

# WOOD *p r i n t s*

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## 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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On June 29 Beaver Creek Reserve held the Grand Opening of the Scheels Discovery Room. Nearly 200 people were in attendance, including ambassadors from both the Eau Claire and Chippewa Chambers and several members of both the Friends and Endowment Boards.



Executive Director, Erik Keisler proudly cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the Scheels Discovery Room. Photo by Staff

Representatives from Scheels, RCU, the Friends Board, Eau Claire County and of course our own Erik Keisler all spoke during the introductions.

The crowds were visibly pleased with the



Nearly 200 people came to Beaver Creek to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Scheels Discovery Room. Photo by Ruth Forsgren

changes, many in awe of the showpiece of the room 13 foot tall dragonfly wings adorning the tanks on the back wall. The feedback was, and continues to be, overwhelmingly positive.

Since the Grand Opening we have had a record number of visitors come out to see the new Discovery Room. We had nearly 1,100 more visitors in July 2016 than the previous year!

The 3M Fledgling Forest, as predicted, has both been very popular and has brought out more families with young children.

We cannot say thank you enough to everyone who donated time, money and talent to this project! If you have not had the opportunity to see the new exhibits first-hand, we heartily encourage you to do so!



Guests were able to experience the new hands-on exhibits for themselves. Photo by Ruth Forsgren

# PADDLE INTO FALL AT THE CHIPPEWA RIVER CONFERENCE

By Emily Lind

On Friday, September 9, and Saturday, September 10, join your fellow community members in celebrating the Chippewa River! With hot summer temperatures slipping away, let us welcome the coming of fall by immersing ourselves in the rich history, current conservation status, and recreational opportunities of this magnificent river.

With funding from Xcel Energy, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the local Sierra Club chapter, the planning committee put together a stellar lineup of speakers and activities for this year's conference. On Friday September 9, the historic Heyde Center for the Arts

in Chippewa Falls will be the venue as we listen to local historians, naturalists, researchers and educators with facts and stories to share about the river. Did you know ferries used to transport cars across the Chippewa, or that there used to be bustling communities along the banks of the river that are now gone? Have you seen a Bald Eagle, up-close-and-personal? Are you interested in getting involved in the protection and enhancement of the Chippewa River on a deeper level? All of this and more can be accomplished at this event. Lunch will be catered by Lucy's Delicates-

sen, and we will wind down from the work week with good conversation, beverages from the bar, and music by

backdropforthe morning. All activities will begin in the Great Lawn at Phoenix Park, right at the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers. Gather with your family and friends on shore to watch WDNR shock fish and bring them to shore for observation. Last year a 42 inch Musky made an appearance! Feel



Conference Day 2, 2015, Photo by Jake Ring

free to bring the kids and introduce them to bank fishing and geocaching. If you want to get out on the water,

bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent a kayak for \$15 (while supplies last) and join UW Eau Claire Geographer Sean Hartnett as he guides us to Porterville Landing. This trip is expected to go from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A shuttle back to Phoenix Park will be provided. A guided bike ride will also be taking

off from the confluence at 10:30 a.m. Jeremy

Gragert from the Wisconsin Bike Federation and UWEC Geographer, Doug Faulkner, will be leading the 10 mile bicycle trip. You must provide your own bike and helmet.

Contact Emily Lind, CSC Technician at [emily@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:emily@beavercreekreserve.org) for more information and visit our website to register today!

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Conference Day 1 2015, Heyde Center for the Arts, Chippewa Falls. Photo by Jake Ring

the Paul Tweed Band. To top it off, the Land Mine art exhibit will be on display for conference attendees to enjoy and contemplate throughout the day. isplays represent natural landscapes and our relationships with the changing environment.

On Saturday, September 10, the beautiful Chippewa River will be our

# FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a way to fundraise for your class, youth group or club? Then consider signing up to sell the Reserve's 2017 Nature Calendar. **2017 will be the 30th Anniversary of the Nature Calendar** and we have BIG plans to make the calendar extra special!

