

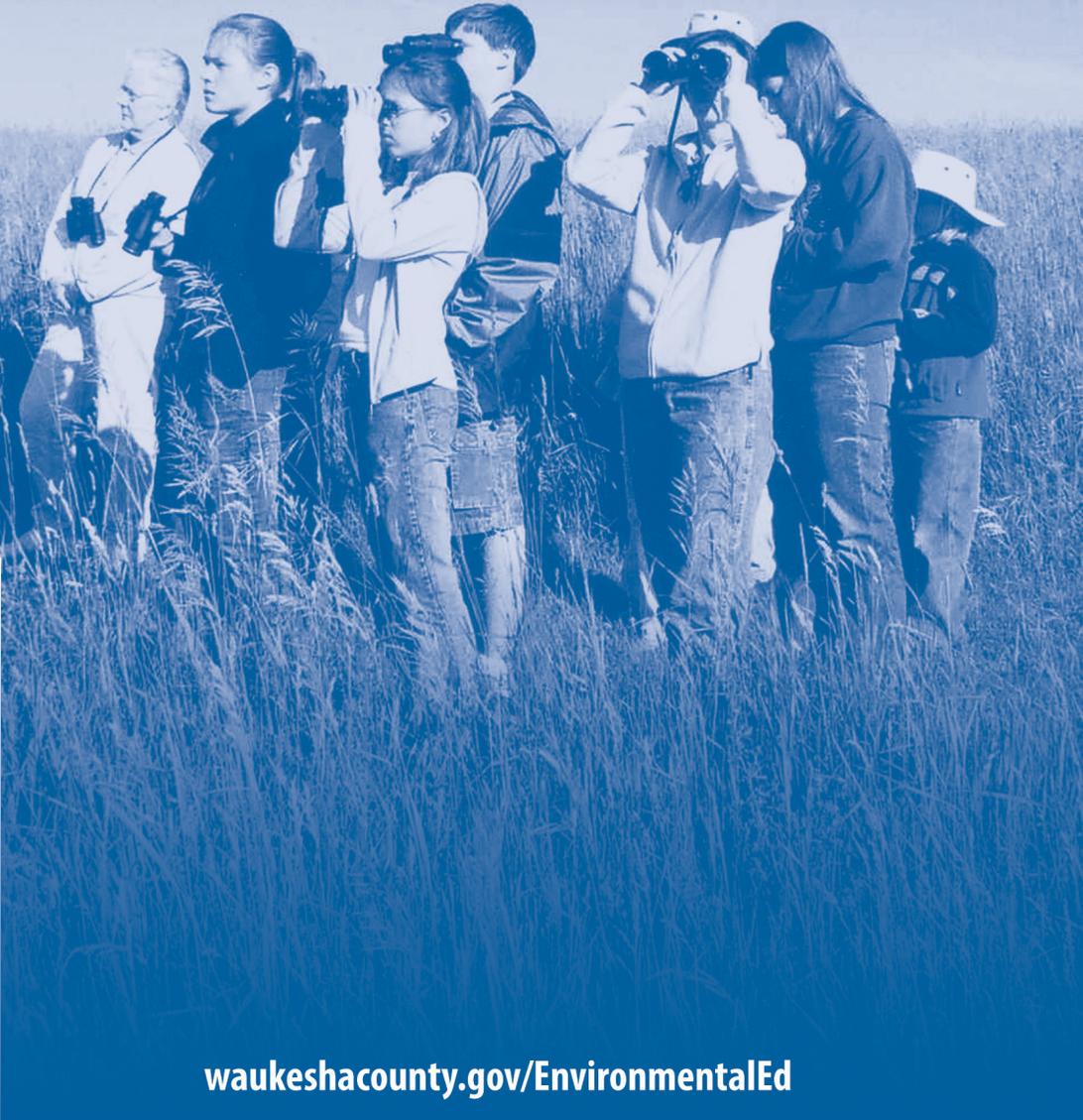


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Waukesha County Environmental Education Activity Guide

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Waukesha County

Environmental Education Activity Guide



We are so fortunate to live in a County full of abundant natural resources, wonderful parks and many opportunities for residents and visitors alike to experience the outdoors.

This guide provides the information you will need to enjoy our programs and special events that promote preservation of our County's resources.

I encourage you to use this guide so that together we may:

- ☒ Increase the amount of material recycled from households and businesses to reduce our environmental impact
- ☒ Create opportunities for everyone 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 programs to meet curriculum requirements and enhance the quality of life in the County
- ☒ Protect the County's lakes and streams by informing citizens on how property management decisions impact water quality
- ☒ Protect the quantity and quality of groundwater resources in the County by promoting water conservation and groundwater infiltration

So let's get out, get active and enjoy all of our great natural resources of Waukesha County!

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Paul".

Paul Farrow,
Waukesha County Executive

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At a Glance

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Special Events

Build A Scarecrow

DEADLINE: Friday, September 16

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

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 Friends of Retzer Nature Center Apple Harvest Festival. Scarecrow information packets can be picked up at the Retzer Nature Center front desk. Scarecrows must be in place by Friday, September 16, 2016 at Noon. For more information, call 262-896-8007.

