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NEW CLASS CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICANS OF GREAT LAKES REGION

By Jessy Knox, Elementary Education Manager



Ron Preston, San Carlos Apache and Headman Dancer at the Gathering of Nations, shares a traditional song and dance with SANC Preschoolers.

The New Year gives us a chance to not only reflect on the past, but also look forward to new opportunities. Every day is new at the Audubon Center, with natural and seasonal changes constantly taking place around us. One of the most exciting changes for the Elementary Audubon Teachers has been the introduction of our new class offering: Native Americans of the Great Lakes Region. With more than 500 Native American tribes in existence today, the opportunities to teach about culture, traditions, and history are virtually infinite!

During the class, we investigate various Native American artifacts, explore the traditional uses of native plants and animals, and travel to our on-site Wigwam. Built by our Land Manager Matt Smith, the Wigwam is used as a teaching tool to learn not only about the structure and how it was built, but also about the way of life of the Woodland Indians.

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ON THE GROUND: MANAGING WOODY INVASIVE SPECIES IN OUR FOREST

By Matt Smith, Land Manager

Original pre-settlement WI (i.e. pre-1830) forests were dynamic, productive, and self-regenerating systems. After logging, farming, and other man-induced disturbances, many forested areas were forever altered, and few were unscathed. Since then, a number of non-native woody shrubs have been introduced, and a few have proven to be exceedingly invasive. These dangerous fugitives

include: Common Buckthorn, Glossy Buckthorn, Honeysuckle, Japanese Barberry, and Autumn Olive.

In part, these species are invasive because of the lack of local biological controls, such as diseases or plant pests that help to limit abundance and productivity. The competitive advantage of these invasives results in natural areas becoming overrun with homogenous stands of one or a few species (Figure 1). Consequently, native plant understory communities and forest tree regeneration are reduced or eliminated. This derails the next generation of Lake Forest succession. It is important to remember that there is no happy medium with most invasive species. They don't just blend in, and they displace our locally important native flora and fauna.



Figure 1. Before and after invasive clearing in the forest surrounding Solitude Marsh on SANC property; Notice the absence of native forest regeneration.

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SANC OFFERS EVERYTHING BUT A 'NORMAL' DAY

By Nathan Smallwood, Executive Director



Recently my son, Jack (age 7), asked me “why don’t we ever go to the Nature Center on a normal day?”

It wasn’t a complaint, just an honest, if unexpected, question – the way kids often do. He explained that whenever our family heads to the Center, there was always something “special” going on. Given that kids his age often become bored when not overstimulated by some form of digital or multimedia bombardment, his observation seems a great compliment...not that I take the credit that belongs to our talented staff and dedicated volunteers.

Yes, it seems there is almost always something special going on at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Our kids especially enjoyed the Halloween Hike, as well as Xtreme Raptor Day (don’t forget to purchase a 2012 Sky Hunters: Birds of Prey Calendar!). Our youngest, Wolf (age 4), also really enjoyed our new Native American series with a visit by a Native American dancer to his preschool class at the Center. As the Director’s kids, they often witness the behind-the-scenes hustle and bustle of weddings and other events held at the Center. There is scarcely a more beautiful and stunning setting for a private party, event, or retreat.

An upcoming events we are looking forward to includes the second annual Winter Carnival, January 22. There are also many family-friendly programs and activities throughout the Holidays and winter months; please scan the SANC calendar of events on pages 8-10.

Someday my kids will grow to appreciate that the “special” nature of SANC extends far beyond the great programs and the busy schedule of activities. It also offers a unique, rustic beauty and tranquility, a place to listen quietly to the wind in the trees, to witness a mischievous squirrel go about its day, to contemplate the changing moods of the lake.

As 2011 winds down and we slip into the winter season, we express a special appreciation to those who have included SANC in your year-end giving. Thanks to your generosity and involvement, scarcely does a normal day go by at SANC.



Jack Smallwood enjoys a “not-so-normal” day our our Xtreme Raptor Day event held in November.

