

Center Focus



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Xtreme Raptor Day

Saturday November 6

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New 2011 Raptor Calendar Available

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Busy Brains Outdoors

By Elizabeth Cheek, Executive Director



Recently, we received a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to use our preschool program as a case study for early childhood brain development. We will expand on the current research regarding brain development at this critical age and show how a nature-based curriculum facilitates this process. Demonstrating that our nature preschool curriculum facilitates healthy brain development across socioeconomic strata will enable similar programs to be created, funded, and implemented in low-income urban centers of Milwaukee and beyond. SANC's goal is to lead this

charge in southeastern Wisconsin by furthering development of our outreach efforts to reach vulnerable populations.

We were also very pleased to learn that we have been awarded a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant will fund research to determine the influence of experience in a nature preschool on children's development and conservation attitudes. Addressing these critical research questions will provide evidence about practices that can effectively promote children's physical, emotional, social, and cognitive growth, as well as help foster an interest in nature. Research on the benefits of nature preschools is limited in the U.S., and we believe it is important to expand on that body of knowledge. SANC's nature preschool, in our eighth year of operation, was one of the first such programs developed in the U.S.

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and we believe it is important to expand on that body of knowledge.”**

This grant will help us achieve a primary long-term goal of the Center, which is to support and participate in research efforts on the effects of connecting young children to the natural world. We've witnessed firsthand, over and over, the benefits to children who experience a preschool program based in nature. This study will allow us to go beyond current anecdotal evidence and deliver sound research findings and recommendations for the benefit of our families, funders, community, and the early childhood education profession. The findings from the study will be disseminated nationwide to assist other early childhood educators in adopting nature-based programming into their curriculums.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we hope to have a new product in our gift shop as a result of our partnership with BrainInsights. We've created a colorful brain and nature “packet” of 40 cards with ideas and activities for parents and children to do together outside. On the back of each card, the brain development benefit of that particular activity is listed. Be sure to check it out – it's a great little holiday gift for parents or grandparents.

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Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Director of Development

Annual Fund Campaign-Off and Running...

On behalf of the board and staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our donors who have helped keep our mission alive through your many gifts of support. During this difficult economic time we are asking our many contributors and members to continue your support through a gift to our Annual Fund. Every gift makes a difference and during this holiday season, why not make your gift extra special and honor someone through your donation, or sponsor one of our many raptors. The end of the year is always a good time to make a tax deductible donation to our annual fund which supports environmental education for all ages, the care and training of our 13 Birds of Prey and our 185 acres of wonderful trails. Your contribution ensures that all programs have needed equipment and staffing. Thank you in advance for your support.

New Director

Congratulations and "Welcome" to the newest member of our board of directors:

Khadijah S. Perry, VP, Deposit Operations/IT Administrator, Legacy Bank

Giving Thanks and Making Things Last

By Jackie Keltner, Environmental Educator

With the arrival of the holiday season and the last of the 2010 harvest at farmers markets, my mind again turns to food—not surprising, because that's usually where it turns. The strawberries are frozen and ready for the breakfast oatmeal. We've made the tomato soup and pizza sauce. And it's time to give thanks to the earth.

One of the most creative ways of giving thanks to Mother Earth is to learn something new about making things last. An informative website that SANC staffers have been using at home is Still Tasty, Your Ultimate Shelf Life Guide (www.stilltasty.com). It gives details for food storage, like what is the best way to wrap that good Wisconsin cheddar cheese and how long you can keep frozen whipped cream. It gives you the true scoop on the dates on products, which often are not safety dates, but the time that products will be at their absolute best. You can browse by category of food, or, my favorite because I'm generally in a hurry, type in the exact food for a quick search.

The site also features articles about foodie topics like how to select a ripe watermelon (there's always next season to anticipate) and how to freeze eggs. There are links to related sites like the United States Potato Board and the Vinegar Institute.

As you're preparing for this year's Thanksgiving feast, give a little extra thank-you by making the gifts from the earth last a bit longer. **Happy holidays!**





News From the Raptors...

By Diane Visty, Raptor Educator

SANC's Sky Hunters Hit the Big Time at the Wisconsin State Fair!