Landscape Plastics Recycling Event

DATE: Saturday, September 17

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 Apple Harvest Festival

DATE: Saturday, September 17

TIME: 9 am - 5 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per carload upon entrance

Enjoy our 30th year with a fun filled day for the whole family. Don't miss all the craft exhibitions, apple market with Heirloom apples, homemade apple pie, children's activities & crafts, hayrides, concerts and much more.

Recycling Facility Tour/Open House

DATE: Saturday, September 17

TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

FEE: Free admission

Take a free tour of the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) as part of the Doors Open Milwaukee Event! While the system will not be in operation, visitors can still get an up-close look at and learn about the MRF. See the tip floor, pre-sort cabins, discs, screens, balers, optical sort machines, sorter platform, and finished bales ready for shipment. Visitors must wear closed-toe shoes. Last admittance at 2:45 pm.

Bird Seed Sale

BIRD SEED ORDERS: October 1-31

Place your birdseed order in October, for pickup on November 5th and 9th at Retzer Nature Center. We offer a wide selection of seed types. Check www.waukeshacountyparks.com for order form and prices in late September. Call (262) 896-8007 (payment due at time of order).

Fall Workshop Event

DATE: Saturday, October 8

TIME: 8:30 am - 11:30 pm

FEE: Free admission

Prepare for Fall by attending one of the following FREE workshops: Getting the Garden Ready for Winter, Turn Over A New Leaf: Mulching & Composting, and a Fall Exploration Hike to the Oak Savanna. See page 18 for more information.

Special Events Continued

Friends of Retzer Nature Center Howl-O-Ween

DATE: Friday, October 14

TIME: 6 - 9pm

FEE: \$15 per carload

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

Friends of Retzer Nature Center Photography Contest Reception

DATE: Sunday, November 6

TIME: 1 - 3pm

LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center

FEE: Free admission

The amateur photography contest highlights your best work taken at Retzer Nature Center. Enter your Retzer photos in this annual event. For more information and entry form, visit the Friends of Retzer website at www.friendsofretzer.org or www.waukeshacountyparks.com

Waukesha Winter JanBoree

DATE: Sunday, January 15

TIME: 10am - 4pm

FEE: Free admission

Winter JanBoree is a city/county-wide event sponsored by the City of Waukesha Parks and Recreation Department. Retzer Nature Center offers a full day of free family fun on Sunday, which tentatively includes: Free Snowshoe use 10am-4pm, Family Nature Activities 10am-4pm, Bird Feeding Program 11am & 1:15pm, Winter Tracking Program 12pm & 2:30pm. Refreshments provided.

For other park system JanBoree events visit: www.waukeshacountyparks.com or www.JanBoree.org

Charles Horwitz Planetarium Shows *during Waukesha Winter JanBoree*

DATE: Sunday, January 15

TIME: Every 45 minutes from 9am to 3pm.

FEE: Free admission - Tickets available in lobby

Continue the JanBoree celebration at Retzer Nature Center by attending the Charles Horwitz Planetarium Show, "The First Stargazers." This program shows how ancient stargazers marked reindeer bones to track the cycle of the moon. Find out how scientists investigate the mysterious alignments of the pyramids. Travel with us to Stonehenge and other giant astronomical sites to explore the incredible structures made by the first stargazers.

For other park system JanBoree events visit: www.waukeshacountyparks.com or www.JanBoree.org

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Special Events Continued

Friends of Retzer Nature Center Wild Winter Night

DATE: Saturday, February 11

TIME: 6 - 9 pm

FEE: \$2.00 per person, payable at 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 snowshoe rentals, and an informal sing-along by a warm campfire with S'mores and hot cocoa. Explore the winter sky with telescopes, as well as an indoor Planetarium program entitled "Winter Sky Legends." This program introduces the audience to constellation characters, such as "Orion the Hunter," "Taurus the Bull," and "Gemini the Twins." Make sure you dress appropriately; this event will be held regardless of weather.

PLEASE NOTE: There are limited amount of snowshoes available for use. Planetarium shows are limited to 90 people per show, which are first-come, first-served. Planetarium ticket distribution begins at 6:20 pm.

The Wonderful World of Water Day

DATE: Saturday, February 25

TIME: 8:30 - 11:30 am

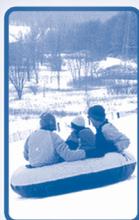
FEE: Free admission

Celebrate and learn about Earth's most important resource - water! See special exhibits with hands-on activities and listen to a lineup of speakers on different water topics including; The Life Cycle of a Snowflake, Crayfish Capers and Purple Crusaders, and Planning Your Rain Garden - the time is now! See page 33 for more information.

Winter Fun at Waukesha County Parks!



