

## January - March 2024 Public Programs



- Saturday, January 6 **Who's Been There? Hike** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Explore the trails with a naturalist as we look for tracks animals have left behind. Learn to identify different animal tracks as we explore the Upper Woods. Please come prepared for the weather and be ready to participate in a more difficult hike. This is a family event, and all ages are welcome. ***Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE***
- Friday, January 12 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Sandhill Cranes** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *Hello, I'm Here!* by Helen Frost and learn why cranes migrate. Make your own sandhill crane wings. This will be an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. ***Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE***
- Saturday, January 27 **Eagle Days** (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM) Join us at 1000 Islands as we celebrate the Bald Eagle. See a live Bald Eagle presentation by the National Eagle Center. Visit one of our viewing sites to see if you can spot a Bald Eagle and participate in other hands-on activities. The Kaukauna Public Library will also be hosting events including a storybook walk featuring *On Eagle Cove* by Jane Yolen along and other special Eagle Days presentations. Check our website and Facebook page for updates and more information. ***A FREE Family Event***
- Saturday, February 3 **Exploring Nature with Our Senses** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Explore the outdoors using your five senses. Use your sense of touch, taste, sight, hearing, and smell to explore your surroundings. ***Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE***
- Saturday, February 3 **Survival Saturday – Orienteering** (1:00 – 2:00 PM) Learn a survival skill each month at 1000 Islands. Join Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands staff to learn orienteering basics. Dress for the weather and join the fun! ***Register through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE***
- Friday, February 9 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Badgers** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *Badger's Perfect Garden* by Marsha Diane Arnold and learn where badgers live. Make your own badger puppet. This will be an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. ***Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE***
- Friday, February 23 **Moonlight Hike and Storybook Walk** (6:00 – 8:00 PM) Join us and the Kaukauna Public Library at 1000 Islands as we celebrate the moon. Take a hike along our lit-up trail to the Nelson Overlook. Then read *Night Owl Night* by Susan Edwards Richmond 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. End the night by relaxing by the fire and enjoying some S'mores. ***FREE Family Event***

- Saturday, March 2 **SURVIVOR Challenge Event** (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Use all your survival skills to participate in this SURVIVOR event! Join us for an exhilarating and educational survival skills challenge event! Test your mettle and complete the challenges at each station to be entered to win a survival basket. Challenges will include, but not limited to, past survival programs such as: shelter building, fire building, knot tying, and orienteering. May the odds be ever in your favor! *Pre-registration through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE*
- Friday, March 8 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Kingfishers** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *Ruby's Birds* by Mya Thompson. Learn what kingfishers like to eat and make your own paper plate kingfisher. This program will be indoors and outdoors. Please come dressed for the weather. *Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE*
- Saturday, March 16 **Pancake & Porkie Breakfast** (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, applesauce, and our very own pure maple syrup. Stop in the Sugar Shack to see our wood-fired evaporator in operation. Come to watch and learn how pure maple syrup is made. Tickets at the door—\$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children aged 4 – 10.
- Friday, March 29 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – A Seed is Sleepy** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *A Seed is Sleepy* by Dianna Aston 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. *FREE*
- Saturday, March 30 **Famous Women in Natural Resources** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Celebrate Women's History Month with us as we explore the lives of famous women in the natural resource field. Learn the significant contributions women have made over the years to conservation efforts. This program is designed for older children and adults. *FREE*
- Saturday, March 30 **Brownie Clinic – Outdoor Art Creator Badge** (1:00 – 3:00 PM) Express your inner artist using supplies found in nature. Create a masterpiece, make music outdoors, and practice your nature photography skills. *Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. Please register through the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes at 888-747-6945.*

Please call the Nature Center building at 920-766-4733 or email [thousandisland@kaukauna.gov](mailto:thousandisland@kaukauna.gov) to register for a class.

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