Notes from Nature

NATIVE AMERICANS *Continued from page 1*

We are also fortunate to include Ron Preston, San Carlos Apache and Headman Dancer at the Gathering of Nations, into our teaching curriculum. Dressed in full Regalia, complete with colorful ribbons and loud bells, Ron teaches the customs and traditions of the American Indian people in a way that no one else can do. He shares his sacred artifacts with our students and teaches them about the traditional native clothing and why he wears it. Ron has presented for people of all ages and has been a favorite part of our program!

Our Native American program is typically available as a school program for grades 3-8, but on Saturday, January 28, Ron Preston will be offering a special public program here at SANC. Join us from 1:00 to 3:30pm to celebrate the Native American history of our area through stories, song, art, and a visit to our Wigwam! See the program description on page 8 for more details.



Our Wigwam is an influential teaching tool for the Native American class and helps us to understand how people use the structure, as well as how it was built.

ON THE GROUND *Continued from page 1*



Figure 2. Natural beech regeneration occurring in one of our thriving northern hardwood forest remnants.

SANC has a mosaic of thriving northern hardwood forest remnants on bluffs and ravines that were spared from clear-cutting (Figure 2), destructive grazing and tillage. Additionally, we have regenerating forest areas that were disturbed by heavy agricultural use, such as logging, grazing, and tillage. Our young, previously disturbed forest areas harbor extensive populations of woody invasives, which we work mightily to combat. Our northern hardwood forest remnants still have dynamic understory plant and animal communities in which natural forest regeneration continues. These areas require ongoing monitoring and weeding to thwart invasive encroachment from neighboring areas. Although this is a common story, we are now at an unprecedented time in history. Therefore, we are taking an accelerated and progressive approach in the light of the

Emerald Ash Borer. This is simple; once an ash canopy is lost, increased light will encourage faster rates of growth of invasive woody shrubs.

Field naturalists, such as Richard Barloga, have often used the term “terminal stand” for forest stands which have their native understory displaced by invasives or removed through destructive practices. Sometimes these stands trick us when they are populated by large inspiring trees, but have no generation to replace them. Terminal stands are a certain prescription for catastrophe. With what we know about the natural pathways of forest succession, we can take proactive steps to insure a healthy and vibrant forest future for SANC.

In a future article, we will discuss woody invasive control options. Stay tuned.

Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Development Director

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Forty years ago, a small group of dedicated supporters fought hard to protect the land we now call Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. They gave their time and financial support then so that future generations could experience nature.

Today, we are thankful to the many donors and volunteers who continue to support the Center. One way to increase the gift you are giving to SANC is to participate in the Matching Gifts Program. Many companies throughout the Milwaukee area will match an employee gift given to a non-profit. A matching gift could increase your annual contribution to SANC by as much as 100%.

Check with your company's personnel or community relations department for specific guidelines. This is a great way to help your contribution make an even greater impact.

The following is just a partial list of some of the companies throughout the Milwaukee area that match gifts.

Businesses Participating in Matching Gifts Program

A.O. Smith	Milwaukee Bucks
Assurant Health	Modine Manufacturing Co.
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Green Living Tips

By John Hoff, Environmental Educator

CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS?

Many of us make choices to lessen our carbon footprint. But fewer of us consider the impact our environment has on our personal health and wellness. Because exposure to environmental chemicals is often involuntary, some describe it as toxic trespass.

There are 82,000 largely untested chemicals on the market, some that scientist believe are harming our health. Found in industrial applications and in everyday commercial and personal products, we encounter them every day. Many of us



disregard warnings, taking comfort in the notion that a little exposure cannot truly affect our health. But research is leading some to believe it's not the dose that makes the poison.

The President's Cancer Panel suggested the connection, releasing a list of suggested tips for reducing chemical exposure: "Reducing Environmental Cancer Risk: What We Can Do Now." You can view this article by visiting <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/annualReports> and clicking on the 2008-2009 Annual Report, which outlines the environmental factors in cancer.

You are also invited to take a closer look at the impact of two chemicals - atrazine and PCB's – in the award-winning documentary *Living Downstream* to be shown at SANC on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00pm. Check out the calendar of events on page 8 for more information.

