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DISCOVERY ROOM REMODEL UPDATE

On December 23rd Beaver Creek Reserve was presented with a \$200,000 check from Scheels of Eau Claire. Two days before Christmas, Beaver Creek staff, Board Members and members of the Scheels of Eau Claire team, gathered in the atrium of the Oakwood Mall, while last minute shoppers looked on. WEAU TV 13 News covered the event, and a recording of the segment can be found on the WEAU website.



Erik Keisler, Kathy Clark Friends of Beaver Creek Board Chair and Bill Beam former Board Member receive the \$200,000 check from Scheels of Eau Claire.

To date more than \$402,500 has been raised for the Discovery Room renovation project. Our staff has had many meetings with the designers from Split Rock Studios. In the most recent meeting, the staff was given a 3D virtual tour of the proposed designs. Everyone was thrilled to finally be able to see all the parts of an individual exhibit put together, as well as to “walk” through what the Discovery Room could look

like in just a few short months.

While we have raised more than our initial goal for the Discovery Room, we are still hoping to raise additional funds to add more features to a few of the proposed exhibits. These additional enhancements were not part of the original design estimates, and grew out of the collaborative nature of the design process. Our naturalists have identified these projects as a need that would enhance the overall educational experience for visitors.

If you would like to make a donation to the redesign initiative to help us with these extra projects, either through a personal or corporatedonation, please contact Erik Keisler, Executive Director. Donations can also be made at the Farewell to the Old Discovery Room event on March 5th.

NATURE CENTER HOURS

Spring–Fall Hours, April–Nov.

Monday–Saturday
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday
Noon – 4 p.m.

Winter Hours, Dec.–March

Closed Mondays
Tuesday–Saturday
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday
Noon – 4 p.m.

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— Farewell to the Old Discovery Room —

After more than 30 years, it is time to visit the Discovery Room one last time before we close for a complete remodel. Join us as we give the Discovery Room the send off it deserves!

Saturday, March 5th, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

FREE • Ask a Naturalist • Programming with BCR’s Educational Animals • Book Sale • Free Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Snacks • View New Discovery Room Exhibit Designs • Free Rentals (trail conditions permitting) • Nature Activity for Kids • Picture Slideshow
Bring your family and friends and reminisce one last time!



BCR TO BEGIN BIOTIC INVENTORY

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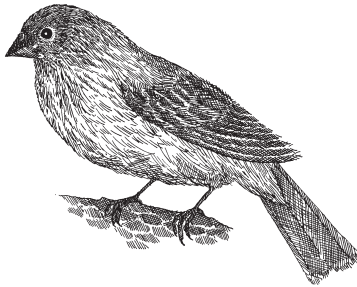
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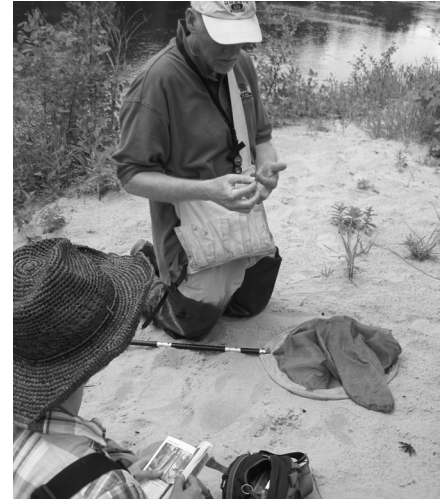
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We have waited a long time, but it is finally happening. The Citizen Science Center will be leading a research project right here on Reserve property. So pull on your waders, grab your insect net, hang your binoculars around your neck, tuck your magnifying glass in your pocket, dust off your field guides, and join the Citizen Science Center as we conduct a biotic inventory of Beaver Creek Reserve.

Beaver Creek Reserve is currently drafting a Comprehensive Forest Land Use Plan. In order to make appropriate decisions about the management of the property we need to have a strong sense of what plants and animals call the Reserve home. We have received a grant from the C.D. Besadny Conservation Program and funding from Eau Claire County, who received a Sustainable Forestry Grant from Wisconsin DNR. The goals of conducting a biotic inventory will be to 1) provide a current and complete list of species present on Beaver Creek Reserve, 2) identify any rare or endangered species, 3) bring together local citizens and professionals, while connecting them to nature.

