of nature at Retzer Nature Center. This is a perfect badge to work on during the cold winter months. We will be outside only to launch our rockets.

All badge requirements will be fulfilled.



Boy Scout Merit Badges

(for individual Boy Scouts)

Merit Badge Camps will fulfill the requirements needed by utilizing a variety of habitats found at Retzer Nature Center to include: forest, savannah and prairie. These hands-on camps will allow the scout to learn and explore while working with the Naturalists and other specialists. At the conclusion of some of the camps, scouts will have completed a merit badge. There will be required homework that must be completed prior to start of the camp and during camp sessions. Scouts are also expected to attend all required days, actively participate and complete all assigned tasks to earn the badge.

Don't wait! Sign up early! Space is limited for all Merit Badge Camps.

Mammal Study

Uncover the mammals living in a variety of habitats and understand why each has chosen that area to call home. Is it because of the food selection, housing requirements, or protection for prey that draws these mammals to its special niche? Construct and bait a "tracking pit" to observe the wildlife coming to explore the area. Complete the badge with a group project that would benefit one mammal's population. Scouts must attend all sessions to receive badge. Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5.

DATES: Monday, June 15, Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

FEE: \$48.00

REGISTER BY: Monday, June 8

Environmental Science

Complete this Eagle-required badge in 2 half-day sessions. Scouts must attend all sessions to receive badge. Maximum number of registrants 60, minimum 5.

DATES: Tuesday, June 16 & Friday, June 19

TIME: Noon - 4:30 pm

FEE: \$36.00 includes materials and snacks

REGISTER BY: Tuesday, June 8

Forestry

Stay cool while completing this badge. We will be spending much of our time exploring the forest to locate a variety of trees, shrubs and vines. Learn to identify them by their leaves, bark, twigs and the fruits they produce. Embark on the challenges the forest has to endure from the animals, insects and diseases influencing its survival. Create a field notebook to capture your unique observations and cool facts. Wrap up your badge with a tour of the forest by our staff Land Management Specialist as he shows contributions the forest makes and how it is managed here at Retzer Nature Center. Scouts must attend all sessions to receive badge. Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5.

DATES: Monday, June 15, Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18

TIME: 1 - 5 pm

FEE: \$48.00

REGISTER BY: Monday, June 8

Soil & Water Conservation

Learn about soil and water through a variety of hands on activities. This all day class includes a field trip to the waste water treatment plant and water utility. Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5.

DATE: Tuesday, July 14

TIME: 8:30 am - 4 pm

FEE: \$34.00 includes lunch, field trip and materials

REGISTER BY: Monday, July 6

Insect Study

Explore the forest, prairie, and pond for limitless and vastly diverse members of the insect world. Compare their life histories, unique and amazing adaptations, social behaviors, and their interactions with the web of life! Finish this badge as you assemble a scrap book with the required information of 20 insects of your choice. Requirement 7 will be started at camp; scouts must finish this activity on their own and submit verification to receive credit. Requirements 2, 3, & 11 are to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Scouts must attend all sessions to receive badge. Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5.

DATES: July 20-24

TIME: 1 - 4 pm

FEE: \$60.00

REGISTER BY: Monday, July 13

Recycling & Water Resources are Coming to your Community!

Got questions? Need information? Looking for something fun to do? Come and visit our recycling/water resources booth, event, or themed workshop at a community event near you! All programs are FREE! See our websites for specific locations, dates, and times.

waukeshacounty.gov/recycling • waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater

February

- February 5** Green Cleaning with Make & Take – Waukesha Public Library • 7 pm
February 10 Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop – Brookfield Public Library • 7 pm
February 11 Recycling 101: Easier than Ever! – Muskego Public Library • 7 pm

March

- March 5** Green Cleaning with Make & Take – Brookfield Public Library • 2 pm
March 9 Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop – Alice Baker Library • 6:30 pm
March 10 Green Cleaning with Make & Take – Mukwonago Community Library • 6:30 pm
March 12 Green Cleaning with Make & Take – Menomonee Falls Public Library • 7 pm
March 21 Lake Country Community Fest Booth – Arrowhead High School • 10 am - 3 pm

April

- April 9** Green Cleaning with Make & Take – Oconomowoc Public Library • 3 pm
April 18 Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop – Poplar Creek Gardens, New Berlin • 11 am
April 14 Green Cleaning with Make & Take – Pewaukee Public Library • 6:30 pm
 Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels Workshop – Mukwonago Community Library • 6:30 pm
April 22 Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop – Waukesha Public Library • 7 pm
April 23 Home Composting Workshop – Poplar Creek Gardens, New Berlin • 6:30 pm

