

AUCTION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

May 13, 2010 • 6:30 PM
Bubolz Nature Preserve

- Smorgasbord of Treats
- Entertaining Auction
- Raffle Items
- Great Friends

Prepare for Fun!
See page 4 for details.



Upcoming Programs...

June 10, 2010 • 7:00 PM
Journey through Grand Canyon by Land and Water

John Engel will present his 15 day kayaking and hiking trip in the Grand Canyon. John's photographs will take us on a journey through this powerful and inspiring landscape. Along the way, learn about the geology, plants and animals of the Canyon.

July 8, 2010 • No Program

Enjoy your summer!

Programs are held at the wheelchair accessible Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (County A) in Appleton, Wisconsin and are open to the public. Please join us!

<http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/>

The Fox Valley Sierra Group is now on Twitter and Facebook! Stay up-to-date on the latest environmental news, outings and events. Find us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FVSierraClub>. On Facebook, search for "Fox Valley Sierra Group" then become a fan.



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Greater Green Bay Earth Week Coalition Events

SATURDAY APRIL 17

East River/Joannes Park Cleanup. 8-11 AM. East High School is sponsoring the East River/Joannes Park Cleanup.

Baird Creek Cleanup. 8-Noon. The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation is sponsoring the annual Baird Creek Clean-Up at Triangle Hill Park. This event is open to the public. See the Foundation's website at www.bairdcreek.org for further information.

SUNDAY APRIL 18

Container Vegetable Gardening. 1 PM. Green Bay Botanical Gardens is hosting a green gardening presentation at the Botanical Gardens. Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture, and GBBG staff will show how growing your own veggies in a container can help reduce fossil fuel and pesticide use, and at the same time increase taste bud use! We'll look at some plants developed especially for container culture, ideas for maximizing space use, and have a little fun. Program is free in celebration of Earth Week! Please visit the Botanical Gardens' website at www.gbbg.org for further information about this event.

TUESDAY APRIL 20

"No Impact Man" Film Presentation. 6 PM. The Greater Green Bay Earth Week Coalition, along with the Green Bay Film Society, is hosting an environmental film night at the Downtown Public Library. The film "No Impact Man" will be shown followed by a discussion led by a college professor. This is an opportunity to learn practical ways to reduce your impact on the planet. This event is open to the public.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21

Brown County Conservation Alliance Awards Banquet. 6 PM. The Brown County Conservation Alliance will be holding an awards dinner at the Rock Garden. The Alliance will present numerous awards that recognize individuals, organizations, government officials and businesses for their conservation efforts. Contact Ron Vander Loop at 920-494-4886 for further info and tickets to the banquet.

THURSDAY APRIL 22

Leave Your Car at Home Day. This is an annual event where schools, businesses and community members are encouraged to leave your car at home and take other forms of (Continued on page 5)

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New Trash to Treasure Event in Greenville

Leanne Meidam Wincentsen, the Trash to Treasure project coordinator, worked hard to persuade the Greenville Town Board to give this event a try. If it is successful, it could become an annual event. Trash to Treasure promotes the reuse of bulky household items and reduces the use of landfills for these discarded items. Members of Sustain Greenville are sponsors of Trash to Treasure.

Trash to Treasure will take place on May 16, 2010 after the Greenville Women's Club town wide rummage sale on May 14-15. Citizens are encouraged to place unwanted items next to the road in their front yard on the morning of May 16. If a passerby sees an item they want, they may take it, free of charge. Anything not taken by 7 PM would have to be picked up by the owners and returned to homes and garages. We wish Leanne and the members of Sustain Greenville success with this reduce, reuse and recycle endeavor!

Volkssport Club Walk Boxes Return

Volkssport Clubs around the country are gearing up for a new season of events to promote non-competitive walking and cycling for fun and fitness. One of the services Volkssport Clubs provide is a "Walk Box" with maps of walking or biking routes in many communities. The Wisconsin Volkssport Club, Dairyland Walkers, sponsors 21 boxes: Baraboo, Cedarburg, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac (2), Janesville, LaCrosse, Lake Geneva, Madison (6), Middleton, Milwaukee, Neenah (2), Oshkosh, Port Washington, and Horicon Marsh (Waupun). The Neenah Walk Box contains routes through Riverside Park and a bike route across the Friendship Trestle Trail.

