

July – September 2024 Public Programs



- Tuesday, July 9 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (9:30 AM – 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 AM – 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 PM – 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 AM – 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 AM – 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** (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM) Come celebrate World Snake Day with Steve Keller's Traveling Snake Show! Learn about snakes and 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 PM – 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 AM – 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 AM – 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 AM – 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.
- 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 AM – 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 PM – 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 PM – 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 PM – 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 AM – 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**
- Saturday, Sept 7 **Survival Series: Orienteering** (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM) Join the Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands staff to learn Orienteering! Staff will share the basics on how a compass works and then we will take a short hike to practice using the compass. Compasses provided to use for the class. Dress for the weather and join the fun! **Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE**
- Friday, Sept 13 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Bears** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3 – 5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *Bear Has a Story to Tell* by Philip Christian Stead and learn how bears prepare for winter. Take a hike and create your own bear craft. This will be an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited.**
- Saturday, Sept 14 **Service Saturday – Fall Festival** (8:00 AM – 12:00 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. All volunteers will receive a free apple crisp.
- Saturday, Sept 21 **Focus on the Fox (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)** Help us celebrate the Fox River with fun, free activities for the whole family! Activities will take place throughout the day including crayfish & critter hunts, guided nature hikes along the Fox River, and much more! Scan this QR code for more information. **FREE**



- Friday, Sept 27 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** – (9:00 AM – 7:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Because of An Acorn* by Lola Schaefer. 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, Sept 28 **Honey Extraction Event** (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Join beekeeper, Brian Jacobs, as he extracts honey from the hives at 1000 Islands. Experience how raw honey tastes and see how it is collected from a hive, from the safety of the Nature Center building. **Class size is limited, and pre-registration required. 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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