January - March 2025 Public Programs

Thursday, January 9 **January – Junior Naturalist Program** (4:00 PM – 5:15 PM)Our NEW Junior Naturalist program is here to turn middle schoolers into wilderness experts. Learn to navigate the wild, build awesome shelters, identify plants and wildlife, and so much more! Once they have mastered these skills, students will have the unique chance to become teachers themselves, sharing their knowledge and experiences with their peers. This hands-on approach not only reinforces their learning but also boosts their confidence and leadership skills***.*** ***Grades 5-8*** ***Pre-registration is required. FREE***

Friday, January 10 1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Eagles (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *An Eagle’s Tale* by Angela Modany. *Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE*

Saturday, January 11 Bird House Building Clinic (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM) Join us for a fun and hands-on birdhouse building clinic! Using pre-cut wood pieces and provided nails, you’ll assemble your very own birdhouse right here at the Nature Center. We encourage everyone to stay and build on-site. Once your birdhouse is complete, you can take it home to decorate or hang in your yard. Please bring a hammer if you have one. *Registration is required and group size is limited. $5.00 per kit donation appreciated.*

Friday, January 17 **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 ***Stopping by Woods on A Snowy Evening*** by Robert Frost 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, January 25 **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 offer a storybook walk featuring ***On Eagle Cove*** by Jane Yolen, eagle craft puppets, and a presentation by Native American Outreach & Engagement Coordinator Kim Cackowski on the cultural significance of eagles and the requirements of being an eagle feather holder. Check our website and Facebook page for updates and more information. ***A FREE Family Event***

Saturday, February 1 Tree Planting and Care Workshop (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Explore the fascinating world of trees! Find out which soils are best for different trees, how to plant seedlings, and the essentials of tree care and disease prevention. Plus, you’ll have the chance to buy tree and shrub seedlings for distribution in late April. *Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE*

Thursday, February 6 **Junior Naturalist Program** (4:00 PM – 5:15 PM) Our NEW Junior Naturalist program is here to turn middle schoolers into wilderness experts. Learn to navigate the wild, build awesome shelters, identify plants and wildlife, and so much more! Once they have mastered these skills, students will have the unique chance to become teachers themselves, sharing their knowledge and experiences with their peers. This hands-on approach not only reinforces their learning but also boosts their confidence and leadership skills***. Grades 5-8*** ***Pre-registration is required. FREE***

Friday, February 14 1000 Little Wonders — Class Theme: Penguins (9:30 AM –10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *A Penguin Story* by Antoinette Portis. Please come dressed for the weather. *Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. FREE*

Friday, February 14 Moonlit Sweetheart Hike and Storybook Walk (6:00 PM – 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. Then read *Owls: Hunters of the Night* by Elaine Landau on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up 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 with your loved ones by the fire and enjoying some s’mores. *FREE Family Event*

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Friday, March 14 1000 Little Wonders — Class Theme: Robins (9:30 AM — 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *Robins! How They Grow* Up by Eileen Christelow. 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 15 **Friends of 1000 Islands** **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 21 **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 ***Finding Things***by Kevin Henkes 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 29 Girl Scout Day at 1000 Islands! Daisy Clinic — Eco-Explorer Badge (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) In this badge you will learn how to protect and maintain the nature around you and learn how to always leave a place better than you found it. *Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. Please register through the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes at 888-747-6945.*

Saturday, March 29 Girl Scout Day at 1000 Islands! 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 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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