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# Waukesha County Environmental Education Activity Guide

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# Waukesha County

## Environmental Education Activity Guide



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.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Dan Vrakas". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dan Vrakas,  
**Waukesha County Executive**

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**All programs are subject to change without notice.**

# At a Glance

<b>August 4 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Crazy Insects"	<b>September 27 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Animal Damage Control"
<b>August 6 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club	<b>October 1-29</b>	Bird Seed Sale - Prepaid Orders Taken
<b>August 9 Saturday</b>	Saturday Exploration "Bedrock, Glacier & Soil"	<b>October 1 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club
<b>August 12 Tuesday</b>	Wee Wonders "Let Your Nose Do the Walking"	<b>October 2 Thursday</b>	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"
<b>August 16 Saturday</b>	Saturday Exploration "Mammals in the Summer"	<b>October 4 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Learning to See-Outdoor Landscape Painting"
<b>August 18-22 Mon-Fri</b>	Boy Scout Merit Badges "Reptiles & Amphibians Study" and "Insects Study"		Planetarium Shows
<b>August 22 Friday</b>	Evening Trails "Hiking 1 Oh 1"	<b>October 6 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Fun with Fossils"
<b>August 23 Saturday</b>	Fall Plant Sale		Butler Village Library "Home Composting Workshop"
<b>September 3 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club	<b>October 7 Tuesday</b>	Pewaukee Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"
<b>September 6 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Wildlife of Late Summer"	<b>October 8 Wednesday</b>	Muskego Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"
<b>September 8 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Crazy Critters"	<b>October 9 Thursday</b>	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"
<b>September 9 Tuesday</b>	Wee Wonders "Field of Colors"	<b>October 10 Friday</b>	Evening Trails "Bones"
<b>September 13 Saturday</b>	Scout Day "Junior & Cadet Journey Day"	<b>October 11 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Fangorn Forest" "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"
<b>September 16 Tuesday</b>	Elm Grove Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"		Planetarium Shows
<b>September 17 Wednesday</b>	Menomonee Falls Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"	<b>October 14 Tuesday</b>	Wee Wonders "The Great Orange Pumpkin"
<b>September 18 Thursday</b>	Waukesha Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"		Planetarium Shows
<b>September 20 Saturday</b>	Apple Harvest Festival  Planetarium Shows	<b>October 16 Thursday</b>	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"
<b>September 22 Monday</b>	Brookfield Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"		Planetarium Shows
<b>September 23 Tuesday</b>	Delafield Public Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"	<b>October 17 Friday</b>	Howl-O-Ween  Planetarium Shows
<b>September 25 Thursday</b>	Mukwonago Community Library "Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop"	<b>October 18 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Nocturnal Creatures"
			Johnson's Nursery, Inc. in Menomonee Falls "Landscape Plastics Recycling Event"
			Planetarium Shows

<b>October 23 Thursday</b>	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"	<b>December 8 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Snow Flurries & Ice Crystals"
<b>October 25 Saturday</b>	Scout Day "Daisy & Brownie Journey Day"	<b>December 12 Friday</b>	Evening Trails "A Winter Stroll"
	Planetarium Shows	<b>December 13 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Holiday Tree for Wildlife"
<b>October 30 Thursday</b>	Friends Photo Contest - Photo Entry Deadline		Planetarium Shows
	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"	<b>December 20 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "The Forest in Winter"
<b>November 1 Saturday</b>	Bird Seed Pick Up at Retzer		Planetarium Shows
	Saturday Explorations "Attracting Wildlife to Your Land"	<b>December 25 Thursday</b>	Retzer Building Closed - Holiday
	Planetarium Shows	<b>December 27 Saturday</b>	Planetarium Shows
<b>November 2 Sunday</b>	Friends Photo Contest Reception	<b>January 2 - March 12</b>	Order Rain Garden Plants at Half Price
<b>November 3 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Batty for Bats"	<b>January 5 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Tracking Patterns"
<b>November 5 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club	<b>January 7 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club
<b>November 6 Thursday</b>	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"	<b>January 10 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Winter Wildlife - Winter Tracking" "Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes"
<b>November 8 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Natural Artist"		Planetarium Shows
	Planetarium Shows	<b>January 13 Tuesday</b>	Wee Wonders "Snow White & Snowshoes"
<b>November 11 Tuesday</b>	Wee Wonders "Color Camouflage"	<b>January 16 Friday</b>	Evening Trails "Track Seeker"
<b>November 13 Thursday</b>	Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center "Stepping On"	<b>January 17 Saturday</b>	Planetarium Shows
<b>November 15 Saturday</b>	Waukesha County Recycling Facility "Free Open House"	<b>January 18 Sunday</b>	Waukesha JanBoree
	Saturday Explorations "Getting to Know Retzer Animals"		Planetarium Shows
	Planetarium Shows	<b>January 24 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes"
<b>November 21 Friday</b>	Evening Trails "Wilderness Skills - Orienteering"		Planetarium Shows
<b>November 22 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Wild Turkey!"	<b>January 31 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes"
	Planetarium Shows		Planetarium Shows
<b>November 27 Thursday</b>	Retzer Building Closed - Holiday	<b>February 4 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club
<b>December 3 Wednesday</b>	Camera Club	<b>February 7 Saturday</b>	Wild Winter Night Planetarium Show
<b>December 6 Saturday</b>	Saturday Explorations "Native American History"	<b>February 9 Monday</b>	Nature Explorers "Wild Bird Feeders"
	Planetarium Shows	<b>February 10 Tuesday</b>	Wee Wonders "The Red Mitten"