*Cross-country
ski trails*



Sledding Hills



*Snowshoe Rentals at
Retzer Nature Center*



Indoor Ice Skating



*Fat tire mountain
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Minoaka Park*

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30TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER'S

Apple Harvest Festival



Saturday, September 17th
9 am - 5 pm



\$5 parking fee



Arts and Crafts | Children's Activities
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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 Teacher Naturalist Training

Call (262) 896-8007 for more information

We offer an apprenticeship program for our teaching naturalist training. You will receive training in our Teaching Naturalist course. We work with you to prepare you to lead a school group on their selected hike. There is no registration deadline; we welcome volunteers anytime of the year.

Tai Chi Class

Adults

DATES: Tuesdays, August - February (on-going class)

TIME: 9 - 10 am

FEE: \$80.00 punch card purchase (10 classes at \$8 per class), or \$9.00 walk-in fee per person per class

Learn the basic traditional forms and the principles of Tai Chi. With simple, gentle, slow movements we will work towards creating enhanced mental and physical relaxation, deeper breathing, better balance and stronger posture. This is truly a complete body exercise. Instructor Virginia Mathias is certified by the American Senior Fitness Association.

Retzer Camera Club

Adults

DATES: Wednesdays; August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1

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.

Paint the Prairie Club

Adults & Teens 16+

DATES: Thursdays, August 11, 18, 25 & September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TIME: 1 - 4 pm

FEE: \$48.00 (8 class punch card), or \$8.00 walk-in fee per person per class

Attention all outdoor painting and sketch artists! Beginner or professional, join us as we paint/sketch our way through the Retzer landscape. You will need to bring your own art supplies and outdoor easel. There will be no formal instruction, but our resident artist/naturalist will be on hand to suggest locations to paint and also facilitate the group. Get outside and enjoy the fellowship of other artists. At the end of each session, we will share/critique our work. Opportunity for guest instructors and instructional art DVDs on topic of interest will be welcomed suggestions.



Cool World of Nature

Ages 6-10

DATES: Mondays, August 1, 8

TIME: 1:30 - 3 pm

FEE: \$6.00 per person per class

REGISTER BY: Friday prior to class

Get out and get active each week as we explore a new topic, from the tiniest of insects to the largest trees in the woods! Be prepared to hike, get dirty and have a blast getting out!

General Programming Continued

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Wildly Creative Wednesday

Ages 5 - 12

DATES: Wednesdays, August 17 & 24

TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

FEE: \$8.00 per person per class

REGISTER BY: Wednesday prior to class

Explore the variety of colors, shapes, and sizes of the weeks chosen focus by creating a fun mixed media art project.

August 17: "Wildly Creative Wildflowers"

August 24: "The Shape of Seeds"

Explore the Natural World with an Art Journal

Adults and Teens 16+

DATES: Fridays, August 19 & 26

TIME: 1 - 3 pm

FEE: \$30.00 (includes journal and sketching tools for class)

REGISTER BY: Monday, August 25

This 2-day class will explore our outer world and develop self-expression skills on paper through the art of journaling and sketching. With a drawing tool and journal in hand, participants will explore Retzer's landscape and discover a unique way of seeing it. Supplies and basic instruction on outdoors sketching techniques will be provided. Individual expression will be encouraged in all exercises. Class meets indoors due to inclement weather. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

Class 1: Field Sketching: basic drawing skills, drawing wild subjects.

Class 2: Field Sketching: beyond the basics - color, layout, and perspective.



Benjamin Goss Bird Club

Adults

DATES: Sundays, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 22, February 19

TIME: 7 pm

Benjamin Goss Bird Club provides those interested in an active study of birds and their habitats a venue to meet with fellow bird enthusiasts. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month, September through May.

Mom's Day Out

Adults

DATES: Wednesdays, September 21, October 19, November 16

TIME: 9 - 10 am

FEE: \$4.00 per person per class

Kids are in school, so come and get a breath of fresh air at Retzer Nature Center. Take a hike with a naturalist who is on the move to see what's up and out on our trails. Activity level is not recommended for young children.

Winter Wildlife Tracking

Families & Scouts

DATE: Saturday, January 7

TIME: 9 - 11 am

REGISTER BY: Friday, January 6 (Limited space)

FEE: \$5.00 per person

In winter, nature records the fascinating activities of animals. We can often tell more about animals by the signs they leave behind than from direct contact with them. Participants will learn how to identify the tracks of different animal species, and read animal's activities. We will even learn how to move the way different animals do in order to make certain kinds of tracks.

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Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes

Adults / Families & Scouts

DATE: January 7, 21, 28 & February 4, 18, 25

TIME: 9 - 11 am & 1 - 3 pm

FEE: \$5.00 per person per 2 hour class

REGISTER BY: Friday prior to program date (Limited Space)

Winter is a great time to explore your environment and snowshoes are a great way to do it. Join a Retzer Nature Center Naturalist as you trek the trails in the calm wintery world on snowshoes. The program will emphasize wildlife tracks and signs.