From spring through fall we will be conducting surveys on as many different species as possible. We plan to bring together experts and volunteers to survey trees, plants, grasses, aquatic insects, birds, butterflies, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, moss, fungi, fish, bats, mussels, and any other critters that we can find. This is where you come in: if you have an interest in learning about the flora and fauna found at Beaver Creek Reserve, want to take part in a research project or if you happen to be very knowledgeable



on a certain taxa, we need you. We have 400 acres to cover and the more people helping us, the longer and more complete Beaver Creek Reserve's species list will be. This is a unique opportunity to more fully experience the land and inhabitants of BCR, to assist in guiding management decisions for BCR, and to help protect BCR or future generations.

Watch for details on the website about trainings and survey sign-up. If you know this is a project you will be interested in participating in or if you have a unique set of knowledge that will assist us, please contact the Citizen Science Center directly at 715-877-2212 or csc@beavercreekreserve.org.

If you are interested in joining the survey please plan to attend a program on Tuesday, May 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. More details are available in the program descriptions.

Nature Thrift Sale at BCR

Support the Beaver Creek Bird Banders by donating to, or shopping at their upcoming Nature Thrift Sale.

DONATE

Camping or Outdoor equipment • clothing • household items • art work • jewelry • books • music or other items with a *Nature Motif*.
 Drop items off Saturday 4/30, Sunday 5/1 or
 Friday 5/6 during BCR hours



SHOP

Saturday, May 7th at the Native Plant Sale
 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Woodland Room, Wise Nature center

For more information contact the CSC at 715-877-2212 or csc@beavercreekreserve.org

CHANGES TO FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

I have been chatting with many of Beaver Creek's Members over the last few months and one topic that keeps coming up is the fact that we have moved BCR'S longest running event, the French Toast Breakfast. I wanted to share the motivation behind moving one of our most successful outreach events..

1. The Super Bowl: a number of years ago the Super Bowl was moved to the first Sunday in February, the same day as our amazing French Toast Breakfast. We did not see a significant impact on attendance the first years, but in the last five years there have been other pancake breakfasts in the Chippewa Valley pop-up on the same weekend. We believe these two factors are two of the main contributors to a annual drop in attendance at French Toast Breakfast.

2. Events based on programs: Last year you might have noticed that we made our Butterfly Fest a really big event and removed Booya from our Fall Fest. For both of these events we focused on the programming that Beaver Creek excels at, and as a result we saw huge spikes in attendance. Moving the breakfast to the season when sap is flowing, follows that model.

3. Maple Syrup: We will have programming available about the maple syrup that you will be eating on your French Toast the same day! By signing up for this program you or your family can learn about the steps it takes to make a gallon of syrup. Or you can stop by our cooker to watch boiling sap on its path to becoming syrup, even if you don't sign up for the program.

4. Weather: We are all for cold and snow, but it's hard to get "people connecting to nature" if they don't want to leave their house. March should still be cold, but a French Toast Breakfast at your favorite nature center is just the ticket to cure your cabin fever.

5. Extra workload: In addition to the brand new Discovery Room, we will be launching a brand new website this spring. Both are exciting, but very time intensive projects. We have also had some new faces join the Beaver Creek team. By pushing the French Toast Breakfast back to mid-March we have allowed for time to train in new staff members and tackle the extra workload without cutting the quality event that we have all fell in love with over the years.

Please support Beaver Creek by coming out to this year's French Toast Breakfast to help make this transition successful!

Thank you - Erik Keisler, Executive Director

2016 Beaver Creek Reserve Amateur Photo Contest

Like to take pictures? Who doesn't?

Submit your photos to the 2016 Amateur Photo Contest

All eligible photos have a chance to:

- Win a prize in the submitted category (1st—3rd depending on category)
- Be selected for use in the 2017 BCR Nature Calendar
- Be selected for use in additional Beaver Creek Reserve Marketing

All submitted photos will be on display in the Wise Nature Center from mid August through the end of October.

Contest Categories for Each Division (Youth >16, Adult, Phone/Tablet:

Wildlife | Beaver Creek Reserve | Plants, Landscapes & Natural Objects |
People Connecting with Nature | Art in Nature

Photos are judged on technical quality, clarity, composition and intrinsic beauty. For more information or to enter visit www.beavercreekreserve.org or the Nature Center.



Spring Beauty by Ryan Zimmerman

UPCOMING

programs

MARCH

Farewell to the Old Discovery Room
Saturday, March 5, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Bee Keeping 101 – Learn the Art of Beekeeping
Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Bluebirds and Nest Boxes
Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Maple Syrup Sunday
Sunday, March 13
Three Time Options: 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m.,
and 2:30 p.m.