May

- May 5** Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop – Muskego Public Library • 7 pm
May 9 Compost Bin Sale at Retzer Nature Center's Spring Sale
 S14 W28167 Madison St., Waukesha • 9 am - Noon • Only \$50 each
Home Composting Workshop – Retzer Nature Center, Waukesha • 10 am - 11 am
Home Composting Workshop – Pewaukee Public Library • 6:30 pm
Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop – Mukwonago Community Library • 6:30 pm
Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop – Poplar Creek Gardens, New Berlin • 6:30 pm

August

- August 11** YMCA Pabst Farms Kid's Fest Booth – Roosevelt Park, Oconomowoc • 9 am - 1 pm
August 12 Waukesha National Night Out Booth – Frame Park, Waukesha • 5 pm - 7 pm

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

FREE for Community Groups and Organizations!
School program guide also available for teachers.
We'll come to you or bring your group to Retzer Nature Center!
Contact us today!
(262) 896-8300 • recycling@waukeshacounty.gov

Recycling 101: Easier than Ever!

Adult (youth presentations also available)

Duration: 30 mins (45 min. with Q & A)

New cart, new collection system, new recyclables! Do you still have questions about the changes to recycling? Are you familiar with the list of new recyclables, including new plastics? Do you know what items should not be put in your container? Join recycling staff for a program overview and bring your questions. Find out how single sort recycling facilities get the job done.

Home Composting Workshop

Adult

Duration: 1 hour

Available in Spring/Fall

Learn how to create your own compost, how to use it, and about different bin styles to build or buy. Find out the Top 10 Reasons to compost! Discover the secrets of healthy soil for beautiful lawns & gardens and the role compost plays.

Turn Over a New Leaf Workshop: Easy Fall Yard Care

Adult

Duration: 1 hour

Available in Fall

Learn how to handle large amounts of fallen leaves without burning, raking, piling, bagging, or dragging. Find out the steps to organically improve your lawn and why fall is the best time to do it!

Organic Lawn Care Workshop

Adult

Duration: 45 mins - 1 hour

Available in Spring/Fall

Find out the latest approaches and steps to a green & healthy lawn through organic practices that feed the soil and create the best growing medium for the biggest crop in America: the lawn.

Green Cleaning Workshop

Adult

Duration: 45 mins - 1 hour

We strive to keep our homes & workplaces healthy by using chemicals that are toxic. Is there another way? Find out what common household ingredients can be used to keep your home healthy, clean, and safe. Find out what really works and which products on the market pass as "green." (Presentation only or add: "Make & Take" Creamy Soft Scrub to take home!)

Program Registration 262.896.8300 • waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

Water Resources Programs

FREE for Scouts, Community Groups, and Organizations!

School program guide also available for teachers.

We'll come to you! Contact us today! (262) 896-8300 • water@waukeshacounty.gov

Program Duration: about 1 hour

"Mayflies, Leeches and Scuds—Oh My!"

Grade 4 through Adult

Children will create a storm and watch pollution wash into lakes and rivers on a watershed model. Then we will look at live aquatic critters to see who that pollution hurts when it enters our waters. Older students can calculate a biotic index of water quality and relate their findings to the water quality of the stream. Hands-on science in action!

Understanding your Water Resources

Grade 3 through Adult

Where does your water come from? Where does it go when you are finished with it? What is the difference between storm sewers and sanitary sewers? We'll answer these questions and more in this interactive presentation about water. Have you wondered about the Waukesha water issue? We'll talk about that, too. Find out what a watershed is and what impact you have on our waters—for better or worse. You can become a positive influence on your watershed!

The Value of Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels

Adults

Rain barrels have been used for many generations. Discover how they can actually help restore a more natural water flow while saving you money. Not only will we explore how to install rain barrels, we will learn about rain gardens, too! What is a rain garden? What do they help accomplish and how? Rain gardens and rain barrels can be a beautiful solution to water pollution.

Get the Groundwater Picture

Grade 4 through Adult

Learn how a well works and what goes on above ground that affects our drinking water supply. See how groundwater moves and functions using a groundwater model. This model helps take the guesswork out of groundwater.

Stream Monitoring Field Trip

Grade 5 through Adult

Choose a local river or stream, and we will meet you on-site to measure turbidity, temperature, and biotic index. We will also use a hands-on watershed model to find out how these things are affected by polluted runoff and ways we can prevent it.

Clean Water, Healthy Lawn Workshop

Adults

Learn how to have a healthy lawn and yard without harming local rivers and streams. This workshop will cover lawn care and watering, as well as how to incorporate features like rain barrels and rain gardens into your landscape. Practices covered in this workshop are not only friendly to our local lakes and rivers, but to our pets and children as well.

Program Registration 262.896.8300 • waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION PROGRAMS

FREE programs available for your group!

School program guide also available for teachers.

We'll come to you! Contact us today!

(262) 896-8300 • humaneofficer@waukeshacounty.gov

Animal Bite Prevention*

Grades K-6

Duration: 50 minutes

Find out about animal awareness, animal body language, and making wise choices while interacting with animals.