April 1 was the official date the Walk Boxes returned to their seasonal "homes" in public or community businesses. The businesses are usually open 7 days a week (for example the Neenah Walk Box is located in the Express Convenience Center on S. Commercial St.) so that anytime, any day, you would be able to find a 10K walking route in a community you were visiting.

If you are traveling to a community and wish to take an interesting walk, check the website of the American Volkssport Association (www.ava.org). In addition to walking routes, you can find walking events (special group walks set up for specific dates and times) sponsored by local clubs. These are available in every state in the U.S. and in numerous countries worldwide.

Call for Award Nominations

FVSG is once again seeking nominations for our Environmental Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor those that have achieved significant benefits to the environment from their efforts and contributions. The award will consist of a plaque and \$100 to be presented at a future FVSG meeting.

Persons making nominations must be current members of FVSG. Any individual or group may be nominated: for example, an informal group of individuals, a club, a company, a unit of government, or a nonprofit organization. Nominations must be submitted in essay form no more than 500 words. The nominating essay will describe the action or effort put forth, the environmental benefits accruing thereto, and the contribution of the nominee to the effort or action, plus any other pertinent information. **Nominations must be received by June 30, 2010.** Email your nominating essay to Charles Paine at chasp@ntd.net or mail a hardcopy to: N8172 Firelane 13, Menasha, WI 54952.

Those selected by the reviewing committee will be published in the August-October 2010 issue of *It's Our Nature* along with a ballot for members to use to vote for the nominee of their choice.

FROM THE CHAIR

I'm writing this column in early April – a month that has always meant spring. Forty years ago, when I was a high school student, Earth Day was created by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. April still means "spring" to me but now it also means "Earth Day". Earth Day was created as a way to force environmental issues onto the national agenda. Twenty million Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked.

My high school in Virginia may have missed a few of the first Earth Days since I only remember the school honoring it once while I was there. Earth Day at the school took the entire day. All regular classes were cancelled and replaced by dozens of special programs, workshops, classes, and other opportunities. It was much as Gaylord Nelson had envisioned.

I recall being very aware of pollution in my childhood. I lived just a few miles from Washington, D.C. and knew first-hand of the nasty water in the Potomac River. My family enjoyed canoeing and sailing in the Potomac because it was our only option for those sports. We always encountered bloated dead fish, dead birds, and a lot of trash. And it was common to see mounds of suds on the water resembling the suds in our washing machine except that it was dirty brown. We avoided swimming in the river and we always washed well after being on the water.

The grade school I attended was adjacent to a county park with a good-sized forest and two creeks. Many of the students who walked to school came through the forest. My house was upstream along a creek and I often walked the 1/3 mile on a path along the creek from my home to the school. Other kids lived on the other side of the creek and crossed on one of two bridges. The main bridge was made from the trunks of two tall trees and covered with wooden planks. Floods kept washing the bridge away until it was eventually replaced with a sturdy steel structure. The bridge was a wonderful and peaceful place to observe nature.

My fifth-grade teacher tried hard to instill a love of nature in her students. She always had a "Conservation Club" for her class. It wasn't really a "club" since everyone participated. We frequently went to the park for recreation and for observations. She encouraged us to write to government agencies to request literature and

to enter a conservation essay contest. My writing skills didn't win anything, but I learned a lot.

As a Boy Scout I continued to be exposed to nature and conservation lessons. Respect for nature is an important part of Scouting, reinforced by outings and service projects. I loved our camp in the beautiful Appalachians, and I worked there for two summers. On my days off I ventured out alone on long hikes. I sometimes drank from springs and small streams that seemed clean enough to trust.

As a child I had seen nature as it should be but also tarnished with litter and pollution. I recall watching documentaries with the revolting images of raw sewage flowing into rivers. Other programs told about pesticides and the effects of air pollution on wildlife. Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring", published in 1962, documents the detrimental effects of pesticides. It was evident that pollution damages recreational opportunities and the lives and habitat of plants and animals and also harms the health of people.

The history of Earth Day and the accomplishments that followed are fascinating and worth researching on the Internet. In 1970 Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act also trace their origins to the first Earth Day. Certainly not everything has gone well for the environment over the past forty years, so there remains a need for Sierra Club and other environmental advocates.