Owl Prowl
Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

Storybook Hiking Trail
Friday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

French Toast Breakfast
Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Adopt-A- Maple-Tree
Saturday, March 19,
Sessions offered at 9:30 a.m., 10:30, 11:30
Pre-registration required

APRIL

Once Upon a Place Storytelling Performance
Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

BCR Night at Hobbs Observatory – Members Only
Friday, April 15th, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Grassland Bird Monitoring
Wednesday, April 20, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers
Thursday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Once Upon a Place: Storytelling Workshop
Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Frog Fest
Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Acoustic Bat Monitoring
Wednesday April 27, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

MAY

Evening Bird Hikes
Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Biotic Survey - What Lives at BCR?
Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers
Thursday, May 12, 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Evening Bird Hikes
Tuesday, May 17 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Native Plant Sale
Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bee Keeping 102 – You Are a Beekeeper, Now What?
Saturday, May 14 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Spring Bird Hike and Banding Demo – Members Only
Saturday, May 14, 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tiffany Train Ride
Saturday May 21, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

SUMMER SAVE THE DATE

Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers
Thursday, June 9, 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Program Registration Procedures

As you sign up for upcoming programs and classes, please follow the procedures listed below. To register online visit www.beavercreekreserve.org

- Every event (free or paid) requires pre-registration.
- **Full payment is due at registration.**
- We accept VISA, MasterCard, personal check or money order.
- Programs, dates and fees are subject to change.
- Cancellations require a 48-hour notice prior to the class date to receive a refund, minus a 10% administrative fee.

To register, visit www.beavercreekreserve.org or call 715-877-2212. We look forward to seeing you at the Reserve!

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Bee Keeping 101 – Learn the Art of Beekeeping

Saturday, March 5th, 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

If you have heard about the pollinator shortage and want to make a difference, then become a backyard beekeeper. This informative class teaches you the basics to get started. Learn beekeeping from a former professor who has worked with beekeepers in several countries, who is also a member of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Beekeepers club. Please bring a sack lunch and notebook. Bee Keeping 102 & 103 Classes also offered. Visit www.beaver-creekreserve.org for a full list of programs.

Registration and full payment required by Mar. 3.

Friends \$40 Nonmembers \$45

Gentle Yoga

Mondays: March 7 - April 25, 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

This 8-week Gentle Yoga session provides all the benefits of the yoga experience at a slower and steadier pace. It helps to reduce stress, feel strong yet flexible in your body and increase positive energy. Please dress in loose-fitting clothing, bring a yoga mat or blanket to lie on the floor and a water bottle.

Registration and full payment required by March 5. Otherwise, walk-ins are welcome at \$10 per class.

Friends \$64 Nonmembers \$72

Bluebirds and Nest Boxes

Saturday, May 12, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wise Nature Center

Looking for something to do with the family? You and your child can learn all about the wonders of bluebirds and then work together to attract bluebirds to your own yard by building a bluebird nest box. Topics discussed will include bluebird nesting behaviors, establishing and maintaining a nest box, and more information about the Bluebird Restoration Project.

Additional \$5 charge per bluebird house kit. Please request number of houses needed when you register for class.

Registration and full payment required by March 9.

Friends \$3 per Child, \$5 per Adult, Non-members \$4 per Child, \$8 per Adult

Maple Syrup Sunday

Three Time Options:

Sunday, March 13, 1:30, 2:00, and 2:30 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

Bring the family to explore the maple sugaring tradition. Join one of three, one-hour sessions. Learn about which trees to tap, how to tap, and how the sap is boiled down to make that wonderful syrup. Following a short inside program, you will tour the sugar bush where you will assist with tapping a tree, and then visit the sugar shack where the sap is boiled down into syrup. Finish with a taste of fresh maple syrup over ice cream. Kids will have a chance to make their very own sumac or elderberry spile to take home! To allow time for the tour and your maple sundae, please do not arrive after 2:30 p.m. if you choose that session time.

Registration and full payment required by March 8.

**Friends \$3 per Child, \$5 per Adult
Nonmembers \$4 per Child, \$8 per Adult**

Owl Prowl

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

Join a staff naturalist for a hootin' good time. The evening will begin with a short walk outside to listen and hoot for owls, after which we will gather inside to discover some of the unique traits of the owl family. A guest appearance by BCR's non-releasable owl is expected toward the end of the program. This program is appropriate for upper elementary school-age children to adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Registration and full payment required by March 14.