Early Childhood News

By Patti Bailie, Preschool Director

FOREST KINDERGARTENS IN SCOTLAND

As an established nature preschool, we have begun to share our program and nature approach to early childhood education with other educators. In the process, we have met some wonderful nature educators along the way. One in particular is Claire Warden from Mindstretchers, a company that includes a project approach called "The Living Classroom," which explores sensorial and experiential learning in outdoor spaces in Scotland.

"Imagine a place where the carpet changes every day, the ceiling is a myriad of different colours, light, shadow and movement....If we really want children to thrive, we need to let their connection to nature nurture them."

— Claire Warden, *Nurture through Nature*

In 2007 and 2008, Claire set up Whistlebrae Nature Kindergarten and Auchlone Nature Kindergarten in Perth and Kinross, Scotland, where children spend 90% of their time outside developing skills and confidence in the natural world. Claire will be coming to Milwaukee to visit our nature preschool and will provide a workshop titled, "Documenting Children's Learning Outdoors and Den Building" on January 31. If you are interested in attending, please see the program description on page 9.



Photos Courtesy of Claire-Warden.com

Kid's Quips

"This tree has lots of chlorophyll - it's still green!"

-- Camden (Age 5)



NATURE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration materials for the 2012-2013 school year will be available on our Website at www.sanc.org or at the preschool desk beginning January 2, 2012. The preschool open house, for interested families to visit the nature preschool, is Saturday, January 21 from 9:30–11:30am. Priority registration for current or alumni students is Monday, January 23. Priority registration for Nature Center members is Monday, January 30. Registration for the general public (non-members) is Monday, February 6. Please contact Laurie Lukaszewicz, preschool coordinator, at 414-352-2880 x154 with questions or to schedule a tour of the preschool.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, January 2 - School Resumes
Monday, January 16 - No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Tuesday & Wednesday, January 17 & 18 - No School (Parent Teacher Conferences)
Saturday, January 21 - Open House for New Families (**CORRECTED DATE**)
Sunday, January 22 - SANC Winter Carnival - See page 9 for details.
Monday, January 23 - Priority Registration for Returning Students
Monday, January 30 - Priority Registration for SANC Members
Wednesday & Thursday, February 1 & 2 - Green Mama's Recycling Sale
Monday, February 6 - Registration for General Public
Monday, February 20 - No School (President's Day)

News from the Raptors

By Diane Visty, Raptor Manager

IT'S A GIRL!

The saying goes, "You don't get to choose family." But we do, at least when it comes to our feathered family. The Sky Hunters' program is proud to announce our new addition: a six-month-old female Bald Eagle. She is covered with dark chocolate feathers from head to foot, has dark brown eyes, and a huge black beak that is complimented by the largest set of humongous yellow feet, draped with black talons, that I have ever seen.

Temporarily we call her PA Eagle, as she hales from Pennsylvania. We are just getting to know her and she is getting used to her new home. It will take some time to figure out an appropriate name.

She was taken into captivity by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement. Left on her own earlier than normal, PA

did not have the best of hunting skills. Fishermen began feeding her and she made a very strong connection with 'humans and dinner'. She began harassing anyone in the picnic areas for food. Posing a danger to people, she was brought in from the wild. While waiting for placement, PA was held with other wild eagles; making the correct vocalizations and bowing appropriately she was accepted as one of them. Our girl is not imprinted; she knows she is a Bald Eagle but because she cannot unlearn her bullying tactics, she will not be able to go back to the wild.

Having been cleared of any outstanding warrants against her, she was available for placement. Thanks to the quick action of our new Executive Director, the FOSANC Board President, and generous



financial support from two donors, we were able to bring her home. Please stay tuned for information about her coming-out party!



Bird Spotlight

By Ellen Schneiderman, Raptor Educator

Our birds have been working so hard, this quarter they all get the spotlight! No sooner do the Sky Hunters finish a hectic summer then they dazzle crowds at Xtreme Raptor Day! For the fourth straight year we had perfect weather, while birds and volunteers alike wowed over 650 visitors! People of all ages came to Xtreme for the Talon Quest Adventure Hike and other raptor activities!