For a number of years the FVSG sponsored a large service project called "The Fox River(bank) Cleanup" which encouraged citizens in several communities along the Fox River to clean up litter from riverside parks. Many people participated and the event received a lot of publicity. Eventually enough trash was removed from those parks and the project was no longer needed. Since then we have focused on removal of the garlic mustard invasive plant and participating in other local Earth Day events including the Habitat ReStore's Earth Day Celebration in Appleton. I hope you find a way to remember or share Earth Day this year.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

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Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber spoke to citizens about SB 282 at the Regional Transit Authority Meeting in De Pere on March 9, 2010. SB 282 will enable local communities to form regional transit authorities throughout Wisconsin and allow those communities to raise dedicated funds for transit. DALE SCHABER

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- **Smorgasbord of Treats:** \$3 admission lets you indulge on an array of goodies. We will start eating promptly at 6:30 PM so please arrive earlier to set up and socialize. **Bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. BYOB.**
- **Entertaining Auction:** The "Remarkable" Randy Cannour will conduct the live bidding on unique and priceless items and services donated by our members and local businesses. The auction will begin at 7:00 PM. Visit our Facebook page to see photos of just a few of the many items that will be up for grabs.
- **Raffle:** Purchase tickets for your chance to win one of four amazing prizes. Can't make it to the auction? Order your tickets using the form below! Need not be present to win.
- **Auction Donations Needed:** In order to make our annual fundraiser a success we are seeking donations from local businesses, artists, craftspeople, and members to be included in our live auction. Previous "hot sellers" include: art prints, computer work, bike ride & picnic, craft projects, professional massage, yard work, food specialties, wood carvings, sunset sailing, stained glass, dinner for two, etc.

Please pre-register items/services for auction by phone (920) 468-7252 or by mail: Maureen Birk, 3381 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. Include your name, phone#, item/service to auction, any limitations, and estimated value. Bring items at the time of the auction, or call Maureen at (920) 468-7252. Last-minute items accepted at the door, but please come 15 minutes early!

Can't make it to the auction but still want to support the Fox Valley Sierra Group?

Mail a check made payable to "Fox Valley Sierra Group" to FVSG Treasurer Sally Peck, 1646 Amy St, Green Bay, WI 54302



Eco Bike Pottery Necklace donated by Kylie Parry Studios, Menasha.



Framed Turtle Blockprint donated by Christina Roberts, Neenah.



Drawing Held: Thursday, May 13, 2010
at Bubolz Nature Preserve,
4815 N. Lynndale Dr., Appleton, WI.

Need not be present to win!

FVSG RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Purchase tickets for your chance to win:

- **Grand Prize: Stylized Wolf Carved out of Butternut donated by Bob McCurdy, Baileys Harbor.**
- Framed Turtle Blockprint donated by Christina Roberts, Neenah.
- Eco Bike Pottery Necklace donated by Kylie Parry Studios, Menasha.
- *EARTH TALK: Expert Answers to Everyday Questions About the Environment* book donated by Just Act Natural, Appleton.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Ticket Prices:

___ 1 for \$5

___ 3 for \$10

___ 8 for \$20

Complete form and mail check payable to "Fox Valley Sierra Group" to: Kelly Krupka, 430 Caroline St, Neenah, WI 54956

Note: We will NOT mail the raffle tickets to you. We will automatically enter them into the drawing to be held the night of our fundraiser on May 13, 2010. If you win, your prize will be mailed to you.

IAT Work Trips Worth the Effort

by Monny Hjerstedt

Approximately 600 miles of the 1,000 mile Ice Age Trail (IAT) have been marked with yellow blazes. The Mobile Skills Crew of the Ice Trail Alliance along with many other volunteers have been busy each year creating, supporting and protecting the Trail. Half of a dozen Mobile Skills Crew work trips are planned throughout the state each year. These trips start on a Thursday morning and conclude the following Sunday at noon. Volunteers are provided with meals and a place to pitch their tent. Varying levels of skills are welcomed and you can come for one day or all four.

Last year I attended two outings for a couple of days each; one just north of Hartman Creek State Park in Waupaca County and another north of Northern Kettle Moraine in Sheboygan County. The work was hard at times, especially when the temperature was close to 90. It's nice being out in the woods instead of behind a computer. We cleared trails, built

the trail to the standard width, removed some evasive species, and marked the trail. During the outings I met some very interesting people with a common interest in the IAT. People of all walks of life participate: young and old, doctors and teachers, all kinds. I even met a young lady whose hobby is to climb the outside of multiple story buildings. Many have hiked the whole trail in one stretch and others have hiked the whole trail a portion at a time. I was interested in hearing their stories.