For every calendar you sell, you will receive a portion of the proceeds:



- 1 - 99 calendars sold, keep \$2 per calendar
- 100 - 199 calendars sold, keep \$2.50 per calendar
- Over 200 calendars sold, keep \$3 per calendar

This a great way to support the Reserve and earn money for your class or group. For more information, contact Brianne Markin at 715-877-2212 or [brianne@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:brianne@beavercreekreserve.org).

## 2016 AMATUER NATURE PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Amatuer Nature Photo Contest! All eligible submitted pictures are on display in the Nature Center. We encourage everyone to come view all the incredible photos that were submitted this year and vote for the Viewer's Choice Award. Calendar selections for the 2017 Nature Photo Calendar, which marks the **30th Anniversary of the Nature Calendar**, have also been made. Photographers will be notified by mail shortly.

### Best of Show

Ryan Zimmerman, *Take Off*

### Connecting People with Nature

#### Adult:

- 1st** - Linda Nicastro - *Cold Morning Walk*  
**2nd** - Heidi Tubbs- *Garden Friend*  
**3rd** - Erik Huebler- *Morning's Catch*  
**Honorable Mention**- Ryan Zimmerman- *Morning on the Ice*  
**Honorable Mention** - Shirley Zimmerman- *Paradise Ahead*

#### Youth:

- 1st** - Koan Huebler- *Contemplation*

### Beaver Creek Reserve

#### Adult:

- 1st** - Heidi Tubbs- *Bird Banding*  
**2nd** - Jessica Strauch- *Alone*  
**3rd** - Kristi Schumacher- *Sweet Nectar*

#### Youth:

- 1st** - Koan Huebler- *Frog Oasis*  
**Honorable Mention** - Koan Huebler- *Stretching*

### Art in Nature

#### Adult:

- 1st** - Terry Borman- *Fall Morning*  
**2nd** - Heidi Tubbs- *Birch*  
**3rd** - Hope Rutledge- *Lunar Eclipse*  
**Honorable Mention** -Suzie Slota- *Spring Fiddle*  
**Honorable Mention** -Suzie Slota- *Winter*

#### Sky

#### Youth:

- 1st** - Katarina Augustyn- *Eyes of the Dragon*

#### Phone/Tablet

- 1st** - Jessica Kerckhove, *Feed Me, Feed Me*

### Wildlife

#### Adult:

- 1st** - Ryan Zimmerman- *Take Off*  
**2nd** - Joe Motto- *Blue Jay Wingspread*  
**3rd** - Diane Johnson- *A Fine Catch*  
**Honorable Mention** - Suzie Slota- *Let's Ride*  
**Honorable Mention** - Kristi Schumacher- *Woodpecker*  
**Honorable Mention** - Joe Motto- *Call Me Mr. Blue*

#### Youth

- 1st** - Koan Heubler - *What'cha Lookin At*  
**Honorable Mention** - Katarina Augustyn- *Frog on a Log*

#### Phone/Tablet

- 1st** - Linda Nicastro - *Keep'em Warm*

### Plants, Landscapes, & Natural Objects

#### Adult:

- 1st** - Jeff Guettinger- *The Light*  
**2nd** - Pat Moser- *Touch of Rain*



*Best in Show Take Off, by Ryan Zimmerman*

- 3rd** - Linda Nicastro- *Perry Creek*  
**Honorable Mention** - Jeff Guettinger- *October Storm*  
**Honorable Mention** - Jessica Stauch- *Stoic*

#### Youth:

- 1st** - Koan Huebler- *A River Runs Through*  
**Honorable Mention** - Nolan Zimmerman- *Monkey Pile*  
**Honorable Mention** - Koan Huebler- *Phlox*

#### Phone/Tablet

- 1st** - Ann Gordon, *Trout Lake Rain*



# UPCOMING

## *programs*

### SEPTEMBER

#### Gentle Yoga

Mondays, Sept. 12 – Dec. 12,  
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

#### Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers

Two Sessions:  
Thursday, September 8, 9:30 -11:30  
a.m., or Thursday, October 6, 9:30 -  
11:30 a.m.