Saturday Natural Landscape Volunteers

Adults & Children 7 years or older (children 7-12 must be accompanied by an adult)

REGISTER BY: Saturday prior to Volunteer Date

Be part of a team restoring the land to a natural and sustainable state. This is a hands-on learning experience supporting healthy ecosystems. Activities include harvesting, cleaning and planting native wild flower seed, and controlling invasive weeds. Energetic volunteers of all ages and levels of experience are welcome. Located at Retzer Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

DATE: July 16

TIME: 9 am - Noon

LOCATION: Fox River Park Office

DESCRIPTION: Invasive species control

DATE: August 13

TIME: 9 am - Noon

DESCRIPTION: Invasive species control

DATE: August 20

TIME: 9 am - Noon

DESCRIPTION: Queen Anne's Lace control

DATE: September 17

TIME: 9 am - Noon

LOCATION: Taylor Oak Opening

DESCRIPTION: Cut & dab glossy buckthorn

DATE: October 15

TIME: 9 am - Noon

DESCRIPTION: Seed collection

DATE: November 19

TIME: 9 am - Noon

LOCATION: Nashotah Park Office

DESCRIPTION: Trail pruning

Family Adventure Hikes

Adults / Families & Scouts

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

Join us Saturdays for 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 where you might be exploring! No need to pre-register.

DATE: August 6
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

DATE: August 13
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: August 20
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: August 27
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: October 8
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

DATE: October 29
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: November 12
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: November 19
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am

DATE: December 10
TIME: 9 - 11 am

DATE: December 17
TIME: 10 - 11:30 am





Ecological Landscape Workshops

Age: Adult

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Fee: \$8.00

Have questions and need answers concerning issues that landowners often face while maintaining and improving property? A Retzer Naturalist will be conducting a new series of workshops that give landowners the tools needed to tackle current ecological issues confronting landscapes. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.



Native Pollinators

DATE: Saturday, September 10

REGISTER BY: Tuesday, September 6

This workshop will explain the reasons for these declines and provide guidance on simple and effective methods that will benefit native pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Tick Control - Managing Your Property

DATE: Saturday, October 22

REGISTER BY: Tuesday, October 18

Tips and tricks concerning how to reduce your exposure to ticks and manage your yard, lowering the risk of Lyme Disease.

Native Plants

DATE: Saturday, January 14

REGISTER BY: Monday, January 9

This workshop is for anyone wishing to add native plants to their property, whether a “back yard pocket prairie” or planting acres for wildlife habitat. Site preparation, species selection, timing and methods are critical to success and will be discussed. Prairie, oak savanna, and eastern deciduous woodlands will be covered. Get a head start on planting by pre-ordering your native plants. Order forms will be available at the workshop.

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Wee Wonders Program

Ages 2-4

Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Fee: \$4.00

This monthly program will focus on "The Senses" and is designed for parents or grandparents with young children ages 2 - 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. Please dress for the weather. Maximum registrants 30, minimum 5.

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

Vista Visitors

DATE: Tuesday, August 9

REGISTER BY: Friday, August 5

Travel up to the Vista for an "Insect-able" time looking for cool creatures hiding among the grasses and flowers. Use a sweep net to catch a few of these summertime visitors.

From Apples to Zucchini

DATE: Tuesday, September 13

REGISTER BY: Friday, September 9

Let us use our senses to explore the bountiful harvest from the Children's Garden vegetables to the apples on a tree.

ICK! Spiders & Snakes

DATE: Tuesday, October 11

REGISTER BY: Friday, October 7

They are not as scary as you may think. We will enjoy a visit from our resident snakes Mazy and Peaches. Let's then take a walk to discover the spiders and snakes living along the trails.

Nuts to You

DATE: Tuesday, November 8

REGISTER BY: Friday, November 4

Pretend to be a squirrel and see how many different kinds of nuts you can find. Will you be prepared for the long winter ahead?

Wild Safari

DATE: Tuesday, December 13

REGISTER BY: Friday, December 9

No stuffed animals will be harmed during this adventure; off to the wilds of Retzer, as we hunt for the untamed creatures hidden along the trails.

Let the Wind Blow

DATE: Tuesday, January 10

REGISTER BY: Friday, January 6

Get outdoors and enjoy winter as we brave the blustery north winds. This is a good time to try a pair of snowshoes on this snowy walk.

Hop, Flop and Hide

DATE: Tuesday, February 14

REGISTER BY: Friday, February 10

Stay indoors this month as we take a look at frogs, fish and turtles. Meet Jeremiah the bullfrog, Nemo the fish and Bonnie, Clyde, Olivia and Nate, our resident turtles.





Retzer Rangers

Ages 5-7

Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Fee: \$4.00

Join in our updated program as we discover the wonders of nature each month. Dive deep into a new topic and head outside for hands-on exploration and adventure. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for weather, as we will be outdoors. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5. Walk-ins will not be accepted for this program.

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

Butterflies Flutter By

DATE: Monday, August 8

REGISTER BY: Thursday, August 5

Learn about the transforming life of the Monarch butterfly. Explore the prairies for milkweed in search of eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises or butterflies. Take home a Painted Lady butterfly caterpillar and watch it go through metamorphosis.

Hoppers Through the Grass

DATE: Monday, September 12

REGISTER BY: Thursday, September 9

With sweep nets and bug boxes in hand, we will try our hardest to catch and take a closer look at these amazing jumpers in the prairie.