# At a Glance continued

**February 14  
Saturday**

Saturday Explorations  
"Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes"

Planetarium Shows

**February 20  
Friday**

Evening Trails  
"Creatures of the Chilly Night"

**February 21  
Saturday**

Saturday Explorations  
"Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes"

Planetarium Shows

**February 28  
Saturday**

Saturday Explorations  
"Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes"

Planetarium Shows

## DON'T GET LEFT INSIDE!

Retzer Nature Center offers over five miles of picturesque trails to explore, taking you through forests, prairies, savannas, wetlands, and ponds. Here are a few good reasons to come out and explore:

- Summer holds hidden adventures lurking under the water; look for turtles, frogs and crazy looking creatures as you investigate down at the pond or wetlands.
- Fall provides a rainbow of color as the forests and prairies take hold with their artist murals.
- In the winter, try your feet in a pair of snowshoes to make the exploration of the lands more fun. If you can walk, then you can snowshoe.

We look forward to seeing you out on the land, or stop in and discover the "Unseen World" exhibit with live animals and loads of hands-on explorations.



### **Nature Center Grounds Hours:**

Sunrise to 10:00 pm daily

### **Visitor/Environmental Education Center Hours:**

8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily

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# Special Events

## Fall Native Plant Sale

**DATE:** Saturday, August 23

**TIME:** 9 am - Noon

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

Landscaping with native plants is good for the environment, wildlife and your wallet. Check out the great varieties and get tips on growing your own native garden.

## Build A Scarecrow

**DEADLINE:** Friday, September 19

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

**FEE:** FREE

Design and create a scarecrow to display on Scarecrow Lane. Get your group or family involved in a fun project that will be viewed at the annual Apple Harvest Festival. Scarecrow information packets can be picked up at the Retzer Nature Center front desk. Scarecrows must be placed for display by Noon on Friday, September 19, 2014.

## Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival

**DATE:** Saturday, September 20

**TIME:** 9 am - 5 pm

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

**FEE:** \$5.00 per car

Fun filled day for the whole family. Don't miss all the craft exhibitors, apple market with Heirloom apples, homemade apple pie, children's activities & crafts, hayrides, concert and much, much more.

## Bird Seed Sale

**BIRD SEED ORDERS:** October 1<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Call (262) 970-6680 (Payment due at the time of order)

Place your birdseed order from October 1-29, for pickup on November 1st and 5th at Retzer Nature Center. We offer a wide selection of seed types.

Check [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com) for order form and prices in late September.

## Friends of Retzer Nature Center Retzer Howl-O-Ween

**DATE:** Friday, October 17

**TIME:** 6 pm - 9 pm

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

**FEE:** \$15 per car

A Halloween themed evening, filled with scare-free entertainment and activities the whole family will enjoy! Recommended for families with children 10 and under.

## Landscape Plastics Recycling Event

**DATE:** Saturday, October 18

**TIME:** 8 am - Noon

**LOCATION:** Johnson's Nursery, Inc., W180 N6275 Marcy Road, Menomonee Falls - (262) 896-8300

**FEE:** FREE

Businesses and the general public may bring used, plastic growing containers and plastic growing pots to be recycled at no charge.

## Friends of Retzer Nature Center Photo Contest Reception

**DATE:** Sunday, November 2

**TIME:** 1 pm - 3 pm

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

**FEE:** FREE

The amateur photography contest highlights your best work taken at Retzer Nature Center. Enter your Retzer photos in this annual event. Photo entry deadline is October 30. For more information and entry form, visit [www.friendsofretzer.org](http://www.friendsofretzer.org) or [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com).

## Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility Open House

**DATE:** Saturday, November 15

**TIME:** 9 am - Noon

**LOCATION:** Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility, 220 S. Prairie Ave., Waukesha - (262) 896-8300

**FEE:** FREE

Find out how recycling works, meet our mascot Recycle Raccoon, enjoy music, prizes, tours and more!