Our next big bird gig is December 20 at the 'Read It To Beat It Challenge' with a crowd of 5,000 at US Cellular Arena! Yowza! Clearly all of the birds in our collection have been pulling their weight helping us teach folks about raptors and their important role in our environment. To me, they are all heroes! Your sponsorship of any of our amazing raptors makes you our hero, too!

For more information about sponsoring our Raptors, please visit the 'Raptors' section on our Website or call us at 414-352-2880 for sponsorship information.



Planet Volunteer

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator

A LOOK BACK ON 2011

Thanks!

We had a nice volunteer season in the autumn. Thanks goes out to the high school students from Brookfield Academy, who come here every year during their Homecoming weekend to volunteer.

Volunteer Party

Our volunteer party was a great success, as we shared an evening with laughs, stories, memorabilia, and old and new friends. We all got a kick out of seeing photos of the old building and volunteers "back in the day".

We reflected on the tenacity of the community members who persisted in their mission to make this part of Bayside a nature center in the 1960's and early 70's. Nathan Smallwood, our new Executive Director, was the speaker and gave everyone a taste of his sense of humor, as well as a bit of his background.

Special Events

We lucked out on remarkably good weather for all of our major events in October and November. The evening of our Halloween Hike was downright balmy, which was much appreciated by the hike guides and outdoor staff. A few weeks later, the Xtreme Raptor Day was a day for the volunteers to reach for their layers, and the crowds kept everyone busy both inside and out. We are grateful to the volunteers who signed up to help with the later-than-usual bird seed sale pick up date in mid-November. This hardy bunch loaded seed and processed orders all morning with a warm-up chili lunch afterwards.

As we wrap up another successful year for our Center volunteers, our staff is very thankful for everyone who came in to help us throughout 2011. We had numerous corporate and student groups, along with our trusty regulars. We are ready for another 40 years of great volunteers!

Summer Camp Volunteers

For the upcoming summer camp volunteer program, we have a nice opportunity for middle school students aged 12 to 14. This is for those who are new to volunteering here, and we'd like them to try working with younger kids before they are invited to help at our week-long day camps. The preschool

has two after-school outdoor sessions on five Wednesdays, each from 4:00 – 5:30pm this spring. The first is February 1 through 29, and the other spans from March 28 to May 2, skipping April 11. Your middle schooler needs to schedule and volunteer one of these dates as a prerequisite to summer camp volunteering. Please contact me for availability, as this is not a drop-in program.

For more volunteer information, please contact Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator, at 414-352-2880 ext. 144 or lhaig@sanc.org



Calendar of Events

January/February 2012

Hatha Yoga for Health & Wellness

Mondays from 9:15 – 10:30am or 5:45 – 7:00pm
and Saturdays from 10:00 – 11:15am

Reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and enrich your sense of well-being. The first trial class is free!

*****FEE:** Please call 414-352-2880 ext. 0 for program fees.

LEVEL: Adult

Sky Hunters: Word with a Bird

Every Saturday & Sunday from 1:00 – 2:00pm

Get a beak-to-beak view of one of SANC's feathered ambassadors. A raptor handler will be showcasing one of our many birds of prey. SANC's falcons, hawks, owls, Turkey Vulture and Bald Eagle will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out.

*****FEE:** Free with Center Admission

LEVEL: Families

Boomers & Beyond

Thursday, January 5 and/or Thursday, February 2 from 9:00 – 11:00am

The "Boomers and Beyond" program will continue to be offered the first Thursday of the month. These winter classes will primarily be indoors with a brief outdoor walk, if weather permits. In January, we will study the physical properties of water and why it is so important for life.

February's class will learn the geologic history of Lake Michigan from geologist Jim Rosenbaum. A look at our lake-formed terrace will complete the morning, again, if conditions allow.

*****FEE:** M: Adult \$15; NM: Adult \$17

LEVEL: Adult

** Indicates Handicapped Accessible Program

*** Indicates Pre-Registration is Required, Call 414-352-2880 ext. 0 to register.

M = Members, NM = Non-Members

Participant cancellation up to 14 days before a program will be refunded less a \$10 fee.

