

October - December 2024 Public Programs



- Sept 23 – Oct 7 **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.
- Saturday, October 5 **Survival Series: Fire Building** (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM) Join the Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands staff to learn fire building! Staff will share the basics of fire-making, including gathering materials and various fire-starting methods. Dress for the weather and join the fun! *Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE*
- Friday, October 11 **1000 Little Wonders –Bats** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon and look for good bat homes as we take a hike. This program will be both inside and outside. Please dress for the weather. *Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE*
- Saturday, October 12 **Outdoor Scavenger Hunt & Geocaching** (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM) We're turning the Conservancy Zone into a treasure-filled wonderland! You'll get to try your hand at geocaching, a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game. Use your detective skills to find hidden caches and uncover sweet candy treasures! *FREE*
- Friday, October 18 **Paranormal Night** (7:30 PM – 9:00 PM) Let's find the real Kaukauna Ghosts! The Ghostly Players will show us how they use their equipment to collect evidence and investigate paranormal activity. This class is for teens and adults. *Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE*
- Thursday, October 24 **Night Hike & Community Campfire** (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM) Embark on a self-guided night hike on the boardwalk, where the stars will be your guide and the rustling leaves will be your music. After the hike, it's time to unwind. Gather around the campfire to enjoy snacks, share stories, and have loads of fun under the open sky. *FREE*
- Friday, October 25 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson 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, Nov 2 **Survival Series: Shelter Building** (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM) Join the Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands staff to learn shelter building! Staff will share the basics of building a survival shelter and get an opportunity to build their own out in the woods. Dress for the weather and join the fun! *Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE*

- Friday, Nov 8 **1000 Little Wonders – Deer** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This is a class for children 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the book *Little Deer Lost* by Janet Bingham. Learn what deer tracks look like and what deer like to eat. We will take a short hike and will look for deer. This program will start inside and end outside. Please dress for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, Nov 9 **Fall-themed DIY Craft** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) This program is for younger children and families. Get ready to dive into the vibrant colors of fall with our fun-filled DIY craft session. We'll be creating beautiful fall-themed crafts that will bring the magic of autumn right into your hands. **FREE**
- Saturday, Nov 16 **Lip Balm Make & Take** (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM) Join our indoor workshop to learn how to make lip balm using locally sourced beeswax! Choose from a variety of flavors, and we'll supply all the ingredients and containers. This program is open to teens and adults. Participants will receive (2) half-ounce lip balm tins. **Pre-registration is required as class size is limited. The cost is \$3 per participant, payable at the start of the class.**
- Friday, Nov 22 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?* by Jane Yolen 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, Dec 7 **Survival Series: Knot Tying** (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM) Join the Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands staff to learn knot tying! Learn the basics of knot tying as our expert staff share their knowledge. Dress for the great outdoors and immerse yourself in this hands-on experience. **Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE**
- Friday, Dec 13 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure –** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. 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, Dec 13 **1000 Little Wonders – Hibernation** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This is a class for children 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the story *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson to learn about animals that hibernate. Take a walk on the trails to search for animal homes. This is an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Tuesday, Dec 17 **Silent Night Hike** (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM) Want to embark on a self-guided journey through a mesmerizing winter wonderland? Lace up your hiking boots and join us for an evening that promises to be a delightful blend of adventure and tranquility. **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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