Trees, Seeds, Nuts and Leaves

DATE: Monday, October 10

REGISTER BY: Friday, October 7

Soak up the beauty of fall in Wisconsin and explore the woods to collect colorful leaves. We will learn why this transformation is taking place and identify different types of leaves.

Harvest Time

DATE: Monday, November 14

REGISTER BY: Friday, November 11

Let's hike the trails in search of the bounty of fall: Which animals are feasting now, what they are eating, and who is stashing away food for a meal later?

Preparing For Winter

DATE: Monday, December 12

REGISTER BY: Friday, December 9

Learn about how all living creatures at Retzer prepare for a long winter...do they stay here or do they travel far away? We will also create a treat for our winter winged friends.

Let It Snow

DATE: Monday, January 9

REGISTER BY: Friday, January 6

Discover the amazing beauty of snow flakes and ice crystals. We will read about how a photographer found out how unique they are!

Track That Scat

DATE: Monday, February 13

REGISTER BY: Friday, February 10

While trekking the trails on snowshoes, we will go in search of evidence of the animals that went before us. Dress accordingly and arrive early to get your snowshoes.





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

Voyage to the Edge of the Universe

General Public

DATE: Saturday, September 17

TIMES: Show runs every ½ hour from 9:30 am - 4 pm

FEE: \$2.00 per person

During Friends of Retzer Nature Center Apple Harvest Festival

This beautiful astronomy show begins with the night sky, as seen from our own backyards. The audience is then taken on a journey past the moon, the sun, the planets and on to distant stars in our Milky Way.

Wish Upon a Star

Children's Show (recommended for ages 4-8)

DATES: Saturdays; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TIME: 11 am

A little girl and her parents enjoy a night camping out under the stars. Together, they explore the stars, moon, planets, and meteors.

Black Holes and Quasars

General Public

DATES: Saturdays; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TIME: 1 pm

Some of the most fascinating astronomy theories are those which involve the explosive deaths of massive stars. This program explores the strangest objects in the universe: white dwarfs, neutron stars, quasars and black holes.

The Mysteries of the Starship Earth

General Public

DATE: Friday, October 14

TIMES: Show runs every ½ hour from 9:30am - 4:00pm

FEE: Included in the entrance fee of \$15/carload for Retzer Nature Center Howl-O-Ween event.

This fast paced astronomy presentation uses spectacular visuals to answer questions about our home, planet Earth. Views of Earth from space, reasons for the seasons, and Earth's place in the universe are explored.

Follow the Drinking Gourd

General Public

DATE: Saturday, October 15

TIME: 9:30 am

This program is presented in cooperation with the Waukesha Reads Program. Find out how runaway slaves used the Big Dipper and the North Star to travel their way northward to freedom along the underground railway using the code word "drinking gourd" for the Big Dipper.

Our Place in Space

Children's Show (recommended for ages 4-8)

DATES: Saturdays; November 5, 12, 19

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. A family classic!

The Extraterrestrial Files

General Public

DATES: Saturdays; November 5, 12, 19

TIME: 1 pm

Is there life in outer space? If so, what would these creatures look like? These questions and many more will be explored in this fascinating search for ET's.

3-2-1 Blastoff

Children's Show (recommended for ages 4-8)

DATES: Saturdays; December 3, 10, 17

TIME: 11 am

This children's space adventure transforms a video game into an exciting tour of the solar system. Join us as we fly past the sun, land on planets, and fly through the rings of Saturn before returning safely to Earth.

Tis the Season

General Public

DATES: Saturdays; December 3, 10, 17

TIME: 1 pm

Was the "Christmas Star" really a star? Was it a bright planet, a comet, or a meteor? This program takes the audience back 2000 years to investigate the true date for the birth of Christ. It then explores possible explanations for the "Star" seen and described by the "Wisemen."

Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

Children's Show (recommended for ages 4-8)

DATES: Saturdays; January 7, 14, 21, 28

TIME: 11 am

This space 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 realistic solar system journey.

Footsteps - A Race to the Moon

General Public

DATES: Saturdays; January 7, 14, 21, 28

TIME: 1 pm

This program begins by highlighting some of the ancient legends about the moon. It then features the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo NASA space programs leading up to the flight of Apollo 11, the first moon landing.

The First Stargazers

General Public

DATE: Sunday, January 15

TIMES: Show runs every ½ hour from 9:30 am - 4 pm

FEE: Free as part of Waukesha Winter JanBoree

This program shows how stargazers marked reindeer bones to track the cycle of the moon. Find out how scientists investigate the mysterious alignments of the pyramids. Travel to Stonehenge, and other astronomical sites, to explore the incredible structures made by the first stargazers.

The Skies over Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

Children's Show (recommended for ages 4-8)

DATES: Saturdays; February 4, 18, 25

TIME: 11 am

This program uses the scenes and characters from the famous television show "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" to introduce our young students to the wonders of the day and night sky.

Rainbows in Space - Cosmic Colors

General Public

DATES: Saturdays; February 4, 18, 25

TIME: 1 pm

Enjoy how colors display their personalities. See how scientists use the vast wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum to study the mysteries in deep space.