After 14 days, no refunds will be given. Upon SANC cancellation, a full refund will be given.

Raptor Saturday**

Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, February 4 from 1:00 – 2:00pm

Join us the first Saturday of the month for a dynamic and interactive program. Each month, we will focus on a new and exciting theme to help visitors learn something interesting - or even weird - about our feathered friends. Our amazing collection of raptors go all-out to enthrall their audience! Come in from the cold and spend some quality time with the birds!

FEE: Free with Center Admission

LEVEL: Families

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Living Downstream – Film

Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00pm

Anyone having ties to cancer should see this film. This documentary follows ecologist and cancer survivor Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D. as she travels across North America working to break the silence about cancer and its specific environmental links. *Living Downstream* is a powerful reminder of the intimate connection between the health of our bodies and the health of our air, land, and water.

*****FEE:** M: \$5; NM \$6

LEVEL: Teens & Adults

Animal Movie Night

Friday, January 13 or Friday, February 10 from 6:00 – 9:00pm

It's starting to get cold outside, so come inside for some fun. We'll start by making s'mores at the fireplace. At 6:30pm, Jim will bring out his scaly and slimy friends for 'show and tell.' Then get your blankets and sleeping bags out for our featured presentation on the big screen. January's program will feature *The Smurfs* and in February, we'll watch the inspirational story of *Dolphintale*.

*****FEE:** M: Child \$5, Adult \$8;

NM: Child \$7, Adult \$10

LEVEL: Families

Hangin' with Hyatt: Extreme Geocaching

Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 – 11:00am

Hi folks! Are you wondering how to use that GPS thingy-ma-jingy you got for Christmas? Maybe you just want to get out of the house? Jim will show you how to use a GPS unit to go geocaching. The Center can loan you a unit if need be. In just 30 minutes, Jim will have you hiking the Center trails in search of cache boxes!

*****FEE:** M: Child \$6 Adult \$8;

NM: Child \$8, Adult \$10

LEVEL: Families



Discovery Nature Hike

Thursday, January 26 or Monday, February 20 from 1:30 – 3:00pm

We will walk along the meadows, woods, wetlands, and lakeshore of the Center while Don Quintenz leads us to the seasonal events that stir our sense of beauty or imagination and helps answer the questions that nature evokes in us. The entire program is taught on the trail. In January, we will visit the spectacular beach ice formations, and in February, we'll explore the upland trails primarily for animal signs.

*****FEE:** M: Adult \$5; NM: Adult \$7

LEVEL: Adult

Native American Dancing with Ron Preston

Saturday, January 28 from 1:00 – 3:30pm

We are honored to welcome Ron Preston, San Carlos Apache and Headman Dancer at Gathering of Nations, for Native American Dancing at SANC. Ron will present his first dance in full Regalia, complete with colorful ribbons and loud bells. He will share some of his sacred artifacts and we will learn more about their meanings. After Ron's performance, we will learn about native clothing, traditional uses of the plants and animals at SANC, and we'll visit the Wigwam.

*****FEE:** M: Child \$8, Adult \$10;

NM: Child \$10, Adult \$12

LEVEL: Elementary-aged children; Under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Calendar of Events

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Documenting Children's Learning Outdoors and Den Building

Tuesday, January 31 from 4:00 – 6:30pm

This workshop is for early childhood educators who want to engage children in learning in outdoor areas. Claire Warden, an educational consultant from Scotland and the author of *The Potential of a Puddle*, *Nurture through Nature*, and *Nature Kindergartens*, will be presenting the workshop. We will begin with a tour of the SANC Preschool, then head outdoors and end with refreshments and a book signing. Please dress for the weather.

***FEE: M & NM: Adult \$10

LEVEL: Adult (Early Childhood Educators)

Nature Adventurers: Winter Wonderland

Wednesdays, February 1–29 from 4:00 – 5:30pm

Come explore the winter wonderland of snow and ice. What animal left those tracks in the snow? How do animals stay warm in winter? Who is hibernating? Who migrated? We will hike, explore, learn and play. Nature Adventurers meets once a week for 5 weeks. Please have your child eat a snack prior to class and, as always, dress for the weather!