#### Celebrate the Lower Chippewa River Conference Day 1

Friday, September 9, 8:30am-4:30pm

#### Celebrate the Lower Chippewa River Conference Day 2

Saturday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. –  
12:30 p.m.

### OCTOBER

#### Storybook Hiking Trail

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 - 10:45  
a.m.

#### RCU Chairty Classic

Saturday, October 8, 7:00 a.m. Reg-  
istration, Race Times Vary

#### Dutch Oven Cooking Fun

Sunday, October 9, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

#### Adventures in Geocaching

Saturday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.  
-12:00 p.m.

#### Basket Weaving Workshop

Monday, October 24  
Two Sessions to Choose From  
12:30 – 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

#### Friends of Beaver Creek Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 5th 4:00 - 8:00  
p.m.

#### Holiday Crafting for Kids

Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. –  
12 p.m.

### WINTER SAVE THE DATE

#### Make Your Own Snowshoes

Two Sessions: December 3 and 4, or  
January 7 and 8, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.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](http://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](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org) or call 715-877-2212. We look forward to seeing you at the Reserve!

## FALL PROGRAMS

### Gentle Yoga

**Mondays, September 12 – December 12  
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Gentle Yoga 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. This seven-week session is led by Reserve member Karen Wise and will include instruction on how to do poses, breathing techniques and relaxation practice. Please dress in loose-fitting clothing, bring a yoga mat or blanket to lie on the floor and a water bottle.

NEW! Purchase a 10 punch card – Friends \$80, Nonmembers \$100 Punch cards will be given out at first class attended. 1 punch per class, receive 10 punches to earn a prize from BCR!

*Or pay \$10 at the door for members and \$12 for nonmembers.(cash only) per class.*

**Friends \$80, Nonmembers \$100**

### Phenology Hike for Elder Explorers

**Two Sessions: Thursday, September 8,  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., or  
Thursday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30  
a.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

This program is targeted for our older nature lovers. This hike of an hour or so is led by a Beaver Creek Reserve naturalist and takes place on the Reserve trails. Explorers can document the changes taking place in the Reserve's woods. The walk will be capped off with coffee and a treat and further discussion about the changes and things seen on the trails. The program is geared for adults 55 and older. Hikers should expect about a mile long hike with uneven terrain and stairs to negotiate.

*Registration and full payment required by Monday, September 5 or Monday, October 3 for each respective session.*

**Friends \$3 Nonmembers \$5**

### Celebrate the Lower Chippewa River Conference Day 1

**Friday, September 9, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Heyde Center for the Arts, Chippewa Falls,  
WI**

The historic Heyde Center for the Arts will be the venue as we listen to local historians, naturalists, researchers and educators with facts and stories to share about the Chippewa River. Highlights include a live eagle program, invasive species and their impacts, a butterfly population update and the history of ferrying. Lunch will be catered by Lucy's Delicatessen, and we will wind down from the week with good conversation, beverages from the bar, and music by Paul Tweed Band.

*Registration and full payment required by September 5.*

**Friends and Nonmembers \$20**

### Celebrate the Lower Chippewa River Conference Day 2

**Saturday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. –  
12:30 p.m.**

**Great Lawn, Phoenix Park, Eau Claire,  
WI**

Come have some fun on the Chippewa River! Gather at the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers to watch WDNR shock fish and bring them to shore for observation. Bring the kids and introduce them to bank fishing and geocaching. Join a 10 mile, guided bike ride to points of interest along the river, or a guided paddle to Porterville landing from 10:30am-12:30pm. You must provide your own kayak/canoe/life preserver/bike and helmet.

