



Retzer Nature Center

Waukesha County Park System

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Waukesha, WI 53188

Return Service Requested

Environmental Learning Center Office Hours:

Sunday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information call - (262)896-8007

For Program Registration call - (262)548-7801

Your Summer Nature Program Guide June - August 2011

June 1 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	July 6 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	August 3 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club
June, 3,10,17,24 <i>Fridays</i>	Morning Bird Hikes	July 8 <i>Friday</i>	Evening Trails "Catchable Critters"	August 8-12 <i>Monday-Friday</i>	Nature Design Studio "Enviro-Graphic."
June 11 & 25 <i>Saturdays</i>	ID & Ecology of SE WI Trees, Session I & II	July 11-15 <i>Monday-Friday</i>	Nature Design Studio "Enviro-Made."	August 9 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Build a Home: Ant Farm."
June 14 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "ABC Look At Me."	July 12 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Animal Shapes."	August 12 <i>Friday</i>	Evening Trails "Starry, Starry Night Senses."
June 15 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "65290"	July 20 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Prairie Birthday."	August 17 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Good Oak."
June 20-24 <i>Monday -Friday</i>	Nature Design Studio "Enviro-Blocks."			August 20 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Native Plant Sale

VOLUNTEER TEACHER NATURALIST TRAINING

This apprenticeship program is for adults interested in volunteering to lead hikes for school groups that come to Retzer Nature Center. Topics will include: general interpretation of the Wisconsin landscape (especially the plants, animals, and ecology of Retzer Nature Center); environmental education activities (and equipment) used at Retzer; and strategies and tactics for outdoor teaching of school children. Training will include assisting with scheduled programs.

There is no registration deadline; we welcome new volunteers anytime of the year.

Call Retzer Nature Center (262) 896-8007 to sign up or for additional information.

RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets monthly, with 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.

DATE: Wednesdays: June 1, July 6, August 3
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MORNING BIRD HIKES

Adults & families with older children

Enjoy the early morning and the return of our feathered friends. Explore their habitat, welcome back the spring migrants, and check on the year 'round residents. Don't forget your binoculars. Binoculars are available at Retzer on a limited basis.

DATES: Fridays, June 3, 10, 17, 24
TIME: 7:00-8:30 a.m.
FEE: \$1.00 per person

IDENTIFICATION & ECOLOGY OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN TREES

Adult Program

This two-session mini-course will cover identification, basic biology and ecology of SE Wisconsin trees. Forest succession and other topics in forest ecology will also be covered. An introduction to scientific methods and techniques used to study forests will be included. Maximum number of registrants 25, minimum 5.



DATE: Saturday, June 11 - Session I, Minooka Park Picnic Area 3 and then
Saturday, June 25 - Session II, Muskego Park Picnic Area 2
TIME: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
FEE: \$15.00, plus park entrance fees
REGISTER BY: Monday, June 6

WEE WONDERS

Ages 2-4

This monthly program 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 a parent/grandparent for participation in this program. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

"ABC Look At Me." Complete the alphabet with your Wee One in this take home nature project. Begin a treasure collection as we walk along the trails in search of ABC's.

DATE: Tuesday, June 14
TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, June 9

"Animal Shapes." Explore animal shapes through stencils and chalk as we decorate our sidewalks and patio with animals found around Retzer. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent for participation in this program.



DATE: Tuesday, July 12
TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, July 7

"Build a Home: Ant Farm." Come learn about ants and how to take care of them. Children will build an ant home and hunt out a couple to inhabit the new homestead. Ant houses will go home for continued learning and enjoyment.

DATE: Tuesday, August 9
TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, August 4



Waukesha County Parks'
Beaches open June 4th.
Menomonee Park
Minooka Park
Mukwonago Park
Muskego Park
Naga-Waukee Park

NATURE DESIGN STUDIO

Ages: 7-12

Join us in this week long summer camp and explore nature through art and design. Each monthly session will focus on a different area of our environment. Children will take home completed projects at the end of the week. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.



“Enviro-Blocks.” In this June session, create a wall hanging using stenciling, flower pounding, painting and sun printing.