Humane Animal Education*

Grades 3-10

Duration: 50 minutes

Learn the legal definitions of humane and cruel behavior as they relate to animals. Specific case studies show how humane officers apply the laws.

Humane Animal Careers*

Grades 3-10

Duration: 25 minutes

Explore various careers that involve animals and the preparation required for each career.

Food Safety

Grades 5-10

Duration: 30-60 minutes

Become aware of food safety and the consequences of mishandling food. Hand washing is emphasized and interactive activities are available.

Drinking Water

Grades 5-12

Duration: 30-60 minutes

Learn about where you get your water, what can be harmful in the water, and how to eliminate the dangers. Also find out what to search for at home to keep your water safe.

**Electricity and a clear wall for projection are required for this program.*

Program Registration 262.896.8300 • waukeshacounty.gov/eh

UW Extension

Waukesha County

515 W Moreland Blvd • Administration Center Room G22
Waukesha, WI 53188-3869

Phone: (262) 548-7770 • Office Hours: M-F, 8 am – 4:30 pm
<http://waukesha.uwex.edu/>

Waukesha County UW-Extension is an outreach effort of the University of Wisconsin, putting university knowledge and research to work for the people of Waukesha County. In partnership with local residents and organizations, we develop innovative educational programs. We offer a number of environmentally-focused educational programs and services.

Have a Yard or Garden Question?

Call the Horticulture Helpline. This free phone service allows callers to speak with a trained UW-Extension Master Gardener volunteer regarding plant, bug, or soil questions. Call (262) 548-7779 from 9 am to Noon or email uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov

Diagnosing Plant Problems

Let UW-Extension Horticulture Educators identify your outdoor and indoor plant samples and indoor plant insects! Bring your plant sample or indoor plant insect to the UW-Extension office during business hours (8am to 4:30pm). There is a \$4 charge per sample. To be sure that you have a "good sample" please call (262) 548-7779 or email the Horticulture Helpline-uwex1@waukeshacounty.gov

Soil Testing

Having soil problems? Tired of guessing about additives for your lawn or garden? A soil test will tell you what nutrients your plants or lawn need and will recommend the amount of fertilizer (N-P-K) to add to your soil. It will also tell the current pH of your soil and an analysis of the amount of organic matter in your soil. Contact us for a soil test kit.

Want to garden but don't have the space or the sun in your own yard?

UW-Extension manages a rental garden located just east of the intersection of Northview Road and Grandview Boulevard in the City of Waukesha. Garden plots are available for rental on a yearly basis to Waukesha County residents. Garden plot sizes are 20' by 20' and 30' by 30'. There is a waiting list for plot rental. For more information, see <http://fyi.uwex.edu/community-gardens/> or call (262) 548-7775.

Want to be trained as a Master Gardener?

UW-Extension Master Gardeners volunteer their time to gardening projects and educational programs in return for receiving horticulture training. Waukesha County UW-Extension provides education, training, and volunteer opportunities for those who want to become a Master Gardener. For more information, visit the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners website (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/sewmg>).

4-H Youth Development

Young people in UW-Extension 4-H programs learn leadership and life skills. Regular 4-H membership is for all boys and girls in grades 3-13 (one year out of high school). Kids in K5-grade 2 can also join as Cloverbuds. 4-H members have the opportunity to be involved in many projects that focus on outdoor and physical activity such as gardening, bicycling, backpacking, canoeing, archery, and camping. Kids in 4-H learn skills such as fishing, conservation, wood burning, basket weaving, and robotics. 4-H kids can show art, photographs, foods & nutrition, drawings & paintings, woodworking, animals, and more at the Waukesha County Fair. For more information, see our Website (<http://waukesha.uwex.edu/>) or call (262) 548-7774.

Like us on Facebook



Annual Rain Garden Plant Sale

Order rain garden plants
at half-price
until March 18th

Call (262) 896-8305
for more information or online at
waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater

You're Invited to a Landscape Plastics Recycling Event at



W180 N6275 Marcy Rd, Menomonee Falls

FREE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC AND BUSINESSES

Bring your used plastic growing pots, plant trays & containers. These must be free of debris, tags & metals.

Saturday,
September 12

8am - Noon

Call 262-896-8300 FOR
MORE INFORMATION



Retzer Nature Center's SPRING SALE

One Day
Only!

May 9
9am - Noon
Rain or Shine

Native Plants*



\$4-\$20

*Pre-ordering & pre-payment option for plants is preferred.
Deadline is March 6. Order online at waukeshacountyparks.com

Rain Barrel with Diverter Kit

Rain barrel
\$60

Tandem set
\$100

Compost Bin



Only \$50

FREE Home Composting
Workshop 10 - 11 am

For more information:
(262) 896-8007 or
waukeshacountyparks.com