Think balmy or tropical and you have set the stage for our 7th year at the Wisconsin State Fair. The temperatures were consistently in the steamy 90's, but our visitors to We Energies Park did not mind. Overall, visitor numbers to the fair were up. Attendance for our shows was outstanding. Nearly 15,000 guests stopped by to get a close up view of our big birds. That is nearly a 35% increase over last year! In total, we completed 77 programs during the 11 day run. When I say "we" that would be our birds of course, but especially our incredible volunteers who were on their feet all day long. Thanks to them and all of the SANC members who stopped by to cheer us on.



Ken Wardius - Photography



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On The Ground

By Matt Smith, Land Manager

One Wigwam in a Seasonal Round

Along the trail now represented by Lake Drive, not too long ago, the common home was made of carefully selected wooden poles arched to form a tribally prescribed frame. The poles were cut, formed, driven into the ground, lashed, covered with grass mats and large sheets of harvested bark, and, perhaps, located near a grove of white cedar trees. This seasonal structure, known in the Algonquian language as wigwam, was commonly used by forest dwelling peoples in this area. We know that the Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Potawatomi, Ojibway and others used such structures in the great lakes area.

The Wigwam constructed at Schlitz is modeled after others I made on the Bad River Reservation. There I learned to build roundhouses, longhouses, and sweat lodges. This knowledge was gained from Joe Rose, a Lake Superior Ojibway man from the Eagle Clan. Joe lives on the Bad River Reservation right on the shores of Lake Superior and is a member of the Midewin Society or

Grand Medicine Society. Joe described the wigwam's structure as very symbolic and one which holds many teachings.

A wigwam on the Schlitz property provides a way to talk about the life of American Indian people living along the western Great Lakes. And, it is worth remembering that the native plants of the Schlitz landscape can provide all of the materials necessary for the construction of a winter worthy wigwam. For the Indians in this area, summer and winter life included a planned seasonal round. One of the last groups of Indians that lived here were Potawatomi. They came to the coastal forest for the cool summer lake-effect temperatures, fish, and forest plants. These same individuals traveled to the better drained inland sand hills no more than 20 miles north for winter hunting and for dryer moccasins in the spring. With this geography in mind, having a summer home and a winter home was practical.

I am delighted to bring my love of primitive skills to Schlitz and share with the public a common piece of the past. Our Center is an excellent place for a wigwam given the stream of children and adults who visit and will now have opportunity to learn about the beauty of our Great Lakes cultural landscape.

Learn more about the newly constructed American Indian Wigwam in the "Boomers and Beyond" program here on November 4th.



Cut, cleaned and sorted cattail leaves ready to be woven into wigwam matting.



NATURE STORE NOW!

Great Gift Ideas for the Holidays!



Advice from Nature Sweatshirts

Now that cold weather is upon us, check out our selection of sweatshirts. Choose from Woodland, Wildflower, Wetland, Cardinal, and Squirrel motifs. These have been one of the store's best-sellers!



Folkmanis Puppets

These make wonderful presents and I have some new ones to share. The new Owlet is a must along with Turtleneck Turtle.



Vortex Crossfire

Vortex Vanquish

Binoculars by Vortex

Step into a world of optics and let Vortex surprise you with features you won't find on similarly-priced, full-sized binoculars. The multi-coated optics of Vortex binoculars deliver performance that most assume is only available in binoculars costing twice as much. The styles carried in the store are:

- **Vortex Crossfire** – The 8x32 Crossfire binocular puts multi-coated optics at your finger tips. Sharp, bright images make the journey into the wilderness or attendance at a sporting event more enjoyable.
- **Vortex Vanquish** – The 8x26 Vanquish uses a reverse porro prism design that has a high-density glass and multi-coated optics to render images crisp and bright with a wide field view. That makes quick work of scanning any landscape a given with an 8x26 field. Weighing in at a mere 12.7 oz. while, at the same time, being competitively priced, this compact performer delivers in more ways than one.



Children's Hats – New Item...

Choose from a favorite animal or a multi-colored hat. These hats are from a Fair Trade wholesaler and will keep your little one's head and ears warm.



Peggy Karr Plates

These popular fused-glass plates make wonderful holiday gifts. Check out the new styles.



Nature-Based Early Childhood Brain Development Cards.

This newly created product developed and produced by Braininsights and the Schlitiz Audubon Nature Center is a great tool to building healthy brains while experiencing the natural world. The activity cards provide information to parents and teachers in everyday language, about corresponding brain development, and promote interactive learning for children.

