



Summer 2021 Public Programs

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 virus, programming may change. Please follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/1000IslandsKaukauna/>

- Tuesday, June 8 **Crayfish Craze! Community Crayfish Hunt** 9:30-11:00 AM Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. **Wear water or tennis shoes to walk in the water.**
- Thursday, June 10 **Birdhouse Building Clinic** 10:00-11:00 AM Learn how to build a wooden bird house using materials provided by 1000 Islands. **Bring a hammer.** Registration is required. \$5.00 per kit donation appreciated.
- June 14 – June 25 **Goats Browsing at 1000 Islands**
Weather permitting, the goats on loan from Mulberry Lane Farms will be in the fenced in area to eat invasive plants—mainly Buckthorn. The goats will be out working (eating) from approximately 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily.
- Tuesday, June 15 **June Storybook Walk – Let’s Count Goats!** – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **Let’s Count Goats!** By Mem Fox on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails and take a craft project to go! This is a free program for all.
- Friday, June 18 **1000 Little Wonders – Book: Come Along, Daisy** 9:30-10:30 AM
This will be an in-person class for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Start with a reading of **Come Along, Daisy** by Jane Simmons and then join Miss Stephanie on a walk around the property to learn about birds that live in the water and their babies! Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call the Nature Center at 920-766-4733 or email at thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org
- Friday, June 18 **Conservancy Crusaders – Book: Near One Cattail** 10:45-11:45 AM
This will be an in-person class for children ages 6-10. Start with a reading of **Near One Cattail** by Anthony Fredericksand then get a chance to go off-trail and discover what we find when we search on the shoreline of rivers and creeks. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call the Nature Center at 920-766-4733 or email at thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org
- Friday, June 25 **Crayfish Craze! Community Crayfish Hunt** 9:30-11:00 AM See June 8 for description.
- Monday, June 28 **Crayfish Exploration** 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM Join a naturalist in the Interactive learning Garden at the Kaukauna Public Library to learn about crayfish and some of the other critters found in our rivers and creeks. Free.

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- Friday, July 2 **1000 Little Wonders – Book: *Beetle Bop*** 9:30-10:30 AM Find out what beetles and other critters live under the rocks and logs in the bug hunt area. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Friday, July 2 **Conservancy Crusaders – Book: *Under One Rock: Bugs, Slugs, and other Ughs*** 10:45-11:45 AM Plan to get dirty and explore in the soil under the rocks and logs in the bug hunt area. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Thursday, July 8 **Crayfish Craze! Community Crayfish Hunt** 9:30-11:00 AM See June 8 for description.
- July 13 & 15 **Beginner Wilderness Survival Camp** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Children ages 8-12 learn the basic methods of survival in the wilderness. Activities include shelter building, fire building, finding water, and methods of finding food. Registration and a \$15 fee is required and is for both days. Call 766-4733 to register. Class size is limited. **Entire program is outdoors so wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen, and bug spray. Bring water bottle and bagged lunch.**
- Friday, July 16 **1000 Little Wonders – Book: *Where Do You Sleep, Little One?*** 9:30-10:30 AM Seek out chipmunks in their holes and other animal homes along the trails in the forest. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Friday, July 16 **Conservancy Crusaders – Book: *Chipmunk Song*** 10:45-11:45 AM Go off trail as we study chipmunks and their holes. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Tuesday, July 20 **July Storybook Walk – *Hiking Day*** – 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book ***Hiking Day*** by Anne Rockwell on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. See June 15 for description.
- Tuesday, July 20 **Bird Feeder Building Clinic** 10:00-11:00 AM Learn how to build a wooden bird feeder using materials provided by 1000 Islands. **Bring a hammer.** Registration is required. \$5.00 per kit donation appreciated.
- Tuesday, July 20 **Crayfish Craze! Community Crayfish Hunt** 12:30-2:00 PM See June 8 for description.
- Saturday, July 24 **Bees with Brian Jacobs** 12:30-2:30 PM Join beekeeper Brian Jacobs as we spend the afternoon learning about the bee hives on the property and what he does to manage the colony. Taste last year's honey and check out some honeycomb as we learn about the process of how bees make honey.
- Wednesday, July 28 **Basics of Bees** 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Are you scared of bees? No need to be! The more you know, the less you fear! So join us in learning the difference between bees and wasps by exploring their nests by dissecting old hives, looking inside an active bee hive here on the property, catching and learning how to tell the difference between a bee and a wasp, and tasting some of the honey our resident bees make. Ages 6 – 10. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Thursday, July 29 **Wildflowers in the Garden** 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM Join Miss Stephanie in the Interactive learning Garden **at the Kaukauna Public Library** to learn about different native wildflowers. Free.
- Friday, July 30 **1000 Little Wonders – Book: *The Trouble with Tadpoles*** 9:30-10:30 AM Catch frogs, tadpoles, and crayfish as we explore the Konkapot Creek. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.

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- Friday, July 30 **Conservancy Crusaders – Book: *Around the Pond, Who’s Been Here?*** 10:45-11:45 AM
Explore what critters we find in and around the creek. See June 18 for full description.
Registration is required and group size is limited. Free.
- August 3 & 5 **River Wonders Explorers Camp** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Children ages 8-12 explore the wonders of both the Konkapot Creek and the Fox River along with the several islands surrounding the River in a true National Geographic Explorers manner! Class size is limited. Registration and a \$15 fee is required and is for both days. Call 766-4733 to register. **Wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug spray and water shoes. Bring water bottle and bagged lunch.**
- Wednesday, August 4 **Crayfish Craze! Community Crayfish Hunt** 12:30-2:00 PM See June 8 for description.
- Friday, August 6 **1000 Little Wonders – Book: *10 Little Ladybugs*** 9:30-10:30 AM Discover flowers and bugs as we search for colors and numbers in the garden. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Friday, August 6 **Conservancy Crusaders – Book: *Are You a Ladybug?*** 10:45-11:45 AM Search for ladybugs and other insects in the gardens around the conservancy. See June 18 for full description.
Registration is required and group size is limited. Free.
- August 10 & 12 **Intermediate Wilderness Survival Camp** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Children ages 8-12 use skills learned in the basics camp to simulate wilderness survival scenarios. Each day will present a new scenario requiring some critical thinking, group cooperation, and survival skill demonstration. Class size is limited. Registration and a \$15 fee is required and is for both days. Call 766-4733 to register. **Entire program is outdoors; wear appropriate clothing, sunscreen and bug spray. Bring water bottle and bagged lunch.**
- Thursday, August 19 **Crayfish Craze! Community Crayfish Hunt** 9:30-11:00 AM See June 8 for description.
- Friday, August 20 **1000 Little Wonders – Book: *Owl Babies*** 9:30-10:30 AM Use binoculars to search up in the trees for owls, birds, and other critter high up in the branches. See June 18 for full description.
Registration is required and group size is limited. Free.
- Friday, August 20 **Conservancy Crusaders – Book: *In the Woods; Who’s Been Here?*** 10:45-11:45 AM Use binoculars and tracking methods to search the forest for animal signs. See June 18 for full description. **Registration is required and group size is limited.** Free.
- Monday, August 23 **August Storybook Walk – *Soar High, Dragonfly*** – 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book ***Soar High, Dragonfly*** by Shari Bestor on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. See June 15 for description.
- Monday, August 23 **Fairy Walk** 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM We’ll have lots of new ways to explore and celebrate fairies and nature during this year’s event. **Visit the Kaukauna Library website for more details. Registration recommended through the Kaukauna Library**

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