



Fall-Winter 2023 Public Program

- Friday, September 8 **1000 Little Wonders - Beavers** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to the book *The Lodge That Beaver Built* by Randi Sonenshine. Learn how beavers change their environment and make your own beaver tail. This program will take place indoors and outdoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, September 16 **Honey Extraction Event** (9 AM – 12 PM) Join Brian Jacobs, a Kaukauna beekeeper, that maintains hives at 1000 Islands as he brings extracted honey from the hives. Experience how raw honey tastes and see how it is collected from a hive, from the safety of the Nature Center building. **Class size limited and pre-registration required. FREE**
- Saturday, September 16 **Brownie Hiker Badge Clinic** (1 – 3 PM) Brownies are welcome to earn your Hiker Badge with us! Look at a map and decide where to go. Try out a hiking skill and pack a snack for energy. **Class size limited and pre-registration required. The cost for this program is \$8 per scout or sibling.**
- Saturday, September 23 **Focus on the Fox** (10 AM – 3 PM) Celebrate World River Day with our family friendly event as we celebrate the Fox River. Activities will take place throughout the day including nature hikes, crayfish & critter hunts, a scavenger hunt and lots of other community partner activities. Follow us on Facebook and watch our website for additional details. **FREE**
- Sept 25 – Oct 9 **Goats Browsing at 1000 Islands** Goats from Mulberry Lane Farms will be in a fenced area to eat invasive plants—mainly Buckthorn. Weather permitting, the goats will be out working (eating) from approximately 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM daily.
- Saturday, September 30 **Service Saturday – Goat to Work** (8 AM – Noon) School bells, crisp nights and falling leaves – Autumn is upon us! Help 1000 Islands prepare for the transition to winter with a morning of service. **Free Apple Crisp for All Volunteers at Noon!**
- Friday, September 29 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Grover the Goat** (9 AM – 3 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Grover the Goat* by Madison Clark and Lilly Roehrig 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 and take a craft project to go! **FREE**
- Friday, October 13 **1000 Little Wonders - Fungi** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *A Walk Through Mushroom Town (Mushroom Gaps)* by Nicole and David Charpentier. Learn why fungi is important and take a walk in the woods to find some. This program will start indoors and be an outdoor/indoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, October 14 **Brownie Bugs Badge Clinic** (1 – 3 PM) Brownies are welcome to earn your Bugs Badge. Participate in a bug craft and look for bugs in their natural habitat. Watch bugs move around their home. **Class size limited and pre-registration required. The cost for this program is \$8 per scout or sibling.**

- Friday, October 20 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – *Stellaluna*** (9 AM – 3 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon 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 and take a craft project to go! **FREE**
- Wednesday, October 25 **Family Night Hike** (7:30 – 8:30 PM) Bring your whole family and hike through the woods at night. Learn about nocturnal animals and participate in activities while on the trail. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, November 10 **1000 Little Wonders – Woolly Bear Caterpillars** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *The Woolly Bear Caterpillar* by Julia Donaldson and Yuval Zommer. Make your own woolly bear caterpillar and learn what their colors mean. Please come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, November 11 **Hibernation Exploration** (11 AM – 12 PM) Learn about animals that hibernate in Wisconsin. See animal artifacts and take a walk on the trails to search for animal homes. Program will take place inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, November 17 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – *Bear Snores On*** (9 AM – 3 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Bear Snores On* 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 and take a craft project to go! **FREE**
- Friday, December 8 **1000 Little Wonders – Porcupines** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *No Hugs for Porcupine* by Zoe Waring. Learn how porcupines defend themselves and create your own porcupine. Please come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, December 9 **Lip Balm Make and Take** (12:30 – 2:30 PM) Looking for a unique gift for a loved one? Join our beekeeper, Brian Jacobs, and learn how to make lip balm from bee wax. Choose from several flavors and we will provide the ingredients, containers, and a simple gift bag. This will be an indoor program. **Pre-registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$5 for each make and take.**
- Friday, December 29 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – *Over and Under the Snow*** (9 AM – 3 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner 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 and take a craft project to go! **FREE**

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

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