*A limited supply of kayaks will be available to rent for \$15.*

*No registration required.*

**FREE!(Kayak rentals \$15)**

### Storybook Hiking Trail

**Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Wise Nature Center**

This program is for kids ages 2-6 and their families. Join BCR Staff as we read "A Home for Beaver," a story written and illustrated by UW Eau Claire Connecting Children with Nature students. All abilities are welcome to participate and we will do our best to accommodate your child's needs. Dress for the weather as majority of the program will be held outdoors. In instance of extreme weather, program will be cancelled.

*Registration and full payment required by September 29.*

**Friends \$3 per child, Adults free, Non-members \$5 per child, Adults free**

### RCU Charity Classic October 8, times vary

See page 11 for details or visit [www.beavercreekreserve.org/events](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events) for information.

### Dutch Oven Cooking Fun

**Sunday, October 9, 1 – 3 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Join Executive Director Erik Keisler to learn how to cook as the lumberjacks did long ago. Enjoy cooking demonstrations with hands-on food preparation that will put you in the driver's seat. Chili, stew, cobblers and more will satisfy your appetite. Bring out the whole family!

*Registration and full payment required by October 5.*

**Friends \$10 Non-members \$15**

### Adventures in Geocaching

**Saturday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

**Wise Nature Center**

Geocaching is a "treasure" hunting game where players search for hidden containers called caches, using GPS (global positioning system) units. This class is designed as an introduction to geocaching. Participants will learn basic GPS use and have a chance to practice their new skills during this class. Participants do not need a GPS unit. This program is geared for families with school-aged children; but, couples and adults are welcome.

*Registration and full payment required by October 10.*

**Friends \$15 (per group: 2- 4 people)  
Nonmembers \$20 (per group: 2-4 people)**





## FALL PROGRAMS CONTINUED

### Basket Weaving Workshop

Monday, October 24

Two Sessions to Choose From

12:30 – 4:30 p.m. or 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

Shirley Mount of the Basket Patch will be teaching a special basket weaving class perfect for beginners to intermediate weavers.

*Registration and full payment required by Monday, October 17.*

**Friends \$5 + Cost of Basket**

**Nonmembers \$8 + Cost of basket**

### Friends of Beaver Creek Annual Meeting

Nov. 5th 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

See back cover for Details

### Holiday Crafting for Kids

Saturday, November 19,  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

Bring the children to the Reserve for a morning of creative fun. Using a variety of materials including natural and /or recycled items, children will make simple ornaments and

decorations for the upcoming holidays. Activities are suitable for school-age children. Pre-schoolers need an accompanying adult. (No charge for the assisting adult.) Snack included.

*Registration and full payment required by November 14.*

**Early Bird Pricing (registration by Wednesday, November 9)**

**Friends \$8 Nonmembers \$10**

**Friends \$ 10 Nonmembers \$ 12**

## SUMMER EVENT ROUND UP



*Melissa Kullman (Left) and Miriam Schwiebert (top right) were just two of the volunteers kept busy with facepainting at Butterfly Fest*



*A record number of Swallowtails made for a particularly showy visit to the Butterfly House during Butterfly Fest.*



*(Left) Scheels held their Kids Klub events this summer at BCR. On August 8th, two archery experts and our own Erik Keisler instructed approximately 33 kids in the basics.*



*(Right) Summer Camps remain a popular summer program at BCR. Volunteer Larry Bennet, helped young ladies of the Girls in Nature Camp, build bat houses.*

# FALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## Nature Center Host:

We've got a lot of openings to volunteer behind the front desk of our Nature Center. Nature Center Hosts assist Beaver Creek by providing a friendly face to visitors, answering phone calls and handling cash register transactions. Shifts are available both week-days and weekends during our regular open hours in the morning (9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and afternoon (12:30 - 4:00 p.m.). Training is provided on an individual basis and staff support and reference documents are always available.