I highly recommend signing up for a Mobile Skills Crew outing. At the end of the day you eat well and have a good time relaxing around the campfire. Just knowing that you just improved or added a section to the 1,000 mile trail is a great feeling. 2010 work trips are planned in Polk, Marathon, Waushara, and Columbia Counties. For more information and to register for a work trip visit: www.iceage-trail.org/msccalendar.htm

Thanks to the efforts of countless volunteers, the Ice Age Trail Alliance added the following number of miles within Wisconsin to the Ice Age Trail that are opened to the Public:

Year	Miles	Year	Miles
2003	+6.9	2007	+7.3
2004	+5.6	2008	+8.3
2005	+6.7	2009	+10.1
2006	+17.3		

Every year the Fox Valley Sierra Group hosts a number of work outings on the IAT. The next work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2010. See page 7 of this newsletter for details.

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transportation, including mass transit, biking, and walking, to and from work and school. This event is sponsored in part by Wisconsin Public Service.

Presentation by Dave Wann. 11:30 AM. NWTC is hosting the author of *Affluenza* and *Simple Prosperity*. This event is open to the public.

Workshops at The ReStore. Noon-6 PM. The ReStore in Green Bay will be hosting a series of green workshops, vendors and exhibitors throughout the day, including workshops on composting and rain barrels. Please visit the ReStore's website at www.restoregb.org for further information.

FRIDAY APRIL 23

Critical Mass Bike Ride. 5 PM. Join Rich Krieg and others during the annual Critical Mass Bike Ride that will be held downtown. More details to come.

Eco-Jam. 7 PM. UWGB's environmental club, PEAC, as well as the Coalition are sponsoring this year's annual Eco-Jam. PEAC is bringing in the band, MorSoul from Colorado to play. MorSoul is a "green" band that travels around the country with its vegetable-oil fueled vehicle teaching people about alternative energy. Eco-friendly ven-

dors and clubs will have booths set up so come out before the band and see what local businesses and clubs have to offer. This event is open to the public.

SATURDAY APRIL 24

Fox River Clean Up. 8 AM. Friends of the Fox River Trail is hosting this year's annual Fox River Clean Up. Volunteers should meet at St. Francis Park. This event is open to the public.

Tree Planting/Seedsfolks. 9-10:30 AM. In celebration of One Book One Community rolling out its book choice of the year, *Seedsfolks*, Kavarna is hosting a planting activity for kids before the Green Parade. For more information, contact Meghan Riordan at meghan@kavarna.com.

Green Parade. 11 AM. The Coalition is hosting its first annual Green Parade. The parade will be held downtown Green Bay in the Broadway District. Now accepting applications for entrants in the parade! All entrants must be green powered (i.e., solar powered, electric, man-powered, etc.).

Contact Jodi Arndt at jla@lcojlaw.com or Maureen Davitt at 920-217-1799 for further info.

International Potluck Dinner. 6:30-9 PM. BYOD – bring your own dinnerware (reusable)! No fee, just a dish of food to pass. Event takes place at A Better Footprint (lower lobby), 1228 Main Street, Green Bay. Contact Miranda at 920-569-6332 or abetterfootprint.org/events for more info.

SUNDAY APRIL 25

Teddy Bear Hunt. Noon-4 PM. The Brown County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League will be sponsoring its 4th Annual Teddy Bear Hunt at Osprey Point on Cty Hwy GV (one mile south of the Highway 172/Cty GV exit). Families purchase a "hunting license" for \$15 (\$10 for Chapter members), which covers the cost of lunch for the entire family, a teddy bear for each child, and other special outdoor activities such as fishing, bird watching, geo-caching and nature crafts. This event is open to the public. Contact Jodi Arndt at jla@lcojlaw.com for further information.

For more information, visit the Great Green Bay Earth Week Coalition website at: <http://sites.google.com/site/greatergreenbayearthweek>

NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES, LOCAL EVENTS & CLASSES

Brillion Brillion

May 6 & 8 - Thursday & Saturday

Smalls & Talls*: Ants on a Log. 10:30-11:30 AM. Come out for a spring picnic – ants invited! Learn about what these hard workers like to eat, where they live and how they communicate. Cost: \$3/child member, \$5/child non-member.

May 8 - Saturday

Early Birds. 8:30-9:30 AM. Look for spring migrants in the woodlands, marsh and prairie. We will provide field guides and binoculars. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free/member, \$1/non-member or \$3/household.

