

Summer 2022 Public Programs



- Saturday, May 28 **Wild Edibles** (1 - 3 PM) Join guest presenter, David Langner, to learn about common wild edibles and how to cook with them. The program fee will include a copy of his new booklet, "Saving the Environment One Recipe at a Time: An Edible Plant Cookbook". The program is geared toward adults or children ages 12 and up. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$10 per person.**
- Monday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 **Qi Gong for Adults** (6 - 7 PM) Interested in trying some simple and time-tested techniques that decrease stress and increase energy? Qi Gong is for you! Qi Gong can be done as a single movement or a combination of movements, but does not require a specific sequence in the way that Tai Chi does. Qi Gong can easily be incorporated into your daily routine to promote wellness and decrease stress. Come give it a try! **FREE**
- Tuesday, June 7 **Make Your Own Prairie Garden** (6 - 7 PM) This program is designed for adults who want to learn how to make your own prairie garden in your backyard. Join us and the library staff at 1000 Islands to learn about different flowers that attract pollinators and take home some native seeds to start your project. The Library will be here with books to borrow to keep learning at home. Get a new library card or bring yours to check them out. **Register by calling the Kaukauna Public Library or online at www.kaukaunalibrary.org/event. Group size limited. FREE**
- Wednesday, June 8 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Under the Sea** (9 AM - 7 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Under the Sea* by Anna Milbourne 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 a station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! **FREE**
- Thursday, June 9 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (9:30 – 11 AM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. **Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. FREE**
- Friday, June 10 **1000 Little Wonders - Fish** (9:30 - 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to a book about fish read by one of our naturalists and try to find fish in the water as we walk on the boardwalk near the Fox River. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, June 11, July 9 & Aug. 6 **Qi Gong for Families** (10 - 11 AM) Come join us for this family friendly event that incorporates mindful practices into fun filled movement activities that can be easily practiced and incorporated throughout your daily routines. This program is designed to teach families and kids (ages 5-10) helpful strategies that help to cultivate wellness, gratitude, and joy. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Tuesday, June 14 **Birdhouse Building Clinic** (10 – 11 AM) Put together a wooden birdhouse using pre-cut wood pieces in this building clinic. All wood pieces and nails will be provided. This is an on-site building clinic and we encourage everyone to stay on-site to build the birdhouse. Once your birdhouse is built, take it home and decorate it or hang it up as it is in your yard. **Bring a hammer if you have one. Registration is required. \$5.00 per kit donation appreciated.**
- Tuesday, June 21 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (12:30 – 2 PM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. **Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. FREE**

- Thursday, June 23 **The World of Bees** (10 - 11 AM) Join us and Brian Jacobs, local beekeeper, as we explore the world of bees. This program is geared towards children and will allow children to learn about bees in a safe environment. *Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Thursday, June 23 **Bees with Brian Jacobs for Adults** (5 - 7 PM) Join beekeeper Brian Jacobs and learn more about bees. This program is designed for adults who want to learn more about maintaining bee hives and what bees do on a daily basis. *Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Friday, June 24 **1000 Little Wonders-River Otters** (9:30 - 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to a book about river otters read by one of our naturalists and look for signs of otters as we walk on the boardwalk near the Fox River. *Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Saturday, June 25 **Gone Batty** – Help us celebrate Pollinator Week with a program on a lesser known pollinator, bats. Drop in activities will be held throughout the day and a special educational program on bats will take place at 10:30 AM. *FREE*
- June 28, 30, and July 1 **Basic Survival Camp** (10 AM – 12 PM) This three day camp teaches basic survival skills to children ages 5 to 10. We will focus on shelter building, the importance of water, the role of fire, and ways to signal for help. *Registration is required for this camp and there is limited space. The cost of this camp is \$15 per student.*
- Tuesday, July 5 **Craft and Riverwalk** (10 - 11 AM). Join us and the Kaukauna Public Library at 1000 Islands for a relaxing walk by the river and a storytime with craft. Designed for preschool and school age children with caregiver. *Register through the Library. Group size is limited. FREE*
- Tuesday, July 5 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (12:30 – 2 PM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. *Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. FREE*
- Friday, July 8 **1000 Little Wonders- Native Plants** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to a book about native plants and explore our gardens around the nature center. Come learn about what plants help to attract pollinators such as bees and monarch butterflies. *Registration is required and group sizes are limited. FREE*
- Tuesday, July 12 **Bird Feeder Building Clinic** (10 – 11 AM) Put together a wooden bird feeder using pre-cut wood pieces in this building clinic. All wood pieces and nails will be provided. This is an on-site building clinic and we encourage everyone to stay at the Nature Center to build the bird feeder. Once your bird feeder is built, take it home and decorate it or hang it up as it is in your yard. **Bring a hammer if you have one.** *Registration is required. \$5.00 per kit donation appreciated.*
- Wednesday, July 13 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Over in the River** (9 AM - 7 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Over in the River* by Marianne Berkes 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 a station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! *FREE*
- Thursday, July 14 **Toad House Workshop for Adults** (6 - 7 PM) Are you an adult and want to attract toads to your yard? Then come and make a house for them. Use natural materials provided by 1000 Islands to make a cozy home for a neighborhood toad. *Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$8 per person.*
- Tuesday, July 19 **River Animals at the Kaukauna Public Library** (10 - 11 AM) Learn about the different critters that call the Fox River home at the Kaukauna Library. Designed for school age children, but all are welcome! *Registration is required through the Library and group size is limited. FREE*

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- Friday, July 22 **1000 Little Wonders - Bats** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to a book about bats read by one of our naturalists and look for good bat homes as we take a hike. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, July 23 **Basic Survival Skills for Adults** (1 - 3 PM) Are you an adult and want to learn basic survival skills? Join us as we explore shelter building, fire starting, and how to make water safe to drink. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$8 per person.**
- July 26, 28 and 29 **Land, Water, and Air Camp** (10 AM – 12 PM) This three day camp will explore the animals that live along the Fox River. We will spend one day on animals that call the land, water, and air home. This camp is geared towards children ages 5 to 10. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this camp is \$15 per student.**
- Tuesday, August 9 **Butterflies** (10 - 11 AM) Join us and the Kaukauna library at 1000 Islands and learn about monarchs as well as seeing a monarch or two be released. The program is designed for the whole family! The library will have books for all ages to check out and take home. A take home butterfly craft will also be provided for children **Registration is required and group sizes are limited. Please register through the Kaukauna Public library. FREE**
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- Friday, August 12 **1000 Little Wonders – Monarchs** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to a book about Monarch butterflies read by one of our naturalists and look for Monarchs as we walk through our garden. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- August 16, 18, and 19 **River Critter Camp** (10 AM -12 PM) This three day camp is geared towards children ages 5 to 10 and will focus on the animals that live in the river. We will look for Crayfish, learn how to fish, and take a walk along the Fox River. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this camp is \$15 per student.**
- Thursday, August 18 **Night Hike** (7 - 8 PM) Want to explore the preserve after dark? Join us as we take guided hikes along our trails and learn about critters that are active at night. **Group size is limited and registration is required. FREE**
- Monday, August 22 **Fairy Walk** (5 – 7 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 and registration. FREE**
- Thursday, August 25 **1000 Little Wonders – Frogs/Toads** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to a book about frogs and toads read by one of our naturalists and learn how to tell the two apart. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Tuesday, August 30 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Bear Sees Color** (9 AM - 7 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Bear Sees Color* by Karma Wilson 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 a station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! **FREE**

Please call the Nature Center at 920-766-4733 or email thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org to register for a class.

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