**Friends \$3 per Child, \$5 per Adult
Nonmembers \$5 per Child, \$8 per Adult**

French Toast Breakfast

Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Main Lodge, Hobbs Observatory, Wise Nature Center

NEW DATE – French Toast Breakfast is one

of Beaver Creek's longest running events. Enjoy delicious French Toast, children's crafts and games, and the Chippewa Valley Water Color Exhibit & Sale. We are also holding our popular Adopt-A-Maple-Tree program (separate registration required - see next program description for details). Join us on a new date for an old tradition!

Presale Tickets Adults \$6, Children 12 and under \$3
At the Door: Adults \$7, Children 12 and under \$3

Adopt-A- Maple-Tree

Saturday, March 19, Sessions offered at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Wise Nature Center

The maple syrup season is short but sweet. After sampling some of last year's syrup on their French toast, families are invited to tap their own tree. We will start with a short program to learn the basics of making maple syrup and how to identify a maple tree. Each family group will decorate a tree marker with their own unique design to leave on their tree after tapping. The markers are designed to help families find their tree again; as we strongly encourage participants to come back during the sap run and see how their tree is doing. Participants will also get a chance to visit the sugar shack where the syrup is made. After the season is complete, families and groups will be able to stop back at the Reserve and pick-up their own 8 oz. bottle of syrup made with sap from their tree and their photo of their tapping adventure.

Registration and full payment required by March 16.

Friends \$20 per family group Non-member \$30 per family group
*** We define a family group as up to 6 people, if you have more than 6 people you need to register for additional spots.**

Once Upon a Place Storytelling Performance

Saturday, April 9, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Wise Nature Center

Join local storyteller Tracy Chipman for a morning of stories about the land and our deep connection to all that the land offers. There will be 45 minutes of storytelling, a 15-minute intermission for a short walk to visit the Storybook Hiking Trail (weather permitting), and

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then return for more interactive storytelling.

Registration and full payment required by April 4.

Friends \$5 per Child, \$6 per Adult Non-members \$7 per Child \$9 per Adult

BCR Night at Hobbs Observatory – Members Only

Friday, April 15th, 7:30– 9:30 p.m.
Hobbs Observatory

The Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society is holding a program just for Beaver Creek Reserve Members. There will be an open house starting at 7:30 with tours of the dome followed by a short program at 8:00 p.m and observations (weather and conditions permitting).

Registration required by April 13

FREE for Beaver Creek Reserve Members

Grassland Bird Monitoring

Wednesday, April 20, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Citizen Science Center

Grassland bird populations have been declining across the country. Learn how to identify grassland birds and take part in surveys to determine the species and abundance of birds that live along the Lower Chippewa River. This is a great opportunity to spend time “in the field” with other birders learning the local grassland birds.

Registration and full payment required by April 15.

Friends \$5, Nonmembers \$8

Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers

Three Date Options:

Thursday, April 21, 9:30 –11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 12, 9:30–11 a.m.

Thursday, June 9, 9:30–11 a.m.

Wise Nature Center

Led by BCR naturalist, Jim Schwiebert, this 60-minute hike on Reserve trails will document the changes taking place in the woods at the Reserve. The hike will be capped off with coffee and a treat, and further discussion about the changes and things we've seen

on the hike. Hikers should expect about a mile long hike with uneven terrain and stairs to negotiate. This program is targeted for adult nature lovers 55 and older. Participate monthly or register for one week at a time — the choice is yours.

Registration and full payment required by April 19, May 10 and June 7.

Friends \$3 (per hike) Nonmembers \$5 (per hike)

Once Upon a Place: Storytelling Workshop

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

Once Upon a Place: Storytelling & the Land explores the connection between the ancient craft of storytelling and the land we homestead, steward & wander. We will explore the places that we love or have influenced us through crafting an original story. Participants will learn about the storytelling tradition, experience storytelling, and take a short inspiration gathering hike, before crafting and sharing their own story of place. Bring your voice, creativity, proper footwear for a hike, notebook and pen and a sack lunch. Taught by local storyteller, Tracy Chipman. This workshop is intended for ages 16 and up.

Full payment and registration required by April 17th.

Friends \$45.00 Nonmembers \$50.00

Storybook Hiking Trail

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Wise Nature Center

Join us for a very special Earth Day edition of our popular Storybook Hiking Trail program. This program is designed for kids ages 2-10 and their families. Explore spring-themed songs, interactive stories, and movement activities that encourage your children to think about the ever-changing world around them and their role in it. All abilities are welcome to participate and we will do our best to accommodate your child's needs. Dress for the weather as the majority of the program will be held outdoors. In instance of extreme weather, program will be held indoors.

Registration and full payment required by April 20.