Winter Sky Legends

General Public

DATE: Saturday, February 11

TIMES: Show runs every ½ hour from 9:30 am - 4 pm

FEE: Included in the \$2.00 entrance fee for Friends of Retzer Nature Center Wild Winter Night

This program introduces the audience to constellation characters in the winter sky: "Orion the Hunter," "Taurus the Bull," "Gemini the Twins." Watch each of these wonderful characters come alive to tell their adventures.

PUBLIC SKYWATCHES at RETZER!

For dates and times, please visit the Horwitz Planetarium website at waukeshaschools.com/planet

FALL WORKSHOP EVENT

at Retzer Nature Center

514 W28167 Madison St, Waukesha, WI

October 8 • 8:30 - 11:30 am

Prepare for Fall by attending one of the following FREE workshops presented by Waukesha County Parks & Land Use Staff & UW-Extension Master Gardener:

Getting the Garden Ready for Winter

8:30 - 9 am

The garden might be winding down for the season; however, there is a lot of work to do before winter. In this presentation, learn how to prepare your garden for the winter months so your spring garden will be healthy and flourish. We will cover garden clean-up, late season planting of trees and shrubs, along with planting spring flowering bulbs.

Turn Over a New LEAF - Mulching & Composting: Easy Fall Yard Care

9:15 - 10 am

Better than burning! Learn how to mulch large amounts of leaves into your lawn, or create a large leaf compost pile for quick break-down. Tips on general composting provided, along with fall yard care best practices that don't make your neighbors run to shut the windows!

Fall Exploration Hike to the Oak Savanna 10 - 11:30 am

Take an autumn walk to the Owen Williams Oak Savanna at Retzer Nature Center. We will interpret autumn colors, such as Aspens, Hickories, Elms, Ashes, Sugar Maples, and look at the White, Bur, and Red Oaks. We will also discuss the conditions of local ecology and land use history that account for the savanna.

For more information call 262-896-8300

No registration necessary

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PRESENTS:

FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER

HOWL--WEEN

An Unhaunted Halloween Event

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

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER
14TH
6-9 PM**

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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 ****

PROGRAMS MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT TIME OF BOOKING. Minimum of 6 scouts per program.

Programs may only be scheduled as follows:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

4:30 pm (must start by)

Saturday Fall Date: * October 22

10am - Noon or 1 - 3 pm

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

***More than one group may be scheduled for the same program, during the same time slot. **Unless otherwise noted.**

Girl Scouts (for Troops)

Daisy

Between Earth and Sky • 1.5 hours (September - October)

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

Brownie

Bugs (Naturalist Legacy Badge) • 2 hours (September - October)

FEE per scout: \$8.50 (includes project supplies)

Step 1: Talk to a bug specialist

Step 2: Create a bug box or bug craft

Step 3: Watch three bugs

Step 4: Do a "bug" race

Step 5: Take a bug walk

Hikers (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours (September - February)

FEE per scout: \$7.00 (includes snack)

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 (September - November)
 FEE per scout: \$8.50 (includes project supplies)

Step 1: Practice your “seeking” skills

Step 2: Create your own stamp

Step 3: Practice solving clues

Step 4: Go on a letterbox hunt

Junior

Animal Habitat (Skill Building Badge) • 1.5 hours (September - October)

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

Junior Journey Jumpstart!

Choose from a variety of program options/lengths provided by Retzer Nature Center staff and Waukesha County Recycling and Water Specialists to get moving on your Junior Journey! Book 1-hour programs singly, or put together a program package of 2 or 3 hours of the following programs:

- Energy-what it is, ways to save it, sound & heat energy, Retzer’s Geothermal System
- Waste in our lives: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot
- Papermaking
- Nature Hike & Solar Print Craft
- The Food Chain/Food Waste
- Water Pollution/Stormwater/Groundwater - water and energy use

Cub Scouts
 (for Dens/Packs)

Tiger

Tigers in the Wild • 1.5 hours (September - October)

Enjoy the outdoors through identifying different plants & animals and the signs they have left behind, as we hike the trails.

Cub Scouts Continued

Wolf

Paws on the Path • 1.5 hours (September - October)

Join a Naturalist on a hike to identify birds, insects and other animals along the trails. We will watch and record interesting items we find as we go along.

Finding Your Way • 1.5 hours (September - October)

Learn how to read a map and use a compass to work your way through a scavenger hunt on our trails.

Bear

Fur, Feathers & Ferns • 1.5 hours (September - October)

During your visit to Retzer Nature Center learn about an extinct animal, hike the trails, and identify six signs of living creatures found along our trails.

Webelos

Into the Wild • 2 hours (September - October)

Complete requirements 4-9 to earn your badge during this program.

Into the Woods • 2 hours (September - October)

Complete all requirements except #5 during this program.

Boy Scout Merit Badges

(for individual Boy Scouts)

**Merit badges are available in Summer only.
Program Dates & Times will be listed in the next guide.**

Free Girl Scout Programs

Call (262) 896-8300 for scheduling

Girl Scout Program

Girl Scout Recycling Fun Patch • 1 hour

May be held at Retzer Nature Center or your public meeting place

Find out where your recyclables go, what gets recycled, how they are processed and what they become! Do a waste-sort, see a video of recycling in action, and play Recycle Match. Girl Scout leaders supply patch.

