

April - June 2024 Public Programs



- Saturday, April 6 **Solar Eclipse** (1:00 – 2:30 PM) Join staff from 1000 Islands and the Kaukauna Public Library to learn about what a solar eclipse is, how to safely view it, and create some DIY projects to take home for the eclipse on April 8. **FREE**
- Friday, April 12 **1000 Little Wonders – Hummingbirds** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Chiri the Hummingbird** by Jo Blake and learn why hummingbirds are important. Plant a seed that will attract hummingbirds to your yard. This will be an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, April 19 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Diary of a Spider** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **Diary of a Spider** by Doreen Cronin 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, April 20 **Big Paws – Small Paws** (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) In this hands-on experience, we'll explore Wisconsin's fur-bearing mammals and gain insights into Indigenous understandings about these fascinating creatures. Mark Denning, an enrolled member of Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and UW-Milwaukee Adjunct Lecturer, will guide us through Indigenous stories about our big and small paw relatives. Touch their fur to get a real sense of their shape, size, and unique characteristics! All ages are welcome. **Register through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE**
- Saturday, April 27 **Spring Changes** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Spring is a magical time of year that brings many changes to the world around us. Look for spring changes as we take a hike. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, May 11 **World Migratory Bird Day – All About Migration** (11:00 AM – 12:30 PM) Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by learning more about bird migration, discover how we track it, and take a short stroll on the property looking for some of our migrating feathered friends.
- Sunday, May 19 **Nature's Images Art & Craft Fair** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) The Art Fair will be held on the picnic grounds of 1000 Islands Environmental center and will consist of 50 original art and craft vendors. A food stand, bake sale, basket raffle, Carnival Time Popcorn, and musical entertainment by Forté and the Pianissimos. **FREE**
- Friday, May 31 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – The Prairie That Nature Built** (9:00 AM – 7:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **The Prairie That Nature Built** by Marybeth Lorbiecki 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**

- Friday, June 7 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Wolves** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka and practice your wolf howl. Make your own wolf 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***
- Tuesday, June 11 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (9:30 – 11:00 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***
- Thursday, June 13 **Basics of Bees** (10:00 – 11:00 AM) Are you scared of bees? No need to be! The more you know, the less you fear! Join beekeeper Brian Jacobs to learn the difference between bees and wasps by exploring their nests, dissecting old hives, looking inside an active beehive here on the property, and tasting some of the honey our resident bees made. Ages 6 – 10. ***Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE***
- Thursday, June 13 **Bees with Brian** (6:00 – 8:00 PM) Join beekeeper Brian Jacobs to learn 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. This program is geared towards children 13 years or older and adults. ***Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE***
- Friday, June 14 **Nature Walk: Minibeasts** (10:00 – 10:45 AM) Explore the world of centipedes, millipedes, and crickets while taking a hike through the Conservancy Zone. All ages are welcome. ***Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. Register through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE***
- Saturday, June 15 **Pollinator Mayhem** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Pollinators need our help. Learn about the threats they are facing today and ways you can help them at home. This program is geared towards children 13 years and older and adults. ***Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE***
- June 18, 20, 21 **Planet Defenders Camp** (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) This day camp is for students 9 – 11 years old. Learn how to help the planet be a cleaner place. Visit Kaukauna Utilities and learn how hydropower works. Pick up trash along the river and learn how to make a pizza box solar oven. ***Pre-registration is required, and Camp size is limited. The cost is \$15 per student.***
- Friday, June 21 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – *The Big Storm*** (9:00 AM – 7:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book ***The Big Storm*** by Nancy Tafuri 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***
- Tuesday, June 25 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (12:30 – 2:00 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, June 28

1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Woodpecker (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Woodpecker Wham!** by April Pulley Sayre and practice using your beak to pick up bugs. Take a hike and look for woodpecker holes in trees. This will be an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. 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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