Early Childhood News

By Patti Bailie, Nature Preschool Director

New Preschool Teachers



Collette Jarvela-Kuhnen



Jessica Herro



Moya Mowbray

We are pleased to welcome Collette Jarvela-Kuhnen, Jessica Herro, and Moya Mowbray to our preschool staff this year. Collette is teaching two mornings in the

Chickadee classroom and two afternoons in the Cardinal classroom. Collette has a background in child development and many years of experience teaching preschool. She taught summer camp this year and was a permanent substitute for Megan O'Grady when she was on maternity leave last spring. Jessica has returned to teach two mornings in the Cardinal Room. She has taught in our preschool for several years, taking a leave of absence for a year after the birth of her second daughter. Moya is teaching three mornings in the Cardinal Room as a permanent substitute for Shelly Rollins who is on maternity leave this fall after giving birth to her son in September. Moya has worked as an Audubon Teacher for many years here at the nature center.

Nature and the Brain



85-90% of a person's brain develops in the first five years of life. How does a nature based preschool contribute to brain development in young children? Research suggests that the brain needs exercise, sensory activities, rich environments, novel experiences, and exploration to develop. Exercise (or movement) enhances circulation of oxygen and nutrients releasing positive chemicals in the brain that boosts the ability of neurons to communicate with each other. Hiking in various habitats, digging in soil, climbing trees, and balancing on logs contribute to brain development in a nature preschool. Multisensory input has been shown to increase problem solving and retention of information. The natural world engages the full use of the senses contributing positively to brain development. Everything in the natural world is constantly changing and therefore provides opportunities for novel experiences and enrichment in a child's environment. Children at a nature preschool are constantly exploring the various habitats at the nature center engaging their brains in problem solving activities. A nature based preschool curriculum provides a wealth of nature experiences that promote brain development in young children.

Nature Preschool Registration

Preschool registration information for the 2011-2012 school year will be available in early January. We will have a preschool open house January 15 from 9:30-11:30 for interested families. Registration for returning students is January 24. Priority registration for members is January 31 and registration for the general public is February 7.

Kid's Quips

**"This is a wonderland.
We should call it a
butterfly prairie."**

— Margo, age 3





PLANET VOLUNTEER

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator



Thanks to our volunteers from Northwestern Mutual



Volunteers working at last year's Xtreme Raptor Day



Join us as a volunteer for the Halloween Hike October 30th



We extend our heartfelt thanks to the groups who have come in the past few months for volunteering. Northwestern Mutual, Pierce Engineering, and Associated Bank all helped clear brush and prepare the grounds for winter. We are always looking to host additional groups and can accommodate just about any number of participants any time of the year. Please keep us in mind for your future corporate volunteer activities for employees.

We look forward each autumn to the return of area high school Earth/Ecology clubs. This includes students from Whitefish Bay, Shorewood, and Homestead to name a few. Students from these and other schools also volunteer at the Center individually (without being part of a club). We are happy to

have their muscle and camaraderie and welcome all who have an interest.

Some events this fall may need additional volunteers. Our very popular Halloween Hike on Saturday evening October 30th, with a children's book theme this year, uses dozens of area high school students to lead families on well lit, marked trails. As part of this experience, the volunteers also make S'mores for the kids at the pavilion fire pit. This is always a favorite task. For this event, we have indoor needs as well, such as craft help, registration, and others. Students get a kick out of coming in costumes to volunteer. Please contact me to inquire about a volunteer spot.

Coming up on Saturday November 6th is our very popular Xtreme Raptor Day.

This event gains momentum each year and it is probably not too late to get in on the action as a volunteer. Diane Visty and her raptor corps of volunteers will be handling the birds and teaching everyone about their amazing abilities. You'll be able to help in a variety of other areas that day. It's a good way to get an idea of what it takes to be a raptor volunteer in the future. If our volunteer tasks for the day are filled, plan on coming anyway and get in on the action.

For all of your volunteer needs and desires, contact Laurie Haig, the Volunteer Coordinator, at lhaig@sanc.org or 414 352-2880 x144.