## Waukesha Winter JanBoree: Friends of Retzer Nature Center Events

**DATE:** Sunday, January 18

**TIME:** 10 am - 4 pm

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

**FEE:** FREE

Winter JanBoree is a city/county-wide event sponsored by the City of Waukesha Parks and Recreation Department. For other park system JanBoree events visit [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com) or [www.JanBoree.org](http://www.JanBoree.org). Retzer Nature Center offers a full day of FREE family fun on Sunday, which tentatively includes:

- FREE Snowshoe Use 10 am-4 pm
- Family Nature Activities 10 am-4 pm
- Bird Feeding Program 11 am & 1:15 pm
- Winter Tracking Program 12 pm & 2:30 pm
- Refreshments provided: Hot chocolate and cookies

## Waukesha Winter JanBoree: Planetarium Shows

**DATE:** Sunday, January 18

**TIME:** Shows every hour from 9 am - 3 pm

**LOCATION:** Charles Z. Horwitz Planetarium located inside of Retzer Nature Center - (262) 970-6680

**FEE:** Free - Tickets Available in Lobby on the day of the event

Continue the JanBoree celebration at Retzer Nature Center by attending the Charles Horwitz Planetarium Show, "Cosmic Colors." Sit back and enjoy how colors display their personalities. See how scientists use the vast wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum to study the mysteries in space.

## Friends of Retzer Nature Center Wild Winter Night

**DATE:** Saturday, February 7

**TIME:** 6 pm - 9 pm

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

**FEE:** \$2.00 per person, payable at the door

Cure your winter cabin fever and join us for this wild winter adventure! There will be guided hikes throughout the evening led by Retzer Naturalists, FREE rental of our snowshoes, and an informal sing-along by a warm campfire with s'mores and hot cocoa. Dress appropriately, as this event will be held regardless of the weather. We'll explore the winter sky during an outdoor observation with telescopes, as well as an indoor planetarium program entitled "Amazing Stargazers." Join us as 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There are a limited amount of snowshoes available for use, so there may be waiting time. Planetarium Shows are limited to 90 people per show, which are first-come, first-served. We will begin distributing planetarium show tickets at 6:20 pm.*



# 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, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4**

**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.

## Yoga

**DATE: Meets on *most* Wednesdays – call (262) 970-6680 for specific dates**

**TIME: 9 am - 10 am**

**FEE: \$10.00 per class or discounted fee when a complete session is purchased**

**INSTRUCTOR: Karen Jefson (ERYT500)**

Come join us in the beautiful setting of Retzer Nature Center for a morning yoga class. Start your day drawing energy from the earth and calming your mind. Over the course of the sessions, we will practice varying forms of Hatha Yoga. All levels, beginning to advanced, are welcome, as modifications for increasing or decreasing the intensity of the practice will be offered.

## Stepping On - A Falls Prevention Workshop

**Older Adults: For any adult that has fallen, tripped, or is concerned about falling. This is not appropriate for those requiring the use of a walker for assistance**

**DATE(S): Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13**

**TIME: 1:15 - 3:30 pm (Light snack provided)**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, September 19 - Please call Waukesha County Aging Disability Resource Center at (262) 548-7827**

**FEE: \$3.00 per person (facility use fee)**

Using guest experts, participants will learn simple and fun balance and strength training, how vision affects falls, ways to stay safe in the community, what to look for in shoe safety, how to make your home safe inside and out, and how medications affect our risk of falling.





## 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 colors 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 a parent/grandparent for participation in this program. Please dress for the weather.

**Call (262) 970-6680 to register.**

### Let Your Nose Do The Walking

**DATE: Tuesday, August 12**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, August 8**

Our noses will take us on this adventure along the trails as we sniff our way through as many smells as we can find. How many do you think we will come upon?

### Field of Color

**DATE: Tuesday, September 9**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, September 5**

We will explore the prairie on a color hunt. Purple, yellow, green, and blue can all be found hiding out among the plants and animals on the prairie. Children are encouraged to wear their brightly colored clothes as we explore a field of colors.

### The Great Orange Pumpkin

**DATE: Tuesday, October 14**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, October 10**

Start with a pumpkin from our garden. Add a bit of color collected on a hike. Take home a great pumpkin creation.

### Color Camouflage

**DATE: Tuesday, November 11**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, November 7**

Blend, mix, and hide as we search for animals hidden along the trail in their camouflaged attire. Turn into a Retzer woodland creature and play a game of Hide and Seek.

### Snow White & Snowshoes

**DATE: Tuesday, January 13**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, January 9**

Step into a pair of snowshoes and journey outdoors for a snow white adventure. White is not the only color of winter. Come see what hues you can find.

### 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.





## 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. This program is replacing Nature Sprouts, and this year we will be having a passport for the explorers to keep track of their journey. Sorry, no walk-ins. **Participants must pre-register by calling (262) 970-6680.**

### Crazy Insects

**DATE: Monday, August 4**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, August 1**

Let's go on a sweep net journey to catch some six-legged creatures. The explorers will be entomologists during this class and learn all about the crazy insects in nature.

