

# Current Happenings

May 12th, 2021

## Butterfly House Update

For those that have stayed updated with our Butterfly House, we have some great news! We are over halfway done constructing the new house. Our next step, is to update the gardens both inside and outside the house. Once the house is complete and the gardens are in, we will begin stocking the house with butterflies. Yay! We also plan on reopening our caterpillar lab for the summer. The lab will not be open to the public, but we will be raising caterpillars in-house this year, unlike last year. If you are interested in becoming a Butterfly House or caterpillar lab volunteer, read below for more information!



Mark your calendars! Our brand NEW Butterfly House opens on **July 5th** this year. Continue to stay updated with us through our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

### Upcoming Programs

#### Adult Phenology Hike

**Date:** Tuesday, May 18th

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Members:** Free

**Nonmembers:** \$8



Join Naturalist Jim Schwiebert for a hike to document the seasonal changes and flowers blooming along the Reserve's trails. The hikes will last an hour to an hour and a half. This program is geared for adults 50 and older. Hikers should expect about a mile long hike with uneven terrain and stairs to negotiate. **Face masks are requested please!** Come join the fun! **Full payment and registration due by Monday, May 17th.** Sign up [NOW!](#)

#### Who is that Singing?

**Dates:**

Thursday, May 20th,

Thursday, May 27th,

Thursday, June 3rd,

Thursday, June 17th

**Time:** 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**Cost:** Free



Come spend the morning with Beaver Creek Reserve and learn about bird songs. This

### Beaver Creek News

For those that haven't heard, we are looking for a new Office Manager! Hannah has accepted a new position that allows her more time and opportunities to continue her education and grow in her field of study. We will miss her terribly, and have been SO lucky to have her for these last 3 years. Thank you Hannah!



If you are interested in working at Beaver Creek, we have a few positions open! Besides the Office Manager position (applications close this Friday, May 14th), we are also looking for a summer Marketing and Daily Operations Intern. Check out all available positions [HERE](#).

### 2021 Summer Camps

You're in for a real treat! We just added a few additional days to our summer camps. Bug out at Beaver Creek, discover the

weekly talk will highlight a handful of common birds you are likely to hear this time of year in your own neighborhood. During this one-hour presentation we will introduce you to birding by ear. We will discuss the basics of why birds sing, listen to a handful of bird calls and share some hints to learning and remembering those songs. Hope you will join me. **Registration due by (per respective date of program):**

- **Wed, May 19th.** Sign up [NOW!](#)
- **Wed, May 26th.** Sign up [NOW!](#)
- **Wed, June 2nd.** Sign up [NOW!](#)
- **Wed, June 16th.** Sign up [NOW!](#)

### **Beekeeping 103 - Preparing the Hive for Winter**

**Date:** Saturday, Aug, 7th

**Time:** 8:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 per participant



Beekeeping 103 is the final class in the series. Topics include health and maintenance of bees, fall feeding tips, harvesting honey, wintering survival skills, varroa mite control and expectations for the second year of your hive. **Full payment and registration due by Monday, August 2nd.** Sign up [NOW!](#)

\*All bee classes are taught by members of the Chippewa Valley Beekeepers. Masks and social distancing will be enforced, and you will not be allowed in the buildings/class without a mask on.

**Check out other 2021 events [HERE.](#)**

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Calling all butterfly enthusiasts! We are starting to prepare for the grand reopening of our Butterfly House this year and are looking for Butterfly House and lab volunteers.

If you have been a house or lab volunteer before, or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Megan at [megan@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:megan@beavercreekreserve.org) to get on the email list.

We have a few training dates coming up for house and lab volunteers:

- **Butterfly/Caterpillar Lab training:**  
June 3rd @ 6:30pm
- **Butterfly House guide training:**  
June 29th @ 6:30pm

For more information on our Butterfly House, please visit our [website.](#)

wonders of Big Falls, try kayaking, or spend the day playing in the water!

There's so much planned for this summer! We're excited to spend it with you all and experience the summer we've all been waiting for.

See a full list of summer camps on our website. and register TODAY! The deadline to register is **June 1st**, so sign up today before it's too late.

Check out our [website](#) for more information and to see a full list of summer camps that are still available!

## **List of In-Person Camps**



## **Updates from our Bird Banders**

We band birds to learn about them. We learn the most when banded birds are recaptured. Beaver Creek's banding program has two new recaptures. In April, a Chipping Sparrow was captured at the bird feeders behind the Wise Nature Center. We originally banded this bird as an adult at the Nature Center in 2017. Four years later we recaptured it. Where has this bird been for four years and why did it decide to come back? Pretty neat to think about all it has seen, where it has traveled and what it has done since we last saw it.



This last week the Kestrel Nest Box Monitoring Crew discovered a banded female American Kestrel sitting on 5 eggs in one of our nest boxes. We have learned that this bird was banded last June as a chick in the nest. She was banded in Portage County by Gene Jacobs, a local raptor biologist. We don't know why she decided to make the journey over to Eau Claire County, but we are thrilled to have her and will



## Warblers Are Back!

Join Naturalist Ruth as she identifies the common species of warblers we see this time of year. If you look out your window, you should start to see more of these birds returning to the Chippewa Valley, so check out this neat video and see if you can identify any warblers in your area!



monitor her nest hoping for a successful outcome. How exciting it would be next year if we discover she returns to this area and back to the same nest box.



## Spring Ephemerals

It's Spring! And you know how we know that? Our spring flowers are back! Some of these flowers (also known as ephemerals) such as Spring Beauty, Bloodroot, Jack in the Pulpit, etc are here and blooming! Join Naturalist Megan as she identifies the different ephemerals you may discover this time of year.



## Membership Update

We are excited to announce our Triple Play partnership with the Children's Museum of Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley Museum is back! Community members can purchase ONE membership to all three locations for one price with our Triple Play Membership. Besides saving money on three great memberships, now Triple Play Members have just one membership to manage and renew, instead of three separate memberships. When you become a Triple Play Member, you can join or renew at any one location or online. The individual organizations will take care of the paperwork, which means more time for play and exploration!



### **Benefits:**

- Discount off the membership price for each location.

- Only one membership to manage and renew each year.
- Support three great, local nonprofits that share the same goal: to spark curiosity and encourage a love of learning.
- Includes one free day pass to bring a friend with you and one free rental, both valid at Beaver Creek Reserve.

For \$170, a Triple Play Membership gives families the convenience of one membership to three of our community's nonprofit organizations who share the same goals of providing high-quality family programming and exciting opportunities for learning and exploration. It's a win - win - win!

[Membership Options](#)

## In Your Backyard



### 2021 Hummingbird Migration Map

The Urge of Migrate Many hummingbirds spend the winter in Central America or Mexico, and migrate north to their breeding grounds in the southern United States as early as February, and to areas further north later in the spring. Hummingbirds fly...

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