NEW MEMBERS

Miriam Abele
Kristin, Andrew and
Henry Amenson
Valerie Beeler
Lindsay and Andrew Black
Don and Barbara Blunck
Erica Bornstein
Jeff and Alisa Burgher
Mike Cain
Bridget Carlson
Emily and Steve Carlson
Grace Castroverde
Nancy Check
Alyssa Coe
Matthew Connolly
Courtney Cox
Georgia T. Dimitropoulos
Lisa and Chris Dresselhuys
Dave Eastman
Jessica Eisenhauer
Lisa and Curt Elliott
Robert Emmett
Jason Enders
Will and Donna Engelmann
Kathy and Dave Eurich
Molly and John Farrell
Daniel and Rachael Fellers
Scott and Renee Fensin
James and Carolyn Ferraioli
Ruben Flores
Diane Fowler
Bonni Fredrick
Michael Friederichs
Danielle Gajdosik
Mark and Patricia Girzadas
Helaine Glass
Andy and Janell Gorzalski
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Gabrielle Halpin
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Angela Rivera- Morales
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Joshua Gilman
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A BIG THANKS TO:

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Botany and Plant Identification Books

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Wood Chipper/Shredder

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Wood chips

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Three of Lorrie Otto's teaching prints

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Virginia Fifield
Bushnell Trophy Camera

REI
2 Camp Dome 4" Tents
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MEMORIALS

Fred – (SANC's Bald Eagle)
Laurie Kennedy

Lorrie Otto
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Bob Zehner
Marilyn and Thomas Bontly

HONORARIUMS

Jo Mann
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Herb and June Gronik

RAPTOR SPONSORSHIPS

Barley – Barn Owl
Susan Fiore and Olivia Dregne

Kessie – American Kestrel
Steve and Amy Bachman

Tallulah – Turkey Vulture
Susan Fiore and Olivia Dregne

**Raptor Program donation from the
proceeds of Lemonade Stand**
Ferraioli and Weissenberger Families

CALENDAR

November & December 2010

FREE - Lecture on Trimbina Rainforest Center and Costa Rican Conservation**

Join Executive Director, Carlos Roberto Chavarria, and learn about Trimbina an educational, scientific and ecotourism destination, situated between the forests and rivers of the northern region of Costa Rica. The 852 acre wildlife refuge includes 304 species of flora. The fauna includes 300 species of birds, 35 species of reptiles, 30 species of amphibians and 89 species of mammals. In addition to a visual presentation, he will highlight their conservation efforts and their Wisconsin connection.

DATE: Monday, October 25
TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
*****FEE:** Donations Accepted
LEVEL: Adults & Children 10+



Hatha Yoga for Health and Wellness

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

DATES: Every Monday & Saturday
TIME: 9:15-10:30 am OR 5:45 – 7:00 pm Monday
 10:00 – 11:15 am Saturday
*****FEE:** For Program Fees, Please Call 414-352-2880, x 0
LEVEL: Families

Boomers and Beyond

The “Boomers and Beyond” program will be offered the first Thursday of every month. We will start with socializing and coffee and treats, and then we’ll head out on the trails if favorable conditions exist to engage in nature’s instructive process. November’s class will learn about the symbolic design and ceremonial use of the Wisconsin American Indian Wigwam. Join us for a guided tour of our newly constructed wigwam near Teal Pond. Our Land Manager, Matt Smith, is the architect of this structure and will lead the tour. December’s class will investigate the rocks of the beach and learn of their significance and origin with geology expert Jim Rosenbaum.

DATE: Thursday, November 4
 Thursday, December 2
TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 am
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10
 NM: Adult \$12
LEVEL: Adult



New Moon Family Hike

Where is the moon when the moon is new? It’s a sliver on the right, getting bigger every night! A new moon means it will be a dark night with less moonlight in the night sky. Who knows what we might encounter as we hike around after hours! Dress for the weather (cooler by the lake). Families with children of all ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Call SANC to reserve a spot!

DATE: Saturday, November 6
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
*****FEE:** M: Child \$6 Adult \$10
 NM: Child \$8 Adult \$12
LEVEL: Families

Fireside Conversations**

This monthly series brings the opportunity to learn as a group the collective wisdom we can generate around thought-provoking, environmentally related readings. Our discussions will be led by Don Quintenz. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 PM. We will base our discussions for November on Essential Muir: A Selection of John Muir’s Best Writings edited by Fred D. White, Parts 4 & 5. In December, we will focus on Thoreau’s Walden. For newcomers, missing the discussions of earlier chapters will not prevent you from participating in and enjoying the current discussions. Light refreshments will be provided.