### Crazy Critters

**DATE: Monday, September 8**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, September 5**

Learn all about animals and how they all have different fun features. We will create some crazy critters of our own by taking different pictures of animals and putting them together in a goofy way! Take a head of a deer and put it on a mouse body with a squirrel tail!

### Fun With Fossils

**DATE: Monday, October 6**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, October 3**

Have you ever wanted to find dinosaur fossils? This explorer adventure will take us on a hunt for dinosaurs! In this program the kids will create a take-home dinosaur for their own dinosaur collection.

### Batty For Bats

**DATE: Monday, November 3**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, October 31**

Time to pull out our night time binoculars and search for some bats in the night and explorers will learn all about the life of bats and create a take home project!

### Snow Flurries & Ice Crystals

**DATE: Monday, December 8**

**REGISTER BY: Friday, December 5**

This expedition will be all about snow clouds and how snow is made. Kids will have a chance to make their own ice crystals in this explorer adventure.

### Tracking Patterns

**DATE: Monday, January 5**

**REGISTER BY: Thursday, January 2**

Tonight we will track some animals through the snow. We will learn how to identify tracks and patterns of different winter animals. Weather permitting, we will use snowshoes for this outdoor adventure.

### 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!





## Evening Trails

General Public

Time: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

FEE: \$5.00

Starry nights come alive as you tour the mysterious trails of Retzer Nature Center in the twilight hours. Join the Naturalist every month at Retzer Nature Center as we embark on a journey to explore the trails under the evening sky. Each month will have a different theme and exploration! Walk-ins will not be accepted for this program.

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

### Hiking 1 Oh 1

**DATE: Friday, August 22**

**REGISTER BY: Wednesday, August 20**

Sometimes we don't embark on these creative journeys because we don't know how to properly hike! Let's learn about proper hiking techniques tonight and travel uphill and downhill.

### Bones

**DATE: Friday, October 10**

**REGISTER BY: Wednesday, October 8**

This month's evening trails program will be all about bones and learning about different kinds of bones. We will hike in search for some bones and maybe create a fossil to take home at the end of the night.

### Wilderness Skills - Orienteering

**DATE: Friday, November 21**

**REGISTER BY: Wednesday, November 19**

Orienteering may sound intimidating but it is one of the most useful outdoor skills you can know. This program is for those who want to learn how to move in the right direction in the backwoods!

### A Winter Stroll

**DATE: Friday, December 12**

**REGISTER BY: Wednesday, December 10**

Winter is a fascinating time when animals migrate and hibernate. This program is designed to help understand those early winter preparations.

### Track Seekers

**DATE: Friday, January 16**

**REGISTER BY: Wednesday, January 14**

Identify tracks of different animals as we hike the snow covered trails. Weather permitting we will use snowshoes on this evening adventure.

### Creatures of the Chilly Night

**DATE: Friday, February 20**

**REGISTER BY: Wednesday, February 18**

On this evening trails hike, we will listen to the sounds of the quiet forest and prairie to seek out any creatures lurking in the night.

# Saturday Explorations at Retzer

Join us at Retzer Nature Center every Saturday for themed programs and activities that are wide-ranging, with a general focus on the natural world and sustainability offered by Waukesha County's Retzer Nature Center Naturalists, Recycling Specialists, Conservation Specialists, and Waukesha School District's Planetarium Staff. Most Saturday programs are family-friendly and geared toward all ages.

**Pre-registration may be required for some programs as space may be limited. Please see specific program descriptions. Groups of 10 or more are required to pre-register by calling (262) 970-6680.**

**FEES - Program/Hike:** \$5.00 per person, unless otherwise noted. **Demonstrations:** FREE

## Bedrock, Glacier & Soil: The History of the Ground

### Beneath Your Feet!

General Public

DATE: August 9

TIME: 10 am - 11 am

HIKE: A View from the Retzer Vista

Figure out how the Wisconsin Glacier shaped our home landscape!

### DEMONSTRATION: Hands In the Sand

TIME: 11 am - 2 pm

## Mammals in the Summer

General Public

DATE: August 16

TIME: 1 pm - 2:30 pm

HIKE: Fen Wildlife Tour

Join the naturalist on an adventure to the Fen, where you will be on the lookout for wildlife.

Discuss what you find and how it relates to the wildlife.

### DEMONSTRATION: Wildlife Touch & Feel Table

TIME: Noon - 4 pm

## Wildlife of Late Summer

General Public

DATE: September 6

TIME: 9 am - Noon

HIKE: Wildflower Hike

We will seek out and discuss the wildlife of late summer.

### DEMONSTRATION: Plant Ecology Q & A

TIME: 1 pm - 3 pm

## Animal Damage Control

Adults

DATE: September 27

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

Raccoons in your chimney? Bats in your attic?

Rabbits in your garden? Deer in your corn?

Bring your questions and problems to our naturalist for helpful solutions.