Daisy Program

Using Resources Wisely • 1/2 hour

May be held at Retzer Nature Center or your public meeting place

Find out about natural resources from our planet and how to conserve them by applying the 4 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Rot. Feel samples of minerals & other resources used to create things we use everyday.

Brownie Program

Household Elf Skill-Building Badge • 1 hour

Learn how to make your home clean and green. Make a non-toxic Creamy Soft Scrub 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!

Scout Programs continued on next page



Junior Programs

Papermaking • 1 hour

Does paper always have to be made from trees? How does it get recycled? Make recycled paper to take home, play a team game/quiz & feel paper made from a variety of plants. Watch a short video on how paper is made from trees, sorted at the recycling facility and recycled into new paper at the mill.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot • 1 hour

May be held at Retzer Nature Center or your public meeting place

Learn about the "4 Rs" and how they all save energy! Review what gets recycled. Watch a video clip of the new high-tech recycling facility in action. Find out where recyclables go and what they become. Do a timed waste sort. Take home a worksheet to see how much energy your home recycling saves in a week! Discover all the benefits of reducing waste and recycling, and the positive effects they have on our planet!

Tour the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Recycling Facility • 1 hour (For 5th grade + up only)

Facility located at 1401 W Mt. Vernon Ave., Milwaukee

Observe the fascinating combination of physics, technology and workers sorting the new mix of recyclable materials before heading to market. Learn the details of what can be recycled, why some things cannot, where recyclables go and what they become. (minimum 10 Girl Scouts, restricted hours--call for more details)

Free Boy Scout Programs

Call (262) 896-8300 for scheduling

Recycling Program

Wolf Adventure: Council of Fire • 1 hr

May be held at Retzer Nature Center or your public meeting place

Learn about the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Discover a way to do each of these at home, school or in your community!

Composting Program

Bear Adventure: Fur, Feathers & Ferns • 1/2 hr or 1 hr

Visit Retzer Nature Center and learn about composting to complete two of your requirements!

Recycling Goes “Mobile”

The Waukesha County Recycles app provides detailed information on *what* and *how* to recycle or safely dispose of items, and *where* to take them! Browse nine categories or search to find various options. Upon selection of *where*, the application will provide navigation to the selected location. This app also includes detailed information on curbside recycling and municipal recycling drop off sites. **Download the app today!**

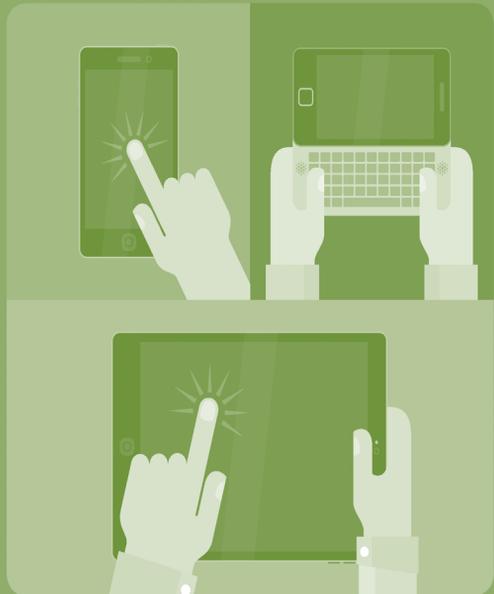


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Recycling & Water Resources are Coming to your Community!

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

August

- August 2** **Mukwonago National Night Out Booth** – Field Park, Mukwonago • 6 pm
August 3 **Waukesha National Night Out Booth** – Frame Park, Waukesha • 5 - 8 pm
August 5 **Jammin' on Janesville Booth** – Janesville Rd, Muskego • 5 - 8 pm
August 16 **YMCA Pabst Farms Kids' Fest Booth** – Roosevelt Park, Oconomowoc • 9 am - 1 pm

September

- September 17** **LANDSCAPE PLASTICS RECYCLING EVENT** at Johnson's Nursery, Inc. of Menomonee Falls • 8 am - 12 pm
Bring your used plastic growing pots, plant trays & containers for recycling. (See page 6 for more details.)
- September 17** **Apple Harvest Fest Booth** – Retzer Nature Center • 9 am - 5 pm
September 17 **RECYCLING FACILITY TOUR/OPEN HOUSE** at the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility, 1401 W. Mount Vernon, Milwaukee • 10 am - 3 pm
Take a free tour of the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility! (See page 6 for more details.)

October

- October 1** **Main Street Green Market Booth** – Corner of Main St & Elias St, Wales • 9 am - 1 pm
October 8 **FALL WORKSHOP EVENT** – Retzer Nature Center • 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Prepare for Fall by attending one of the following FREE workshops: Getting the Garden Ready for Winter, Turn Over A New Leaf: Mulching & Composting, Planning Your Rain Garden, and Fall Exploration to the Oak Savanna (see page 18 for more details).