DATE: Monday-Friday, June 20-24
TIME: 12:30-4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$75.00 per child per session
REGISTER BY: Monday, June 13

“Enviro-Made.” In this July session, create and design a garden stepping stone, basket weaving, tie dying with natural dyes, and wind chimes.

DATE: Monday-Friday, July 11-15
TIME: 12:30-4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$75.00 per child per session
REGISTER BY: Tuesday, July 5

“Enviro-Graphic.” In this August session, learn about and explore flower/leaf pressing, photography, journaling and stamping.

DATE: Monday-Friday, August 8-12
TIME: 12:30-4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$75.00 per child per session
REGISTER BY: Monday, August 1

EVENING TRAILS

Family Program

Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5



“Catchable Critters.” Join Retzer Nature Center Naturalists as we explore the evening insect world. We will supply the sweep nets! You’ll enjoy the fun! Then, bring home your very own firefly!

DATE: Friday, July 8
TIME: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
FEE: \$5.00
REGISTER BY: Tuesday, July 5

“Starry, Starry Night Senses.” Join Retzer Nature Center Naturalists as we explore the trails using our senses. Feel a salamander, listen for owls, and gaze at shooting stars!

DATE: Friday, August 12
TIME: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
FEE: \$5.00
REGISTER BY: Monday, August 8

NATURE SPROUTS - A LEOPOLD YEAR

Ages: 4-6 Participants must be accompanied by an adult. A snack and a craft are included for extra fun. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

“65290” “To band a bird is to hold a ticket in a great lottery.” A *Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. Can you speak Chickadee...dee...dee?

DATE: Wednesday, June 15
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, June 10

“Prairie Birthday.” “What a thousand acres of Silphium looked like...is a question never again to be answered!” Excerpts from the works of Aldo Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac*. Let’s celebrate our Retzer

Prairie Birthday! (No gifts required.)
DATE: Wednesday, July 20
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, July 15

“Good Oak.” “The stump, which I measure upon felling the tree, has a diameter of 30 inches. It shows 90 growth rings, hence the seedling from which it originated must have laid its first ring of wood in 1865, at the end of the Civil War!” A *Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. A snack and a craft are included for extra fun.

DATE: Wednesday, August 17
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, August 12



Join us for our annual
Apple Harvest Festival
September 17



Family Fun all day long!

Sponsored by:



FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Would you like to get a jump on spring planting? Do you wonder if native plants can flower into October? Our fall plant sale will feature prairie, old-field and wetland plants, as well as some species that are difficult to start from seed such as Prairie Dropseed. Our staff will be on hand for a brief consultation on natural landscaping and plant identification. (Bring a sample.) Sales Manager: Dick Bautz.

DATE: Saturday, August 20
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

During the plant sale, customers can view a continuously running 10-minute power point program on "Selection and Care of Your Native Plants." Step into the Forest Room of the Nature Center to view this topic of interest designed for our plant sale customers.

HELP US SAVE SOME TREES!

Please think of the environment and consider receiving this Program Guide via e-mail.



Please e-mail your name, postal address (to take you off the postal mailing list) and your e-mail address with PROGRAM GUIDE in the subject line to: retzer@waukeshacounty.gov
Thank you for helping us in our mission to create a sustainable environment.

Program Payment & Cancellation Policy:

Program fees must be paid 10 days before program is held, or at the time of booking if less than 10 days before program, unless listed otherwise in this program guide.

A cancellation fee of \$5.00 maximum if cancelled on program registration date. If cancelled after registration date, we reserve the right to forfeit the whole program registration fee. We reserve the right to issue credit on account, or a voucher toward future programs, instead of refunding money. Credit on account and vouchers must be redeemed within the same calendar year unless otherwise noted.

**June - August 2011
Retzer Nature Center Programs**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Day Phone _____
Home Phone _____
E-mail _____
Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Please enroll me in the following class(s):

Name Workshop/Time Date Child's Birth Date

Make checks payable to: Waukesha County Parks
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Mail form and fee(s) to:
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Some workshops fill up quickly, please call to verify openings.