DATE: Monday, November 8
 Monday, December 13
TIME: 1:30 – 3:00 pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10
 NM: Adult \$12
LEVEL: Adult



Sky Hunters: Word with a Bird**

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. Our falcons, hawks, owls, a vulture, and an eagle will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out.

DATES: Every Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
FEE: Free with center admission
LEVEL: Families

Hiking The Ice Age Trail

This hike led by Don Quintenz is guaranteed to expose the incredible diversity of fall’s living creatures and plant communities, The particular trail we will explore is a northern continuation of the section we did last spring. You need to be able to walk up and down hills. In the afternoon, we will have a guided tour of the historical millhouse and mill at the Richfield Nature Park. Interpretation, transportation, and fees are provided. We will eat lunch at a local restaurant so bring some money along.

DATE: Tuesday, November 9
TIME: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
*****FEE:** M: \$48
 NM: \$55
LEVEL: Adult



Schlitz Audubon Bird Club

Carl Schwartz, coordinator of Bird City Wisconsin, will be our speaker; explaining how you can play a role in fostering successful urban bird protection and helping communities earn recognition as a Bird City. This meeting will also be our Holiday celebration.

DATE: Wednesday, November 10
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
FEE: Free To Members and Volunteers
LEVEL: Adults and Teens

Starry Nights of Winter

Do you enjoy seeking out stars, planets, and constellations? Then join us for two fun evenings of stargazing as we search the heavens from the trails and the top of our 60 foot tower. You’ll feel like you can actually touch the sky! Winter is a wonderful time to see favorite constellations such as Orion the Hunter, the Big Dipper, and Taurus the Bull. This is a great program for first-timers and those who just need a little help getting oriented to the night sky. The program begins inside the building and then it’s time to hike outside. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and binoculars, if you have them. In case of cloudy skies, an all-indoor program on the solar system will be presented.

DATE: Monday, November 15
 Monday, December 13
TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
*****FEE:** M: Child \$5 Adult \$7
 NM: Child \$7 Adult \$9
LEVEL: Families

HAND-IN-HAND:

Explore nature with your little one! Discover the magical world of our changing seasons in this exciting and age-appropriate series. We will hike, play, do art activities and listen to a story. Dress for the weather – because, best of all, we will go outside rain or shine.

Several time slots for the same class are offered. Please choose one for each topic.

T is for Turkey (2-4 year olds)

- DATES:** Thursday, November 11, & Thursday, November 18
- TIME:** **Session I:** Thursday, November 11 at 9:00 am – 10:15 am
Session II: Thursday, November 11 at 10:30 am – 11:45 am
Session III: Thursday, November 18 at 9:00 am – 10:15 am
- ***FEE:** M: \$12/Pair
NM: \$15/Pair
- LEVEL:** 2-4 Year Olds (Each child must be accompanied by an adult)

Snuggling Up - Animal Homes (2-4 year olds)

- DATES:** Thursday, December 2, & Thursday, December 9
- TIME:** **Session I:** Thursday, December 2 at 9:00 am – 10:15 am
Session II: Thursday, December 2 at 10:30 am – 11:45 am
Session III: Thursday, December 9 at 9:00 am – 10:15 am
- ***FEE:** M: \$12/Pair
NM: \$15/Pair
- LEVEL:** 2-4 Year Olds (Each child must be accompanied by an adult)

Discovery Nature Hiking

Have you often wished you could do your daily walk for exercise in a beautiful wild place and learn about the amazing things that you're passing by? We will walk along the meadows, woods, wetlands, and lake shore of the Center while Don Quintenz interprets the scenery and helps answer the questions that nature evokes in us. The entire program is taught on the trail. Physically you need to be able to walk any of the loop trails at the Center taking short but frequent stops.

- DATE:** Monday, November 15
Wednesday, December 8
- TIME:** 1:30 – 3:00 pm
- ***FEE:** M: Adult \$5
NM: Adult \$7
- LEVEL:** Adult

Ready, Set, Hibernate!

