

Current Happenings

September 15th, 2021

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that attended this year's Annual Meeting! We had such a fun evening with you all.

On Saturday, we tagged over 50 monarch butterflies, learned about our resident raptors we have here at Beaver Creek, Luna the Barred Owl and Aurora the American Kestrel, looked at the sun through a solar telescope, and dug through buckets of macroinvertebrates. We hope you enjoyed the night just as much as we did!

For those that were unable to attend, but would like a copy of this year's annual report, please refer to our [website](#) or stop by our front desk during open hours for a printed copy.

Thank you to Mario and Sherry Friedel from the band, [Songa Trio](#), for joining us this past Saturday.



Butterfly House Update

The butterfly house has officially closed for the season! It was an amazing summer filled with learning, butterflies, and smiling faces. From the time the butterfly house opened on July 5th to when it closed September 5th, we totaled over **4,655 visitors**, which is fantastic!

We want to thank all the volunteers who took time out of their day to work in the butterfly lab and in the butterfly house. Without them we couldn't be this successful! We had a total of **35 different species** in the butterfly house this season, some including: Tiger Swallowtail, Vicory, Mourning Cloak, Red Spotted Purple, Mustard White, Silver Bordered Fritillary, and so much more!

New Mural Spotlight!

Lots of exciting things have been happening around Beaver Creek! Something you should come and check out is the NEW mural in our lower lobby. This mural was painted by Christina Baal, who attended our Master Naturalist training back in August. Christina was able to highlight some of our famous feathery friends that make Beaver Creek their home. We are so lucky to have someone very talented create a piece of what Beaver Creek has to offer.

For those that might have missed out in volunteering with our butterfly program this year, we are always looking for volunteers for next year! Please reach out to megan@beavercreekreserve.org.



Thank You Xcel Energy Foundation

The Xcel Energy Foundation continues to support Beaver Creek Reserve. We have received a \$5,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation to support citizen science.

The funding from this grant will be used to support the year-long Avian Field Technician position, which has been filled by Tully Frain. Some of Tully's responsibilities for this grant will include, recruiting new volunteers, developing and offering virtual training, producing outreach materials, maintaining research stations and leading social safe citizen science opportunities such as The Christmas Bird Count and the Wisconsin Crane Count.

Thank you Xcel Energy Foundation for your continued support of Beaver Creek Reserve and helping us meet our goals to support our community.



Check Us Out on YouTube

It's around that time of year again! Are you starting to see more bumblebees flying around on the flowering plants near you? Well, learn along with Naturalist Ruth Forsgren as we discuss the different kinds of bumblebees we have here in Wisconsin.



Telescope Nights Return!

Hobbs Observatory has restarted their Saturday public observing for September and October. This is weather dependent and may be cancelled due to status of COVID-19. Volunteers from the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) will be in the Observatory field pointing out constellations and offering views through telescopes. Due to Covid, the telescope domes will not be used, but restrooms will be available. Observing will begin an hour after sunset and run for 2 hours.

Check out the CVAS [website](#) for more information and the updated schedule.

Share Your Stories With Us!

We're still looking for your stories!

Share your favorite pictures, memories stories, etc. you may have along with your name and the date(s) associated with your involvement at Beaver Creek, if you happen to know. Everything can be either mailed or brought in to Beaver Creek Reserve at **S1 County Rd K, Fall Creek, WI 54742**, or emailed to john@beavercreekreserve.org.

We also have a community story board in the Nature Center lobby. Stop by to fill out your story card and to check out other visitors' favorite Beaver Creek memories.



Membership Update

Enjoy the convenience of one membership to three great community nonprofit organizations who share the same goal, spark curiosity and encourage a love of learning. It's a win - win - win! Become a member of Beaver Creek Reserve, the Chippewa Valley Museum, and the Children's Museum of Eau Claire all in one great membership!

AND... if you purchase a Triple Play membership anytime this month, you'll be entered to win a Children's Museum of Eau Claire Gift Bag, full of fun merchandise! We can't wait to see who wins!



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.

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird Fall Migration



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□ Fall Migration Is Happening

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