## Learning to "See"

General Public

DATE: October 4

TIME: 10 am - 1 pm

See colors and forms of nature develop on an artist's canvas.

### DEMONSTRATION: Outdoor Landscape Painting

## Fangorn Forest - The Mysteries of the Autumn Woods!

General Public

DATE: October 11

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

Join the naturalist on an adventure through the fall woods at Retzer. Discover the magic of the changing trees, plants, birds, and animals!

### DEMONSTRATION: By Water, Fur, or Food - How Seeds Travel!

TIME: 11 am - 2 pm

# Saturday Explorations Continued

## Turn Over a New Leaf: Easy Organic Fall Leaf &

### Lawn Care Workshop

Adults

DATE: October 11

TIME: 10 am - 11 am

FEE: FREE

REGISTRATION: Call (262) 896-8317 - Walk-ins Welcome

Learn how to handle large amounts of fallen leaves without burning, raking, piling, bagging, or dragging. These easy, efficient methods will keep your lawn in shape and improve air quality while saving time and tax dollars. Find out the steps to organically improve your lawn, and why fall is the best time to do it!

## Nocturnal Creatures

General Public

DATE: October 18

TIME: 1 pm - 4 pm

Stop by to meet some nocturnal critters that decided to wake up and meet you during the day! Learn about nocturnal creatures and ask questions about night life.

**DEMONSTRATION: Meet Nocturnal Animals**

## Attracting Wildlife to Your Land

General Public

DATE: November 1

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

Increasing biodiversity or just wildlife viewing. Habitat improvements that attract wildlife.

**DEMONSTRATION: Q & A - attracting wildlife to your backyard or back 40 acres**

## Natural Artist

General Public

DATE: November 8

TIME: 10 am - 11:30 am

HIKE: Natural Artist

Join the naturalist on a collection hike as you find items to be used in a habitat collage.

## Getting to Know Retzer Teaching Animals

General Public

DATE: November 15

TIME: 10 am - 11 am

Learn about the unique adaptations that animals have that assist in the survival in the wild.

**DEMONSTRATION: Meet the teaching animals**

TIME: 9 am - 10 pm & 11 am - 2 pm

## Wild Turkey! - Ecology of the Wild Turkey

Adults

DATE: November 22

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

Learn about the interactions of the wild turkey and its habitat.

**DEMONSTRATION: Talking Turkey - Let's Get Wild**

TIME: 1 pm - 3 pm

## Native American History

General Public

DATE: December 6

TIME: 1 pm - 3 pm

Discussion about Native Americans and create a take home project – Dream Catcher.

**DEMONSTRATION: Display of Native American Crafts & Artifacts**

TIME: Noon - 4 pm

## Holiday Recipes for Wildlife

General Public

DATE: December 13

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

Mix up ingredients for tasty recipes so the wildlife visiting your backyard will have something to enjoy. Help us decorate the Nature Center's landscape with special treats even the fussiest birds and animals will love to eat.

**DEMONSTRATION: To sleep or not to sleep - hibernation challenge**

TIME: 11 am - 2 pm

## The Forest in Winter

General Public

DATE: December 20

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

Discover how the forest wildlife prepares and survives our cold Wisconsin season.

### DEMONSTRATION: Winter bird feeding

TIME: 11 am - 2 pm

## Winter Wildlife - Winter Tracking

Adults/Families & Scouts

DATE: January 10

TIME: 9 am - 11 am

REGISTER BY: Friday, January 9 (Limited Space)

In winter, nature records the fascinating activities of animals. We can often tell more about animals by the signs they leave behind than we can from direct contact with them. Animal tracks are important clues, but nibbled branches, stray animal fur, or scat make all these clues significant to the story they tell. Participants will learn how to identify the tracks of different animal species, and read the animal's activities. We will even learn how to move the way different animals do in order to make certain kinds of tracks. When you learn to read the signs, it's like being let in on little secrets of animal life.

## Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes

Adults/Families & Scouts

DATE: January 10

TIME: 1 pm - 3 pm

REGISTER BY: Friday, January 9 (Limited Space)

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.

## Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes

Adults/Families & Scouts

DATE(S): January 24, 31, February 14, 21, 28

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

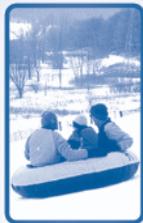
REGISTER BY: Friday, January 23 (Limited Space)

(See description from January 10th)

# Winter Fun at Waukesha County Parks!



Cross-country  
ski trails



Sledding Hills



Snowshoe Rentals at  
Retzer Nature Center



Indoor Ice Skating



Fat tire mountain  
bike trail at  
Minooka Park

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# 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**

## Time Bandits during Apple Harvest Festival

**DATE:** September 20

**TIME:** Show runs every ½ hour from 9 am - 4 pm

**FEE:** Additional \$2.00 /person with paid entrance fee of \$5/car for event

Many of our methods of timekeeping are based on the motions of the sun, moon, and earth. This fascinating show describes the astronomical origin for modern-day timekeeping. It also presents many of the world's wonderful and elaborate mechanical clocks and how they work.

## Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

**Children's Show**

**DATE(S):** October 4, 11, 18, 25

**TIME:** 11 am

This delightful children's fantasy takes the audience on a voyage past the sun, moon, and planets. Children make a refrigerator box into a cardboard rocket. Their pretend blast-off turns into a real solar system journey.

## Footsteps, Voyage to the Moon

**DATE(S):** October 4, 11, 18, 25

**TIME:** 1 pm

As a tribute to Neil Armstrong, this program begins by highlighting some of the most fascinating legends and stories about our nearest neighbor in space. It then features the flight of Apollo 11 and America's 1st landing on the moon.

## "Pink Floyd" Sky Laser Show

**DATE:** October 14

**TIME:** 7 & 8 pm

The planetarium sky will dance with colorful laser images that highlight the most famous musical works of Pink Floyd.

**Special Showing!**

## "Led Zeppelin" Sky Laser Show

**DATE:** October 16

**TIME:** 7 & 8 pm

The planetarium sky will dance with colorful laser images that highlight the most famous musical works of Led Zeppelin.

**Special Showing!**

## "Halloween Special" and "Perseus & Andromeda" during Howl-O-Ween

**DATE:** October 17

**TIME:** Shows alternate and run every ½ hour from 6 pm - 9 pm

**FEE:** Included in the entrance fee of \$15/car for event.

### Halloween Special

Hang on to your seats as the skies of the planetarium becomes the backdrop for a fun and spooky Halloween spectacular laser display!

### Perseus & Andromeda

This humorous laser presentation tells the story of Perseus, the Champion, and his quest to save Andromeda from Cetus, the evil Sea Monster. A classic!

• Ticket distribution begins at 6 pm

## Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

**Children's Show**

**DATE(S):** November 1, 8, 15, 22

**TIME:** 11 am

This program uses the scenes and show characters from the famous television show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" to introduce your young child to the wonders of the day and night sky.

## Autumn Sky Legends

**DATE(S):** November 1, 8, 15, 22

**TIME:** 1 pm

This wonderful fall season program presents constellation characters, like Pegasus the Horse, Perseus the Champion, and Cetus the Sea Monster. Watch them all come alive to tell their fascinating stories from the autumn evening sky.

## Winter Wonders

**Children's Show**

**DATE(S):** December 6, 13, 20, 27

**TIME:** 11 am

This program takes the audience around the world to explore the wonderful traditions and celebrations of the Winter Solstice.

## Star of Wonder

**DATE(S):** December 6, 13, 20, 27

**TIME:** 1 pm

This beautiful holiday season show investigates the most interesting and beautiful winter solstice celebrations around the world. The program also takes us back 2000 years to offer possible explanations for the mysterious "Christmas Star."

## Our Place in Space

**Children's Show**

**DATE(S):** January 10, 17, 24, 31

**TIME:** 11 am

This award-winning participatory children's planetarium show introduces jungle animals and a space crossword puzzle to unravel the wonders and the mysteries of the universe.

## Two Small Pieces of Glass

**DATE(S):** January 10, 17, 24, 31

**TIME:** 1 pm

This program celebrates 400 years since Galileo first pointed his telescope at the sky. Don't miss this fascinating look at the incredible contributions to astronomy made by advancements in the design of the world's greatest telescopes.

## Cosmic Colors during JanBoree

**DATE:** January 18

**TIME:** Show run every 45 minutes from 9 am - 4 pm

**FEE:** Free Event

Sit back and enjoy how colors display their personalities. See how scientists use the wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum to study the mysteries in deep space.

## Amazing Stargazing during Wild Winter Night

**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 event

Join us as 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.

- Ticket distribution begins at 6:20 pm.

## A Solar System Adventure Tour

**Children's Show**

**DATE(S):** 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

**DATE(S):** 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.

28TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTERS

# Apple Harvest Festival

Sponsored by:  
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Saturday, September 20th  
9 am - 5 pm



\$5 parking fee



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A Halloween themed evening, filled with scare-free entertainment and activities the whole family will enjoy!  
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17TH  
6-9 PM**

**\$15 per carload  
(Includes all activities)**



**Guided Hikes | DJ Dance  
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# SCOUT PROGRAMS

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

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

**1 Hour Program Base Fee: \$22.50**  
(up to first 10 scouts)  
**\$2.25 per scout thereafter**

**1.5 Hour Program Base Fee: \$35.00**  
(up to first 10 scouts)  
**\$3.50 per scout thereafter**

## Girl Scouts

(for Troops)

### Daisy

#### *Between Earth and Sky • 1 hour*

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*

**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*

**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**

**Step 1:** Practice your “seeking” skills

**Step 2:** Create your own stamp

**Step 3:** Practice solving clues

**Step 4:** Go on a letterbox hunt

**Step 5:** Create a Troop letterbox kit

### **Senses (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours**

**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

### **Household Elf Badge • 1.5 hours**

Learn how to make your home clean and green. Make a “green” cleaner to take home. Learn the importance of “reduce, reuse, recycle, and rot!” Play recycling games and take away tips to save water and energy at home.