Okay young naturalist... haven't you always wanted to explore the secret hiding places of animals? All around us, the animals are preparing for winter. Just how do they survive such cold weather? To find out, please join us for a time of discovery and fun as we investigate animal life at Audubon. We'll start inside and see real mammal skulls, furs, and mounts. Then it's outside to track meadow voles in the prairie, observe squirrels in the forest, and visit Mystery Lake. We'll conclude the morning with a visit from our favorite non-hibernating snake: Maria the Rosy Boa. Bring warm clothes and boots, especially if it snows.

- DATE:** Saturday, November 20
- TIME:** 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- ***FEE:** M: CHILD \$12
NM: Child \$16
- LEVEL:** Children ages 6 - 12

November Full Moon Family Hike

Where is the moon when the moon is round? It's rising when the sun is going down! Here at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, the full moon seems to rise right out of the waters of great Lake Michigan! It's a sight to see. Join Jessy Knox to watch the moonrise over the lake and then head up the tower to see the sunset. Who knows what else we might see as we hike around after hours! Dress for the weather (cooler by the lake). Families with children of all ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

- DATE:** Sunday, November 21
- TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- ***FEE:** M: Child \$6 Adult \$10
NM: Child \$8 Adult \$12
- LEVEL:** Families

Winter Sensory

Come experience the wonderful season of winter with Jessy Knox. The program begins inside with a special winter story and visit with a live owl. Then we'll explore the outdoors; noticing the subtle colors of winter, checking out winter flowers, and learning which animals change their coats to blend into their environment. We will use our senses to learn about the winter landscape.

- DATE:** Saturday, December 4
- TIME:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- ***FEE:** M: Child \$6 Adult \$10
NM: Child \$8 Adult \$12
- LEVEL:** Preschool – 2nd grade, Families



Raptor Saturday! **

Legends, Myths and Lore



In this family program, handlers allow a close-up view of falcons, hawks, owls, and a Turkey Vulture. Sharp talons, curved hooked beaks, binocular vision, and incredible hearing make these

raptors specialized birds of prey.

- DATE:** Saturday, December 4
- TIME:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- ***FEE:** Free with Center Admission
- LEVEL:** Families

Repamphibiantile Sunday

Brrr! It's too cold for me and my friends. We're going to hang out inside the building. Meet frogs, snakes, turtles, and salamanders. While you're having fun, your folks can shop in our bookstore. See you there!

- DATE:** Sunday, December 5
- TIME:** 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- ***FEE:** M: Child – Free Adult – Free
NM: Child \$4 Adult \$6
- LEVEL:** Families

Solstice Morning Celebration

Join Jessy Knox in the early hours of the morning for a Winter Solstice Morning Celebration. This is the shortest day of the year so if we are going to celebrate, we have to start early! We will begin inside sharing reflections of the year gone past and our hopes for the new year to come. Before the sun rises, we will head down to the shores of Lake Michigan to greet the morning. Wear warm layers, boots, and mittens.

- DATE:** Saturday, December 21
- TIME:** 6:00 – 8:00 am
- ***FEE:** M: Child \$6 Adult \$10
NM: Child \$8 Adult \$12
- LEVEL:** Families



Cancellation by participant up to 14 days before a program will be refunded less a \$10.00 fee. After that time, no refunds. Upon SANC cancellation of a program, a full refund will be given.

Fun in the Winter Sun

Hey kids, are you looking for something to do over winter break? Parents, do you need a few moments for yourself during this hectic time of year? Then bring the kids to the center and spend the morning hanging out with us! You'll see some great mammal furs and skulls, make an animal track to take home and meet a live animal friend. Of course, we'll also head outside for a trail hike to see who is awake and active this time of year. We'll finish it off with a bit of hot chocolate. The program is the same for each date and time.

DATE: Monday, December 27 or
Tuesday, December 28

TIME: 9:00 – 11:30 am, or
12:30 – 3:00 pm

*****FEE:** M: Child \$12
NM: Child \$16

LEVEL: Children age 6-12

SANC's First Ever Winter Carnival



Join Audubon educators for an afternoon of winter fun and games. There will be snowshoeing for people age 12 & up and animal tracking hikes for those younger. We'll have exciting sessions all about snow crystals and how mammals keep warm. There will also be guided hikes down to the beach 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. So dress for whatever nature throws our way and celebrate winter with us.

DATE: Sunday January 16

TIME: Noon – 4:00 pm

*****FEE:** \$5/Car

LEVEL: Families

November-December 2010

The Spiritual World of Nature**

This series seeks to help 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.