Friends \$3 per Child, Adults free

Nonmembers \$5 per Child, Adults free

Frog Fest

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

The Chippewa Valley is home to some really great music festivals, but one you might not know about is our annual Frog Fest. Each spring as ponds across Wisconsin thaw, a concert of sounds begins featuring the vocals of as many as 11 different frog performers and 1 toad. Join Reserve naturalist Ruth Forsgren, as she helps you to identify by sight and sound our local Frog Fest performers. Weather and trail conditions permitting, the evening will end with a hike down to Beaver Creek's own frog chorus marsh. Dress appropriately for cool evening weather and possible muddy terrain. Flashlights recommended, but not necessary. No need to call Cricket Master, register online today.

Registration and full payment required by April 18.

Friends \$3 per Child, \$5 per Adult Non-members \$5 per Child, \$8 per Adult

Acoustic Bat Monitoring

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Citizen Science Center

Wisconsin has seven species of bat, four of which are threatened and three are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need. With White-nose Syndrome threatening bats across much of the United States, there is no better time to assist in this citizen science opportunity. Join us to learn about Wisconsin's bat species and how to conduct acoustic monitoring and bat roost monitoring surveys in the Chippewa Valley. To end the program we will step into the night and learn how to use the Citizen Science Center's portable acoustic bat monitoring device to assist state bat biologists with collecting data about these misunderstood night flyers.

Registration and full payment required by April 25.

Friends \$5 Nonmembers \$8

Evening Bird Hikes

Two Date Options

Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

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May is an exciting time for birds at Beaver Creek as migrants are moving north and stop here to rest and re-fuel. Join a Reserve Naturalist for an after-dinner walk to see who we can find on the trails. All levels of bird enthusiasts are welcome. These hikes are designed for adults to upper elementary-aged children. Please note that these are two separate hikes; you may attend either one or both, but if attending both, you must register for both.

Registration and full payment required by May 2 and May 16 respectively.

Friends \$3 (per hike) Nonmembers \$5 (per hike)

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

Enhance your garden or yard with native plants from Beaver Creek Reserve's greenhouse! Expertly grown by Master Gardeners, a wide variety of native grasses, herbs and wildflowers will be for sale. Gardening experts will be on hand to answer your questions. Great plants - great prices! Proceeds will help support activities at Beaver Creek Reserve.

Biotic Survey - What Lives at BCR?

Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Citizen Science Center

Beaver Creek Reserve is made up of 400 acres of land. Any idea how many and what kinds of plants, animals, and insects live at the Reserve? We don't know either. Let's find out. This summer the Citizen Science Center will be conducting a biotic inventory. We will be bringing together experts and volunteers to determine what actually lives here at the Reserve. We need your help to survey for bats, dragonflies, mammals, turtles, owls, flowers, mushrooms, fish, and much more. To learn more about the inventory and how you can be involved join us for this introductory program and sign-up for surveys.

Registration and full payment required by May 6.

Friends FREE Nonmembers \$3

Bee Keeping 102 – You Are a Beekeeper...Now What?

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

You have your bees in their hive. Now what? Learn how to properly manage your bee hive while they are foraging and packing away pollen and honey. Topics will include how to perform a hive inspection and managing honey supers. Members of the Chippewa & Eau Claire Beekeeping Club will be providing the training. Please bring a bee veil or bee suit as we will open the bee hive for examination, as well as a sack lunch and notebook.

Registration and full payment due May 11

Friends \$40 Nonmembers \$45

Spring Bird Hike and Banding Demo – Members Only

Saturday, May 14, 6:30a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Wise Nature Center

Spend the morning with the Beaver Creek Bird Banders. Begin the morning with a bird hike at the Reserve to look for spring migrants. Then wander back to the Nature Center for a banding demonstration. This is a great opportunity to see birds both through the binoculars and in hand. Learn about bird identification, bird behavior, and why bird banding is important. You will even be able to "adopt" one of the birds you see banded. This program is open to bird watchers of all abilities. Hikers should meet at the Wise Nature Center at 6:30 a.m. and wear comfortable clothing. If there is thunder, lightning or moderate to heavy rain in the area, the program will NOT be held. Don't forget your binoculars and field guides.

Registration required by May 12.

FREE to Current Beaver Creek Reserve Members

Tiffany Train Ride

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tiffany Wildlife Area

Ride the rails through the Tiffany Wetland Bottoms with the Citizen Science staff from Beaver Creek Reserve. Spend the day on an open-air, antique train while exploring the wetlands. The round-trip ride, approximately 14 miles, will let you see what makes these wetlands so unique and important to our plant and wildlife habitat. Be sure to pack a cooler with snacks and refreshments for the day while we tour and hike the trails, 0.25 -0.5

miles each. Participants should dress for the weather and possibly wet terrain. Bring binoculars and field guides if desired. Rain or shine, don't miss this exciting event! the field north of the DNR lot. Follow the path through the trees to the train for boarding.