***FEE: M: Child \$75; NM: Child \$85

LEVEL: K5 – 1st grade

Nature Explorers: Winter Season

Wednesdays, February 1–29 from 4:00 – 5:30pm

Explore the wonders of winter at SANC! Ice, snow, and sparkles will fill our senses, as we develop an appreciation for this important season. We will discover how the plants and animals survive winter in Wisconsin. Nature Explorers meets once a week for 5 weeks. Please have your child eat a snack prior to class and, as always, dress for the weather!

***FEE: M: Child \$75; NM: Child \$85

LEVEL: 2nd – 4th grade



Lake Michigan Full Moon Snowshoe

Monday, February 6 from 6:30 – 8:30pm

We will visit a scene that is one of the most beautiful of all seasons – the ice formations of our Great Lake in the light of a full moon. We will try our luck at calling in owls and finish with hot drinks in front of our lakeview room's fireplace. Snowshoes provided. If there is no snow, we will hike on foot.



***FEE: M: Adult \$12; NM: Adult \$14

LEVEL: Adult

Hangin' with Hyatt: The Search for Antlers

Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 – 11:00am

It's antler shedding time! Come help Jim look for antlers. He guarantees they're out there, and if you find one, YOU GET TO KEEP IT! You'll also learn about the Center's long-standing deer relocation program while enjoying refreshments. Maybe a lucky kid will get put into a trap?

***FEE: M: Child \$5, Adult \$7;

NM: Child \$7, Adult \$10

LEVEL: Families

Winter River Snowshoe

Saturday, February 11 from 1:00 – 3:00pm

Neighborhood parkways often are home for numerous animals that go undetected by the untrained eye. Guided by Don Quintenz, we will search out the animals and signs they necessarily leave in their journeys. Snowshoes are provided; no experience is necessary. We will meet on Menomonee River Parkway one block south of Burleigh in Wauwatosa. If there is no snow, we will hike on foot.

***FEE: M: Adult \$18; NM: Adult \$21

LEVEL: Adult



SANC's Annual Family Winter Camp-In

Friday, February 17 to Saturday, February 18

from 6:30pm on Friday to 9:00am on Saturday

This is your chance to "camp out" inside the building! Bring blankets, sleeping bags, pads and tents. Enjoy a fun indoor program followed by a night hike. There will be a warm fire in the Hearth Room complete with s'mores. A light breakfast starts the next morning. Space is limited, so call soon for available rooms. Larger rooms can accommodate more than one family. Please direct questions to Tom Finley at (414) 352-2880, ext. 157.

***FEE: M: \$75/family; NM: \$85/family

LEVEL: Families

SANC's Second Annual Winter Carnival



Join Audubon Educators for an afternoon of winter fun and games. There will be snowshoeing for people age 12 and up and animal tracking hikes for the younger folks. We'll have exciting sessions on snow crystals and meet some live animals. Guided hikes will lead visitors down to the lakefront to observe beautiful ice formations. If conditions are right, you can ice skate on Mystery Lake – but don't forget to bring your own skates. With both indoor and outdoor activities, this event will go on regardless of the weather conditions, so dress for whatever nature throws our way and come celebrate winter!

DATE & TIME: Sunday, January 22 from 12:00 – 4:00pm

FEE: \$5.00 per car

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Leap Year Sky Watching

Wednesday, February 29 from 6:00 – 7:30pm

Enjoy an evening of stargazing on February 29, which we can only do once every four years. Constellations such as Leo the Lion, the Big Dipper and Gemini the Twins are sure to delight your eyes. A good program for first-timers and those who need help understanding the night sky. The program begins inside the building and then continues outside. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and binoculars.

***FEE: M: Child \$4, Adult \$7;
NM: Child \$6, Adult \$9

LEVEL: Families



Hand-in-Hand

Explore nature with your little one! We will hike, play, do art activities and listen to a story. Dress for the weather, because best of all, we explore outdoors rain or shine! All classes are geared for children ages 2-4 and each child must be accompanied by an adult.