## Nature Nooks Project Day:

Since Summer 2015 we've had our Nature Nooks outdoor exploration stations outside of our Nature Center. They've become a wonderful addition that hundreds of children have gotten to enjoy! We have several new structures we'll be adding to these play-grounds and we need your help to get them in. On **Tuesday, September 27** you can come out from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to get these new parts installed. Volunteers can expect to work on tasks that include digging potholes, painting, and light construction. All supplies and tools necessary will be provided.

## RCU Chairty Classic

Beaver Creek is once again the chairty of designation for the RCU Charity Classic being held **Saturday, October 8** in Phoenix park. Registration starts at 7:30 am, race times vary. RCU has pledged \$25,000 from the race to the Discover the Deep Woods Exhibit in the new Scheels Discovery Room. Visit [www.beavercreekreserve.org/events](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org/events) for more more information on the race and links to signs up to volunteer. (See page 11 for more details on the race)

## Holiday Crafting for Kids

Holiday Crafting For kids is a popular program that brings in a lot of families to take advantage of a morning of crafts, snacks and pre-holiday cheer! We need volunteers to help prepare the crafts before the event, as well as help facilitate the projects and serve snacks. The program will be held on **Saturday, November 19, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, stop in to the Wise Nature Center in person Tuesday - Saturday, or contact AJ Leiden at 715-877-2212 or [aj@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:aj@beavercreekreserve.org)

# UPDATES FROM THE NATURE STORE

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***Save 15% on these items and get a head start on you holiday shopping***

## SEPTEMBER

- Puzzles
- Swedish Wash Towels
- Playing Cards



## OCTOBER

- Anything Owl
- Feeders
- NEW BCR Logo Mugs



## NOVEMBER

- All CD's
- Board Books
- Jewelry



# NATURE *news* FOR kids

Wisconsin is home to 10 members of the **squirrel** family.

Northern **Flying** Squirrel

Southern Flying Squirrel

**Gray** Squirrel

**Fox** Squirrel

Red Squirrel

**Eastern Chipmunk**

**Least** Chipmunk

13-**Lined** Ground Squirrel

Franklin's **Ground** Squirrel

**Woodchuck**

\*Look for the words in **bold** in the puzzle.

## Wisconsin Squirrels



There are ten members of the family *Squiridae*, or squirrels, in Wisconsin. Most of us know the gray squirrel. It is found all over the state anywhere there are trees, especially trees like oaks that produce the nuts that they like to eat. The gray squirrel usually has a gray back and gray tail.

If you live in an area with pine trees you probably see the smaller red squirrel. Reds are more likely to chatter at you if you walk by them in the woods. The fur on their back is rusty red-orange color.

The fox squirrel is our largest squirrel that is typically found in the trees. Fox squirrels like orchard and park-like settings. Their fur is a mix of gray and red.

There are also two flying squirrels in Wisconsin, but they don't really fly. They have skin between their front and back legs that allows them to glide from tree to tree or tree to birdfeeder. There are two species (kinds) of chipmunks in Wisconsin. They are recognized by the stripes on their body and face. The least chipmunk is found only in the very northern part of Wisconsin. Often mistaken for chipmunks, 13-lined ground squirrels have stripes and spots along their body. They are found in tall grassy areas, where they are often seen standing straight up, watching for danger.

The largest member of the squirrel family in Wisconsin is the woodchuck. Woodchucks are also called ground hogs. Woodchucks dig burrows (homes) underground. The squirrel that is hardest to find in Wisconsin is the Franklin's ground squirrel. Traditionally, it was found in the western and southwestern part of the state in the prairie habitats.

Whether hiking down a shady lane or enjoying the great outdoors in our own backyards, we all enjoy watching these busy and entertaining creatures.