Registration and full payment required by May 19.

Friends \$25 Nonmembers \$35

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7

8:30 am—1:00 pm

- Native Grasses
- Herbs
- Flowers

Experts and Master Gardeners on hand to answer your questions.



VOLUNTEER POTLUCK DINNER

SAVE THE DATE

Beaver Creek Reserve is once again inviting our valued volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Potluck dinner.

Please join us Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 pm at Wise Nature Center. We will provide the entree, dessert and beverages.

A formal invite will follow. Please contact AJ Leiden at 715-877-2212 or aj@beavercreekreserve.org to RSVP by April 14th.

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Discovery Room Renovation

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Bird Banding Program

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Eau Claire Garden Club

Citizen Science Center

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Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

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In honor of Virginia Hansis' 100th birthday

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BUTTERFLY HOUSE LAB

Training: Tuesday, May 31, 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed from early June through mid-September. This exciting volunteer opportunity involves the daily care and feeding of caterpillars, monitoring chrysalis development, and releasing butterflies into the Butterfly House. Lab workers are needed daily Monday through Saturday, for one to two hours, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sunday, 12-2 p.m., to help raise caterpillars in our lab. To sign up for this training call 715-877-2212. If you

cannot attend this training session, please contact the Reserve to set up a personal training time.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE GUIDE

Training: Monday, June 28, 7 p.m.

Enjoy learning about our native butterflies and helping visitors to identify them while volunteering in our beautiful Butterfly House as a Volunteer Guide! Guides answer questions and share their love and enthusiasm for butterflies. Don't think you know enough about butterflies? Don't wor-

ry -- this is a great way to learn on the job! Come and see what it's all about! Volunteers are needed daily Monday- Saturday, 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sundays 12:00-3:00 p.m., from July 5 through early September. To sign up for this training call 715-877- 2212. If you cannot attend this training session, please contact the Reserve to set up a personal training time.



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Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society

First Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Everyone welcome

The Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most meetings are at Hobbs Observatory but are occasionally held off-site. CVAS is open to anyone with an interest in astronomy. For more information please contact the Reserve or check out the Club's web site at www.cvaastro.org.

Quilting Club

Second & Fourth Mondays, 1- 4 p.m.

The Quilting Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month to work on individual projects and to share ideas on quilting. Beginners to seasoned quilters are always welcome.

Beaver Creek Bird Club

Second Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Bird Club meets at the Reserve on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The club is open to all bird lovers.

Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists

First Wednesday, 9 a.m. – Noon

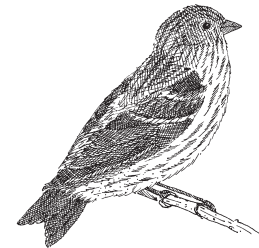
All watercolorists welcome

The Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists meet the first Wednesday of each month to paint, critique and share information related to watercolor painting. All watercolor artists, beginning through advanced, are invited to participate. For information, contact Jan at 715 874 5870 or kippenjp@uwec.edu.

Beaver Creek Photo Club

Third Thursday, 7 p.m.

Everyone welcome! The Beaver Creek Photo Club meets the third Thursday of the month January through May and September through November. Hobbs Observatory Happenings



HOBBS OBSERVATORY HAPPENINGS

Hobbs Observatory Astronomical Series - Come learn fascinating facts about the night sky from members of the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) as they host public programs on the third Saturday of each month at 8 pm in the Hobbs Observatory. There will be a 45-60 minute presentation on astronomical related topics by CVAS members. Go to www.cvaastro.org for a list of upcoming topics. If skies are clear and temperatures permit, the domes will be open for public observing following the program.

Public viewing is also available on CLEAR Saturdays from May through October starting about an hour after sunset (as CVAS volunteer staffing permits).

For more information on these programs, please contact BCR at (715) 877-2212 or visit www.beavercreekreserve.org or www.cvaastro.org





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 • Adopt-A-Maple Program (separate registration)

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Beaver Creek Reserve 2016 Summer Camp Opportunities

Camp Registration Guidelines

Registration: Complete online at www.beavercreekreserve.org or fill out the attached forms and mail to the Reserve. Please complete one form per child, registration deadlines are **Wednesday, June 1**.