***FEE: M: \$12/pair; NM: \$15/pair

The Snowy Day

Thursday, January 26 from 9:00 – 10:15am
or 10:30 – 11:45am

We will learn about snowflakes and how our animal friends are keeping warm.

Footprints in the Snow

Thursday, February 9 from 9:00 – 10:15am
or 10:30 – 11:45am

We will learn about animal tracks and will become "track detectives".



All About Owls

Thursday, February 23 from 9:00 – 10:15am
or 10:30 – 11:45am

We will learn about owls and how they live.

January - February 2012

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD OF NATURE

This series helps us all connect more intimately to nature by getting in touch with the powerful spiritual side of the natural world. Pre-registration is encouraged and all programs are geared for adults.

**FEE: M: Adults \$10, NM: Adults \$12

Moon Time Teachings by Dennis Hawk

Tuesday, January 10 from 7:00 – 8:30pm

The Moon Time Teachings are some of the most sacred of all teachings of Native America and connect grandmother moon, the movement of the tides and the sacred feminine, in a never ending circle of energy. Join Dennis Hawk (Mesqwaki/Cherokee) with his wife Cyndi Miller-Hawk (Stockbridge/Munsee Mohican) in celebration of the January moon. Our program will end with a trip to the lake for a view of the January "lunar landscape." Dress for the weather!



Psalms - Revering the Natural World

Monday, January 16 from 1:30 – 3:00pm

In January, Rabbi Jay Brickman will lead a discussion on passages from Psalms that honor and appreciate the natural world. Rabbi Brickman is well-known for his wisdom, depth of Bible knowledge, and great rapport with his audience. Please bring a Bible.

The Essential Elements of the North American Indian

Tuesday, February 14 from 1:30 – 3:00pm

Join Richard Gonzalez, member of the Iroquois Confederation, and learn the essential elements of the life of the American Indian. You will learn the One Inevitable Duty of the Indian, you will understand the Sacred Harmony, and change your perceptions of the Hollywood image of the past. Most importantly, you will understand the Indian and his relationship to God, Man, and Nature – the Sacred Harmony.

Iroquois Influence on Benjamin Franklin and the Formation of the United States of America

Tuesday, February 14 from 7:00 – 8:30pm

In 1987, during the bicentennial celebration of the United States of America, the US Senate passed a Resolution recognizing and affirming that the Iroquois Constitution is the foundation of the USA. Meet Richard J. Gonzalez M.A. (Iroquois Confederation, Oneida Tribe, Turtle Clan) and learn the amazing details of how Ben Franklin visited his great grandfather, Oskanondonha, to learn the various precepts of liberty. (Note Richard's afternoon program earlier the same day.)

Thank You

New Members

Amy & Tom Abbott
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Tom & Mousie Fitzgerald

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Shellie Blumenfield's Granddaughter Aviva
Norma & Ian Gilson

Anna & Bruce Kaufman's Wedding
The Horwitz Family

Todd & Jody Herbert's 25th Wedding Anniversary (*To be added to the Bryce Ethan Herbert Education Development Fund*)
Jeff & Melina Swartz

Memorials

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Screech - Screech Owl
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Nancy Arcara
Sabrina M. Bryant
Jennifer McEvoy

Glory - Bald Eagle
Sabrina M. Bryant

Tallulah - Turkey Vulture
Barbara Stover

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Installation of overhead door on Maintenance Building (In memory of Eleanor Michela & Clarice Stemper)

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Small Aquarium
Rodent bedding and feed

Pat Jach
Storage cabinet

Marilyn Lane
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10 yards of Red-tailed Hawk fabric

Brocach Irish Pub
Special event catering

Kimberly & David Snow
5 x 8 Utility Trailer



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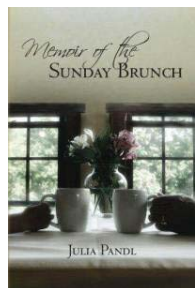
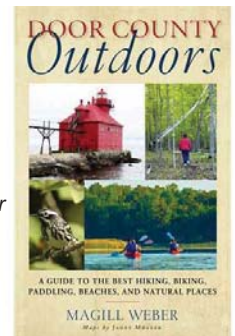
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