February

- February 25** **THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WATER DAY** – Retzer Nature Center • 8:30 - 11:30 am
See special exhibits and hands-on activities as well as hear a variety of speakers on different water topics, including: The Life Cycle of a Snowflake, Crayfish Capers and Purple Crusaders, and Planning Your Rain Garden - the time is now! (See page 31 for more details.)

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RECYCLING PROGRAMS

FREE for Community Groups and Organizations!

School program guide also available for educators.

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

Recycling 101: Easier than Ever!

Adult (youth presentations also available)

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

We're doing a good job of recycling more. Now we need to be sure we're recycling right! Find out what people are putting in their bins with photos of the good & the bad to help clear up those question-mark items. Watch video clips of the latest technology at the new facility and take part in a prize drawing! We'll send you home with some great things to talk about with your neighbors & friends!

Home Composting Workshop

Adult

Duration: 1 hour

Available in Spring/Fall

Learn how to create your own compost and how to use it as well as 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 Presentation

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!)

Water Resources Programs

FREE for Scouts, Community Groups, and Organizations!

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Program Duration: about 1 hour

Sewerology 101

Ages 8 to Adult

Discover where your water comes from, where it goes when you are finished with it, and the difference between storm sewers and sanitary sewers. In this interactive presentation about water, we will also discuss the Waukesha water issue, 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!

Mayflies, Leeches and Scuds—Oh My!

Ages 8 to 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!

Get the Groundwater Picture

Ages 8 to 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

Ages 10 to 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.

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 the benefits of rain gardens, too! Rain gardens and rain barrels can be a beautiful solution to water pollution.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION PROGRAMS

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Animal Bite Prevention*

Ages 5 - 12

Duration: 50 minutes

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

Humane Animal Education*

Ages 8 - 16

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*

Ages 8 - 16

Duration: 25 minutes

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

Food Safety

Ages 10 - 16

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

Ages 10 - 18

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.*

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 17**

8am - Noon

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

Radon Awareness:

For more information regarding radon and the effects of radon, a blank email may be sent to radon@waukeshacounty.gov. An automatic reply of information will be emailed back to you, free of charge.

Home Test Kits are available for purchase:

Short-term kit \$10.00

Long-term kit \$15.00

Visit www.lowradon.org or call 262-896-8300
 for more information or for a test kit.

The Wonderful World of Water Day

February 25, 2017 • 8:30 to 11:30 am
at Retzer Nature Center

See special exhibits and hands-on activities as well as hear a variety of speakers on different water topics, including:

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A SNOWFLAKE

9:00 am

We will look at the journey of a snowflake, beginning with a snowstorm and the possible paths of this snowflake, including how it might make it into your well and septic system!

CRAYFISH CAPERS AND PURPLE CRUSADERS

9:45 am

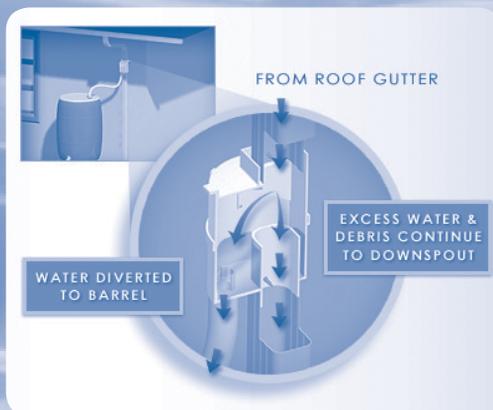
Come learn about aquatic invasives species—what is threatening our waters and how can we help.

PLANNING YOUR RAIN GARDEN—THE TIME IS NOW!

10:30 am

In the dead of winter is the best time to plan your spring rain garden installation. Learn how to participate in a rain garden grant program for discounted native plants.

All attendees will
be entered to win
a free rain barrel
with diverter kit!
(\$84 value)



Call 262-896-8300 for more information.

UW Extension

Waukesha County

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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, hours vary, 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 Mon-Fri). 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.

Rent a Garden Plot

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 visit waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/hort/communitygardens or call (262) 548-7775.

Master Gardener Training

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>).

UW Extension Waukesha County 4-H

Do you have six hours that you could give of your time to make a lasting impact on the youth in Waukesha County?

NEW to Waukesha County and Wisconsin! A 4-H SPIN Club is where five or more young people learn about a topic of interest. Topics vary and can include interests such as nature, science, sailing, outdoor adventures and much more.

We are looking for adults who have a talent or interest they are willing to teach to young people in local communities. SPIN clubs are planned around adult volunteer's availability. Each club meets six or more times for a least one hour per session.

A 4-H SPIN Club continues the learning through interactive sessions that focus on a special interest. Youth involved in UW-Extension 4-H programs learn leadership and life skills that help prepare them to be our future community environmental advocates and leaders. 4-H is open to youth ages 5 to 18 years of age.

For more information, see the UW Extension Waukesha County 4-H website www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/4H or contact Cindy Sarkady, 4-H Youth Development Educator, cindy.sarkady@ces.uwex.edu

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