## **Junior**

### **Animal Habitat (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours**

**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 Program**

### **Recycling Patch “Add On”**

Extend your program by a ½ hour to find out what gets recycled, where it goes, how it’s processed, what it’s turned into, and why it’s important!  
For all ages.

# Girl Scout Journey Jump Start Day

(for individual Girl Scouts)

## Junior

### **Energize**

**DATE:** Saturday, September 13

**TIME:** 9 am - Noon

**FEE:** \$15.00 per scout

**REGISTER BY:** Monday, September 8

**Experience endless energy in all of its forms and functions and how we can conserve our Earth's energy, through experiments, a variety of activities, hiking, and cool energy crafts. This will complete the "Energize" badge portion of the "Get Moving Journey." Bring your scout book and be prepared to be outdoors.**

*\*Planetarium Option: Stay for the Planetarium show "Cosmic Colors" at 1 pm to 2 pm to enhance your Journey experience (additional \$4.00 to be paid at the door).*

## Cadet

### **Breathe**

**DATE:** Saturday, September 13

**TIME:** 1 pm - 4 pm

**FEE:** \$15.00 per scout

**REGISTER BY:** Monday, September 8

**Cadets get a great start on this program as we will cover a portion of the "Breathe" theme in the "IT'S YOUR PLANET JOURNEY." Become aware of the importance of our air as you experience sights, sounds, and smells through experiments, activities, hikes, and crafts. At the conclusion of this program you will have earned your "Aware" Award. Bring your scout book and be prepared to be outdoors.**

## Daisy

### **It's Your Planet - Love It**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 25

**TIME:** 9 am - Noon

**FEE:** \$15.00 per scout

**REGISTER BY:** Monday, October 20

**Complete the first three sessions in the "Between Earth and Sky" Booklet to earn your "Blue Bucket" award. Spend time hiking, exploring a variety of activities and crafts, to round out this program. Bring your scout book and be prepared to be outdoors.**

# Brownie

## ***It's Your Planet - Love It***

**DATE:** Saturday, October 25

**TIME:** 1 pm - 4 pm

**FEE:** \$15.00 per scout

**REGISTER BY:** Monday, October 20

**Explore the "Wonders of Water" as we do experiments, play games, and enjoy outdoor activities surrounding a water theme. We will be covering the first three session of the "WOW" Journey. Bring your scout book and be prepared to be outdoors.**

Scout Programs continued on next page



# Cub Scouts

(for Dens/Packs)

## Tiger

### **Outdoor Achievement • 1.5 hours**

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

### **REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE (Elective 47) • 1 hour**

Learn about what and how to properly recycle at home. Learn about things that need to be recycled in special ways, like paint, batteries, and computers. Call (262) 896-8300 to set up this program.

## Wolf

### **Birds • 1.5 hours**

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**

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**

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***

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***

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***

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

Requirements: All badge requirements will be fulfilled.

## Boy Scout Merit Badges

(for individual Boy Scouts)

These badges are available in Spring/Summer only.  
Program Dates & Times will be listed in the next guide.

- ***Environmental Science***
- ***Forestry***
- ***Insect Study***
- ***Mammal Study***
- ***Reptile & Amphibian Study***
- ***Soil and Water Conservation***

# 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](http://waukeshacounty.gov/recycling) • [waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater](http://waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater)

## August

- August 5** Mukwonago National Night Out Booth – Field Park • 5 pm - 9 pm  
**August 8** Movie in the Park Booth – Weyer Park, Sussex • 7 pm  
**August 12** YMCA Pabst Farms Kids' Fest Booth – Roosevelt Park, Oconomowoc • 9 am - 1 pm  
**August 13** Waukesha National Night Out Booth – Frame Park, Waukesha • 5 - 7 pm  
**August 21** Family Movie Night Booth – Nixon Park, Hartland • 6 pm

## September

- September 6** Oconomowoc Farmers' Market Booth • 7 am - Noon  
**September 16** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Elm Grove Public Library • 6:30 pm  
**September 17** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop  
 – Menomonee Falls Public Library • 7 pm  
**September 18** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Waukesha Public Library • 7 pm  
**September 20** Apple Harvest Festival Booth – Retzer Nature Center • 9 am - 5 pm  
**September 22** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Brookfield Public Library • 7 pm  
**September 23** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Delafield Public Library • 6:30 pm  
**September 25** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Mukwonago Library • 6:30 pm