June 10 & 12 - Thursday & Saturday

Smalls & Talls*: Salamanders. 10:30-11:30 AM. Discover how salamanders are more like frogs than they are like lizards. Learn what they eat, where they live and how they survive in the wild. See and touch 2 different kinds of salamanders. Cost: \$3/child member, \$5/child non-member.

June 12 - Saturday

Through the Viewfinder. 1-2:30 PM. Bring your camera and head out to find that perfect nature photo. Learn tips on how to frame your shot and use light and shade to your advantage. Cost: Free/member, \$1/non-member or \$3/household.

June 19 - Saturday

VolunTeens Program Orientation. 10-11:30 AM. Students that have completed 6-12 grade can volunteer at the center while learning skills in conservation, plant & animal ID, trail maintenance, etc. Students must fill out an application and return it prior to orientation. Free.

July 8 & 10 - Thursday & Saturday

Smalls & Talls*: Life in a Pond. 10:30-11:30 AM. From insects to amphibians, the pond is home to many creatures. Use dip nets and buckets to discover who is hiding under the water. Cost: \$3/child member, \$5/child non-member.

July 20 - Tuesday

Forecasting with Frenchy Corbeille. 6-7 PM. Learn about what makes weather happen and the difference between using folklore and fact when observing weather and making predictions. Free.

**Small & Talls programs are designed for Adults & Pre-school age children to participate together.*

Bubolz Appleton

May 19 - Wednesday

Rain Barrel Workshop. 6-8 PM. Make a rain barrel to take home! Register early, workshops fill up fast! Cost: \$45/Member, \$50/Non-member.

May 21 - Friday

Frogging After Dark. 8-9:30 PM. Get an intro to frogs and calls, and then take a short hike to a nearby pond in search of frogs. Wear waterproof shoes and dress for the weather. Children must be

accompanied by an adult. Best for children ages 4+. Reservation appreciated. Cost: \$2/person.

May 22 - Saturday

Fox Valley Herp Club Open House. Noon-3. See a variety of live reptiles up close and personal and learn what it takes to care for them. Great for all ages! Cost: \$5/family, \$2/person.

June 12 - Saturday

Nature Invaders Made Interesting. 1-3 PM. Would you know an Emerald Ash Borer if you saw one? What about Buckthorn or Crown vetch, or the Rusty crayfish? Stations help you learn about nature's invaders. Kids welcome and can make alien crafts to take home! Sponsored by Citizens Natural Resources Assoc. Donations appreciated.

June 22 - Tuesday

Over 50 Adults Only Nature Walk. 8 AM & 7 PM. Sorry, no kids allowed on this one! Take a slow and peaceful walk with a Naturalist. Reconnect with nature; enjoy the smells and sounds of the outdoors. Cost: Free/member, \$2/non-member.

July 1 - Thursday

Row Boat GPS Scavenger Hunt. 10-Noon. Kids ages 9-12. Learn how to use a handheld GPS then maneuver across the ponds on a high-tech treasure hunt. Not for siblings younger than 9. Cost: \$3/child member, \$4/child non-member.

July 8 - Thursday

Teen Geocache Bash & Pizza. 10-Noon. Learn to navigate with a GPS, find caches and then set caches for opposing teams. Some caches lead to food coupons or other "surprises"! Put a team together or participate on your own. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$5/member, \$8/non-member.

Ledgeview Chilton

May 1 - Saturday

Canoe/Bird Outing. 8:30 AM. Join a naturalist for a canoe bird outing on a river in Calumet County. Bring your own canoe, life jackets, paddles, and binoculars if you have them. Meet at nature center. Cost: \$3/person.

May 2 - Sunday

Spring Wildflower Folklore Hike. 1 PM. Guided hike to see the spring floral display and learn interesting facts and folklore. Cost: \$3/person.

May 9 - Sunday

Mother's Day Wildflower Hike. 1 PM. Guided hike to see spring flowers and learn interesting facts & folklore. Cost: \$3/person, Free/Mothers.

May 16 - Sunday

Family Fossil Hunt. 1 PM. Learn about fossils then discover them in our quarry. Ages 6-adult. Cost: \$5/family, \$3/individual.

Weekends starting May 22

Public Cave Tours. 1 PM. Guided tours of Carolyn's Caverns all summer; check web for schedule.

(www.co.calumet.wi.us) Learn the geology, biology, and human history. Caves are dark, damp, and dirty and accessed by stairs & ladders. Wear layers and plan on getting dirty. Bring flashlight. Min. 5 yrs old w/parent. Minors must be accompanied by adult. Tours last about 2 hrs. Arrive before 1 PM. Limit: 35 people. (Groups should make separate reservations.) Cost: \$6/person.