C	E	N	L	O	X	S	R	K	U
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# COLOR THE SQUIRRELS



## Red Squirrel (on the tree)

**Back**—dark red-orange and brown

**Belly**—off white; there is often a dark stripe down the side

**Tail**—red-orange tipped with gray or black

**Eye**—dark brown with a white circle around it

## Chipmunk

**Back**—reddish brown

**Sides**—lighter brown

**Stripes**—two black on either side of a white stripe

**Face**—brown; stripe above and below eye white; other stripes dark brown

**Eyes**—dark brown

**Tail**—brownish gray



This artwork was provided by James Schweibert for use by Beaver Creek Reserve.

## Citizen Science Wish List

Work Vehicle (Mini-Van or Van)  
Bird Seed & Suet  
3 or more multi-channel walkie-talkies  
3x6 Folding Table  
4 Metal or Plastic Folding Chairs  
Mosquito/shade tent  
Large storage box, chest or deck bin  
Binoculars

## Beaver Creek Wish List

20 ft tandem axle skid steer trailer  
Pressure Washer  
Monetary donations towards the purchase of garage doors for the new garage on the caretaker's property.  
Large covered bins to store life jackets



Please join us in Congratulating Jared Polden and Lindsey Moldenhauer on their nuptials.. Jared has worked for BCR for more than 5 years, and has been our caretaker for the past 3 years.

The happy couple tied the knot at - where else - Beaver Creek on Saturday, September 10th surrounded by friends and family.



## MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

### 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. The 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.cvas-tro.org](http://www.cvas-tro.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 will resume meetings at BCR on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m again in September. The club is open to all bird lovers.

### Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists

**First Wednesday, 9 a.m. – Noon**

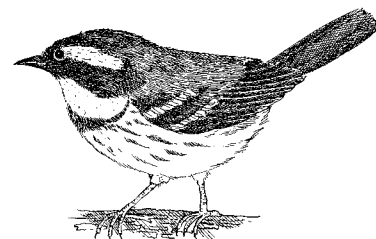
**All watercolorists welcome**

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](mailto: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 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.cvastro.org](http://www.cvastro.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](http://www.beavercreekreserve.org) or [www.cvastro.org](http://www.cvastro.org)



# DIRECTORS UPDATE

from the desk of Erik Keisler

Beaver Creek has had an amazing summer. The draw of the Scheels Discovery Room has far exceeded our expectations. We have experienced a 100% increase in visitors this summer. The Scheels Discovery Room combined with the 3M Nature Nooks and our long standing Butterfly House have been a real draw to young families, grandparents and their grandchildren. Some of you reading this update will be some of the new members we welcomed who might not have been to Beaver Creek before. The staff is so pleased that all of their hard work has paid off and that we are able to spread our mission of "connecting people with nature" to even more people.



We are still raising money for the Discovery Room, which brings us to a big change in our fall schedule. Beaver Creek has had the unique pleasure to be named the recipient of the funds from the Charity Classic for two years in row. (This is a very rare honor) We received \$25,000 from last year's run and will receive another \$25,000 for the event this fall. The 2016 RCU Charity Classic will be held October 8th. We are asking our members to support Beaver Creek by participating in one of the races or volunteering to help out the day of the race. It is going to take a lot of staff and volunteer time to help with the race, which is why we have decided to forgo our Fall Fast this year.

Last spring we had just announced the Discovery Room renovation project weeks before the Charity Classic. Now we are actually able to show the participants of the race the finished project, and invite them out to Beaver Creek to see it in person! If you can't make the event but you still want to donate to the new Scheels Discovery room there is a spot on the new website to send a donation. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a fish scale on our donor wall.

Information on the Charity Classic and a link to volunteer and register can be found at [beavercreekreserve.org/events](http://beavercreekreserve.org/events) and [rcu.org](http://rcu.org)

## Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Phoenix Park, Eau Claire

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\$10 Early Bird Registration thru **Aug. 31**  
\$15 Pre-registration **Sep. 1 – Oct. 4**  
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