## October

- October 6** Home Composting Workshop – Butler Village Library • 6:30 pm  
**October 7** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Pewaukee Public Library • 6:30 pm  
**October 8** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Muskego Public Library • 7 pm  
**October 11** Easy Organic Fall Leaf & Lawn Care Workshop – Retzer Nature Center • 10 am  
**October 18** Landscape Plastics Recycling Event at Johnson's Nursery, Inc.  
 W180 N6275 Marcy Rd., Menomonee Falls • 8 am – Noon  
*Businesses and the general public may bring used, plastic growing containers and plastic growing pots to be recycled at no charge.*  
**October 23** Hartland's Annual Business Trick or Treat – Hartland • 6 pm - 8 pm  
*See Recycle Raccoon!*

## November

- November 15** Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility Open House  
 220 S. Prairie Ave., Waukesha • 9 am - Noon  
*Find out how recycling works, meet Recycle Raccoon, enjoy music, prizes, tours, and more!*  
**November 23** Waukesha Christmas Parade – Downtown Waukesha • 10 am • *See Recycle Raccoon!*

## January

- January 16** Waukesha JanBoree Events – Eble Park Ice Arena, Brookfield  
*Watch Recycle Raccoon in the Mascot Race!*

# RECYCLING PROGRAMS

**FREE for Scouts, Community Groups, and Organizations!**

*School program guides 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](mailto:recycling@waukeshacounty.gov)**

## Recycling Presentation

**Children/Adults (Program will be tailored to age group)**

**Duration: 45 mins - 1 hour**

Expect to be amazed by recycling facts, national numbers and neighborhood "how-tos." Learn about upcoming improvements to Waukesha County's recycling system! Learn about the 3 R's, landfills, what to recycle, and what happens to the recyclables. See a video of our recycling facility in action! Go home understanding the system with all your questions answered.

## 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**

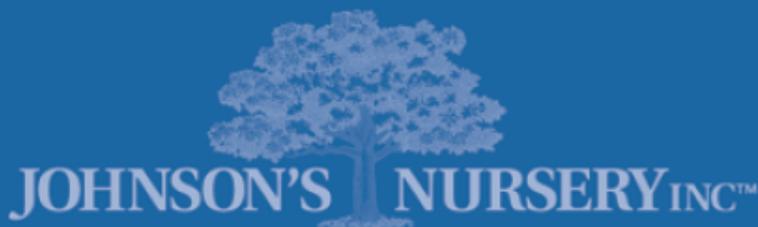
We strive to keep our homes & workplaces healthy by using chemicals that are toxic. Is there another way? Find out what common household ingredients can be used to keep your home healthy, clean, and safe. Find out what really works and which products on the market pass as "green." (Presentation only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



SPECIAL  
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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  
& plant containers. These must be free of plant  
debris, tags & metals.**

A stack of three dark-colored plastic pots of varying sizes, used for landscaping, is shown on the left side of the advertisement.

**Saturday, October 18  
8am - Noon**

Call **262-896-8300**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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# Water Resources Programs

**FREE** for Scouts, Community Groups, and Organizations!

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## **"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.

# 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.

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

## 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.

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

## Humane Animal Careers

Grades 3-10

**Duration:** 25 minutes

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

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

## 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.

# UW Extension

## Waukesha County

### Waukesha County – UW-Extension

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. We take calls from 9 am to Noon. You can also call (262) 548-7779 or email the Horticulture Helpline-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.

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# Annual Rain Garden Plant Sale

**Order rain garden plants  
at half-price  
January 2<sup>nd</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Call (262) 896-8305 for more information  
or online under the rain gardens/barrels tab  
[waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater](http://waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater)**

**Book Your  
Birthday Party  
With Us!**

for more info visit [waukeshacountyparks.com](http://waukeshacountyparks.com)



## Public Skate Hours



Naga-Waukee Park - Delafield

Monday - Friday: Noon - 2 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 3 pm - 5 pm

Eble Park - Brookfield

Monday - Friday: Noon - 2 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 2 pm - 4 pm

**[waukeshacountyparks.com](http://waukeshacountyparks.com)**  [@WaukeshaCoParks](https://twitter.com/WaukeshaCoParks)



Waukesha County  
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# JUNIORS GOLF FREE

with paying adult at

**Wanaki - Saturdays after 3pm**

**Moor Downs - Sundays after 12 pm**

Moor Downs participates in a national program called Sticks for Kids, which provides the tools and opportunities necessary to allow as many junior golfers as possible to enjoy the game of golf. This allows Moor Downs to offer the use of junior clubs at no charge. If you do not have a set of golf clubs and a bag, we can provide them for use during a lesson or round of golf, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call Moor Downs at (262) 548-7821 to reserve a set.



**Free Birthday  
Round for signing  
up for e-mails**

**[golfwaukeshacounty.com](http://golfwaukeshacounty.com)**



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