Payment: Full payment (with pre-registration) must be received by **Wednesday, June 1**. We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover, personal check or money order.

Refund Policy: Cancellations require a seven-day notice prior to camp in order to receive a full refund minus a \$20 processing fee. Cancellations after that will receive no refund. No exceptions.

FREE Camps for area School District students: As of March 1st, the Eau Claire area school district is the only district to confirm their offerings. For up to date offerings, visit our webpage at www.beavercreekreserve.org. The free camp offerings are labeled as follows:

Eau Claire = **EC**

Camp scholarships: Scholarships are available for certain camps; check our website for details.

B is for Birding

Tuesday, June 14, 8-11 a.m.
Ages 7-9

Birds are fabulously cool creatures! They come in all colors and shapes and most of them can FLY! Designed to help young nature lovers discover the marvels of the bird world, this camp will introduce beginning ornithologists to bird identification, proper use of binoculars and simple field guides. After some inside classroom time, we will take our new-found skills on the trail to search for birds. Warning: your child may develop a lifelong love for the birds and their habitats when encouraged to join fun outings like this.

Friends: \$20 Non-members: \$30

Parent/Child Fly Fishing Clinic

Wednesday, June 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 12 and up

Join Trout Unlimited volunteers and Beaver Creek staff for a fun morning learning the ins and outs of fly fishing. You will learn how to tie flies and how to cast a fly rod, and then travel to a local pond to try your hand at catching some fish with your very own flies!

Friends: \$30 Nonmembers \$40

Nature Nuts/Sprouts/Earth Detectives

Monday, June 20 through
Friday, June 24, 9:30 a.m.-Noon

Nature Nuts, Ages 5-6

Nature Nuts is designed to encourage the inherent curiosities of young nature lovers. Daily activities are geared to discovery of the natural world. Adventures include activities like adopting a tree, meeting a Rock Wizard, searching for the elusive pieces of the rainbow and making creative art projects.

Sprouts, Ages 7-8

Sprouts are given opportunities to expand their knowledge of our natural world. Programs rotate every two years, so Sprouts uncover details about animal groups one year and the other year Sprouts explore new worlds through habitat study. Whether knee deep in a stream, digging in the marsh or hiking through our forest communities, Sprouts develop a basis for a lifetime of nature appreciation.

Earth Detectives, Ages 9-11

Earth Detectives take nature exploration to the next level! Group activities and hands-on investigations give Earth Detectives an exciting up-close look at the natural world during their week-long exploration. Whether panning for gold, studying aquatic insects, sampling some wild edibles, or catching butterflies, Earth Detectives enjoy investigating the forest, prairie, stream, and pond habitats of the Reserve.

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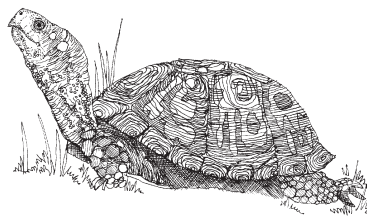
Friends: \$50 Nonmembers: \$60

R is for Reptiles

Tuesday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Ages 5-6

This camp is perfect for the child who is fascinated with animals and wants to learn more about them. We will learn about local reptiles, meet some of the reptiles that live here at the Nature Center and will take to the trails to see if we can find any of the reptiles that call the Reserve home.

Friends: \$20 Nonmembers: \$30



2016 Summer Camp Opportunities

Geology Underground

Thursday, June 30, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Learn first-hand about how caves are formed and some of the geology of west central Wisconsin as we take a guided tour of Crystal Cave. If time allows, you will be able to try your hand at panning for gold along the Eau Claire River. Transportation and cave admission is included. Bring a lunch and come dressed for being inside a cool cave. (Insect repellent will be provided or bring your own if you prefer.) Class open to incoming 7th and 8th grade students.



Friends: \$45 Nonmembers: \$55

Girls in Nature Camp

Monday-Thursday, July 11-15,

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.,

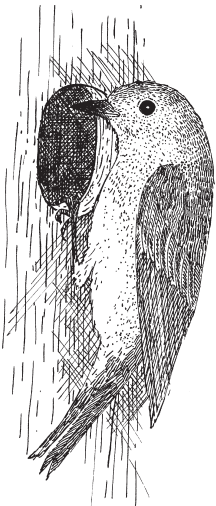
Overnight July 14, pick up at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 15

Ages 10-12

Come join us for a fun-filled week at Beaver Creek. This week-long adventure camp for girls is designed to sample lots of outdoor activities. Activities might include but are not limited to kayaking, fishing, fire building, compass and GPS use, hiking, journaling, habitat exploration, bird banding, star gazing and building bird houses. The week will culminate with an overnight tent camp-out on Thursday night with pick up at 9 a.m. on Friday morning.

