

1000 Islands Environmental Center Summer 2024 Public Programs



- Saturday, May 4 **Service Saturday – Love Your Mother** (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Although Mother’s Day may be in May, moms are special every day, so what better way to celebrate moms everywhere by taking care of Mother Earth? Lend a hand in the Conservancy Zone and make a difference in your community. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will provide **free cookies and punch** for volunteers and a **free plant for mom!**
- Saturday, May 11 **World Migratory Bird Day – All About Migration** (11:00 AM – 12:00 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**
- Saturday, May 25 **Foraging with Elena** (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM) Go outside to forage for plantain and turn it into a salve to treat minor skin irritations. May also discuss how to create/manage a green space that you can forage from since many participants may be in the process of planning, prepping, or planting their garden beds. **Register through the Kaukauna Public Library. 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**
- Saturday, June 8 **Outdoor Adventure – Brownie Scout Clinic** (1:00 – 3:00 PM) Explore the outdoors in new ways. Take a hike and learn how to make a fire and build a shelter. Enjoy learning new outdoor games. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. Please register through the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes at 888-747-6945. The cost is \$11 per scout.**
- June 10 – 23 **Goats Browsing at 1000 Islands** (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) 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) on a daily basis.

- 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 an old hive, looking inside an active hive 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 beehives on the property and what he does to manage the colony. Taste last year's honey and check out 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. Please register through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE**
- Saturday, June 15 **Service Saturday – Dig in Like Dad** (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Dear old Dad – He works hard and plays hard. 1000 Islands is a lot like that too, as a place for both recreation and conservation, so let's 'build some character' with a morning of service work and a **free hot dog picnic lunch** afterwards. A free pair of work gloves for Dad is included as well! All ages and abilities are welcome.
- 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**
- Tuesday, July 9 **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**
- Friday, July 12 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Turkey Vulture** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **The Nutty Little Vulture** by Marta Magellan and flap your wings to find food. Take a hike and look for turkey vultures flying by the river. 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, July 13 **Service Saturday – America the Beautiful** (8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon) Happy Birthday America! Celebrate our nation and its leadership in conservation with a day of service on the 1000 Islands Conservancy! **Free snacks and lemonade** are included for all volunteers! All ages and abilities are welcome.
- Saturday, July 13 **Ecological Art** (1:00 – 3:00 PM) Want to create art inspired by nature? Join us as we collect materials to use in your masterpiece. Bring your creative ideas! Paint, glue, and paper will be provided. All ages are welcome. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. This program costs \$5 per participant.**
- Tuesday, July 16 **Fishing Basics** (9:30 – 11:00 AM) Join us as we explore the basics of fishing. Learn how to cast a fishing rod, learn fun facts about fish, and participate in a fish scavenger hunt around the Nature Center. This program is geared towards children 5 – 10 years old. Feel free to fish in the Fox River before and after the program, but we will not be fishing in the river for this program. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, July 19 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – What's in Your Pocket?** (9:00 AM – 7:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **What's in Your Pocket?** by Heather L. Montgomery 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, July 19 **Nature Walk: Wind Chimes** (10:00 – 10:45 AM) Gather sticks and leaves while taking a hike and create your own wind chime. We will provide the string. All ages are welcome. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. Please register through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE**
- Saturday, July 20 **World Snake Day Celebration** (Noon – 3 PM) Come celebrate World Snake Day with Steve Keller's Traveling Snake Show! Learn about snakes & get a chance to have a firsthand experience with one of the world's most misunderstood creatures! **FREE**

- Tuesday, July 23 **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, July 26 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Ducks** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 - 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **One Duck Stuck** by Phyllis Root. Practice your duck noises and look for ducks along the river. This program will be indoors and outdoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE**
- July 30, August 1, & 2 **Basic Survival Camp** (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) This camp is for students 6 – 8 years old. Make a water filter and learn how to use a compass. Learn how to tie basic knots. Build your own shelter and learn how to start a fire. Hike to a secret location using a trail map. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. The cost is \$15 per student.**
- Tuesday, August 6 **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**
- Friday, August 9 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Opossum** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Night Animals** by Gianna Marino and learn how an opossum defends itself. Take a hike and look for signs of opossums around the Conservation Zone. 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, August 10 **Service Saturday – Fun in the Sun** (8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon) Hot! Hot! Hot! All winter we dream of spending summer days at 1000 Islands, so come hang out with us for a morning of service! Lend a hand in the Conservancy Zone and make a difference in your community. Help is needed to control invasive species, planting seedlings, trees and flowers, weeding and cleaning up garden beds, trail repair, general clean-up and maintenance. All ages and abilities are welcome.
- Saturday, August 10 **Outdoor Art Maker – Daisy Scout Clinic** (1:00 – 3:00 PM) Explore nature by making your own art project made from natural materials. Look for different colors in nature and listen for bird calls as we take a hike. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. Please register through the Girls Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes at 888-747-6945.**
- Friday, August 16 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Diary of a Fly** (9:00 AM – 7:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **Diary of a Fly** 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**

- Friday, August 16 **Nature Walk: Pollinators** (10:00 – 10:45 AM) Learn about different pollinators as we take a walk. Look for pollinators around the Nature Center. All ages are welcome. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. Please register through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE**
- Saturday, August 17 **Hike with a Naturalist** (1:00 – 2:30 PM) Join a naturalist as we hike to the Hoersch property and learn about the history of the Old Ferry Road. Please be prepared to walk on uneven trails. This program is geared towards children 13 years of age and adults. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE**
- Monday, August 19 **Fairy Walk** (5:00 – 8:00 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 Public Library. FREE**
- Tuesday, August 20 **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, August 23 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Tiny Rodents** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Little Mole Goes to School** by Glenys Nellist and learn where tiny rodents live. Take a hike and look for rodents in the Conservancy Zone. 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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