Five-Part Buddhism Series.

Rev. Tonen O'Connor, Resident Priest at the Milwaukee Zen Center, will delve into Buddhism. You may have seen the thought-provoking TV program last fall on Buddhism which aroused a new interest in this ancient religion. The interdependence of all things is central to the teachings of Buddha. Feel free to attend any combination of the sessions below, they that are related but independent.

DATES:

Friday, October 22
Friday, October 29

Friday, November 5
Friday, November 12
Friday, November 19

Buddha's World
How do I fit in? – the part and the whole

Buddha Nature – what is it?
Dogen's Mountains and Waters Sutra
The Pure Abodes (Brahma Vihara)

TIME:

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Celebrating the Seasons:

A Native American Perspective with Dennis Hawk.

Each season is filled with deep metaphorical and spiritual meaning for our lives if we are open to it. Each season affects us in all ways — physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Winter is the time of great spiritual growth. As Turtle Island grows dark and cold, spiritual light appears to guide us to warmth and new birth in spring. (Note the evening program this same day with Dennis listed separately.)

DATE: Tuesday, December 14

TIME: 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Using Dreams to Develop a Sacred Connection with Nature with Jungian Analyst and Ecopsychologist, Dennis Merritt

Have you been wondering about your dreams? Dreams can be worked with to develop a sense of the sacred in nature and establish a sense of place. Dreams of particular landscapes, plants, animals, or forces in nature may be ways of depicting our soul as it appears in nature. A Jungian ecopsychological framework offers a conceptualization of dreams and ways of working with them that can lead to an indigenous sense of the sacred and symbolic in nature.

DATE: Tuesday, November 9

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Native American Storytelling and Music with Dennis Hawk.

This presentation will feature Native American inspired music and storytelling with selections from Dennis Hawk's in-progress album titled, "Diamonds." (Note his daytime presentation earlier this day listed separately.)

DATE: Tuesday, December 14

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for all classes. Register in advance so that we can plan accordingly and notify you in the event there is a program change.

FEE: Each Program Fee: M: \$10, NM: \$12

LEVEL: Adult



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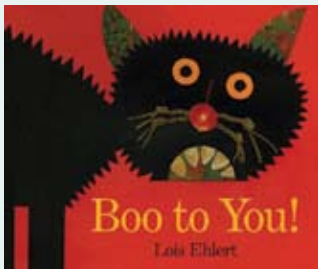
Saturday, October 30th

Theme – “Stories of Nature”, including a children’s book fair and a reading from renowned local author, Lois Ehlert, from one of her books.

Hikes will run at 10 minute intervals between 4:00pm and 7:00 pm

Fee: Adults \$8 and Children \$6

Call 414-352-2880 ext 0 to register.



Xtreme Raptor Day & Talon Quest Adventure Hike

Saturday, November 6, 2010

10am-4pm (Rain or Shine)

Join us for this very special event devoted exclusively to the Center’s raptors!

Along with our 13 raptor ambassadors, we will also be joined by Wahapa, a Golden Eagle and his pals – a Gyr Falcon, the largest falcon on our planet and a Merlin, an uncommon falcon in our area. These unique birds are visiting exclusively for this event.

The Talon Quest Adventure Hike, will be challenging for all ages testing your ability to spot our birds in their natural habitats out on our trails. Additional activities include Sky Hunter’s 2011 Calendar signing by Tallulah our Turkey Vulture, Pellet dissection for all ages, crafts, Xtreme Portraits with your favorite raptor, an Xtreme Bake Sale, the Raptor Wheel of Fortune and, new this year, a Silent Auction. Stay tuned for many more enticing tidbits.

Fee: Adults \$8 and Children \$6

TIME: 10am - 10:30am The 2011 Sky Hunter’s Calendar signing by our raptors

10am - 4:00pm Live raptors to visit and learn about, Pellet Dissection Activity, Xtreme Portraits with your favorite raptor, Craft Activities, Raptor Wheel of Fortune, and Silent Auction

11am - 4:00pm Talon Quest Adventure Hike – Take your Xtreme Passport with a super secret map and head out on our trails to find our raptors in their habitats

11am - 3pm Golden eagle, Gyr Falcon and Merlin featured in the Auditorium



Mission Statement

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center connects people with nature and inspires them to become responsible stewards of the natural world.