Friends: \$140 Nonmembers: \$150



Path of the Voyageur

Two Sessions:

Tuesday, July 12, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Students will retrace part of the route of the fur traders as they paddle kayaks on a stretch of the Eau Claire River. Experience life on the river as you glide under eagle nests, swim from a sandbar, eat lunch along the river banks, and imagine life as one of Wisconsin's first European settlers. Bring lunch, drink and insect repellent. Dress for being in and on the water. Kayaks, life-vests, and transport will be provided. Class open to incoming 7th and 8th grade students.



Friends: \$45 Nonmembers: \$55

Adventures in Geocaching

Thursday, July 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

You will learn the basics about global positioning systems and the Earth's longitude and latitude grid. Geocaching is a worldwide scavenger hunt that takes players into all sorts of interesting places. You will be able to test your new skills searching for geocaches at a local area park. Use of GPS units, transportation and park admission is included. Bring a lunch and come dressed for being outside. (Insect repellent will be provided or bring your own if you prefer.) Class open to incoming 7th and 8th grade students.



Friends: \$45 Nonmembers: \$55

Budding Butterflies

Two Sessions

Wednesday, August 3

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 5-7

Butterflies are almost magical creatures that capture the heart and imagination of nearly everyone who sees them flitting about the garden. This camp is designed for the young lepidopterist (butterfly studier, ages 5 to 7 years old, must already be 5 on day

of camp). Join us as we will learn about the magic of the butterfly life cycle, go butterfly catching, try to be kissed by a butterfly and learn a few of our local species of butterflies

Friends: \$20 Nonmembers: \$30

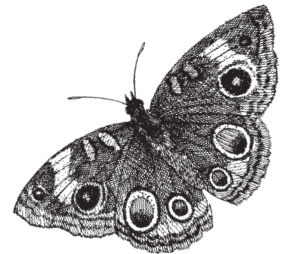
Wonders of Butterflies

Monday-Wednesday, August 3-5,

9:30 a.m.-Noon, Ages 10-12

Come and explore the wonderful world of butterflies. Campers will learn about Wisconsin butterflies, their importance to the environment, and basic butterfly biology. Each participant will help raise a caterpillar for the Reserve's Butterfly House and provide daily care for it, learning first-hand the life cycle of butterflies. We'll also spend time crafting butterfly art projects and catching butterflies for the Butterfly House here at Beaver Creek. It's an exciting butterfly-filled time for boys and girls alike!

Friends: \$40 Nonmembers: \$50



2016 BEAVER CREEK SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Child's Name:

Nickname:

Age:

Gender:

DOB:

Grade this fall:

School district you currently live in:

Specific needs (Allergies, medications, etc.):

Buddy choice (if applicable). Place my camper in the same group with:

Child's Physician:

Phone #:

PARENT AUTHORIZATION: The above is correct as far as I know and person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities. In the event I cannot be reached, I give permission to the physician selected by the group leader in charge to hospitalize and/or secure proper treatment for my child as named above.

Parent/Guardian:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone (H):

(W):

(C):

Email:

Emergency contact, person to be notified other than parent (please print):

Name:

Relationship:

Phone:

Beaver Creek Reserve takes photos and videos of camp participants for program promotion and brochures. The completion of this registration signifies your consent that your child may be photographed and/or videotaped for BCR marketing purposes on our website, social media and promotional materials.

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Eau Claire County and/or the Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve and its representatives for any and all injuries suffered by my child, in connection with any participation in the registered programs/camps.

Parent/Guardian:

Date:

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2016 BEAVER CREEK SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp _____ Age _____

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T-shirt Size (circle): Child or Adult S M L XL

FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED. Checks made payable to *Beaver Creek Reserve*.

Payment Method (circle): Cash Check # Charge: Visa MasterCard Discover

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Name as it appears on card (please print): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Adult Volunteer: Yes, I am interested in assisting with camp activities (must be available Monday-Friday). Volunteers only needed for Nature Nuts, Sprouts, Earth Detectives and Butterfly camps.
 - I want to contribute to the Beaver Creek Reserve Summer Camp Scholarship Fund and help send a kid to camp. Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____.
- Not a Friend of Beaver Creek Reserve yet? Join today and save on camper fees. Enclose your \$40 family membership today and pay the "Friends" fee. Additional specials apply for members throughout the year.
- Enclosed is my \$40 for my annual family membership.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016.

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