July 17 - Saturday

Prairie Wildflower Hike. 10 AM. Hike with a naturalist, learn prairie history, folklore, and wildflower ID. Cost: \$3/person.

Mosquito Hill New London

May 15 - Saturday

Leave No Family Inside: Froggie Went a Courtin'. 12:30-3 PM. Get an introduction to Wisconsin's native frogs. An indoor presentation will be followed by a hike on the property to locate "froggies-a-singing". Registration/payment due May 10. Cost: \$6/person, \$10/family.

June 11 - Friday

Newstar Astronomy Star Party. 8 PM. Indoor presentation followed by stargazing through telescopes, binoculars and the Douglas Observatory. Cloudy skies? Indoor session will still be presented. Dress for weather. Registration/payment due June 8. Cost: \$5/adult, \$3/student, senior, FOMH.

June 12 - Saturday

Leave No Family Inside: Bird Watching for Beginners. 9:30-Noon. Through the use of binoculars, birdcall CDs and field guides, naturalist Jessica will teach you the basics of bird watching. Binoculars provided. Registration/payment due June 9. Cost: \$6/person, \$10/family.

June 26 - Saturday

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project. 12:30-4 PM. MLMP is a cooperative study of monarch egg and larva densities. Volunteers choose sites with milkweed and weekly gather data. Learn about monarch biology, life stages and how to monitor on your own property. Register by June 25. Free.

July 7 - Wednesday

Butterfly House Opens. This outdoor exhibit featuring live Wisconsin butterflies in an enclosed landscaped habitat will be open every Wed. & Sat. from 11-3 and Sun., 11-4, through Aug. 29. Educators will answer questions and point out the many species. Cost: \$1/person donation.

July 17 & 28 and August 7 & 18

Butterfly Adventure Club. 1-2 PM. Ages 5-10. Go on a safari, learn safe handling practices and help release butterflies into the Butterfly House each of these 4 days. Club members receive a pin, activity booklet, bandana and snack. Sign up for 1 or more days. Cost: \$7/child for all sessions.

The aforementioned activities are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

FVSG SPRING & SUMMER OUTINGS

Please join us on one of our outings this summer! They are a great way to meet other outdoor enthusiasts and see some of Wisconsin's most beautiful places. Outings are open to members and non-members alike. In order to participate, sign up at one of our general meetings at Bubolz or contact the outings leader directly. After you contact a trip leader, they will provide you with the trip details.

April 25, Sunday

Hike a Section of the Ice Age Trail near Hartman Creek State Park. Details to be determined later, but plan to hike 2-3 hours. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring a trail lunch and water. Along the way we will look for evidence of glaciation and learn a little about how this landscape was formed. *Charlie Paine, chasp@ntd.net, 920-739-1900.*

Garlic Mustard Pull at High Cliff State Park. Learn what garlic mustard looks like then work toward removing this invasive species from the park grounds. Since we are pulling garlic mustard there is no need to pay the park entrance fee. Bring work gloves, water and snacks and wear work clothes. Cookies provided by Park Staff. *Dale Schaber, 920-739-6041.*

May 2, Sunday

Hike a small gem of a trail system near Shawano, Maple Hills. After about an 1 1/2 hour hike, we'll go into Shawano to one of the best places to look for sturgeon on their annual run up the Wolf River. Learn about their prehistoric route and how it ends at the dam in Shawano. *Nancy Brown-Koeller, 920-721-5431 work, 715-853-6625 cell.*

May 8, Saturday

Garlic Mustard Pull in Combined Locks. Learn what garlic mustard looks like then work toward removing this invasive species. Water will be provided. Bring work gloves and snacks and wear work clothes. Meet at 10:15 AM. Call for location. *Dale Schaber, 920-739-6041.*

Hike at 1,000 Islands Environmental Center to Look for Nesting Eagles. Early May is a good time to look for nesting eagles: the eaglets should be hatched but the leaves are not yet blocking our view. We'll meet in the parking lot near the Nature Center entrance and hike along the Fox River for a couple of hours, stopping to view the eagle nests along the way. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. *Charlie Paine, chasp@ntd.net, 920-739-1900.*

May 22, Saturday

Ice Age Trail Work Day in Portage County. This is a joint workday between the Fox Valley Sierra Group and the Portage County IAT chapter. We will meet at Hartman Creek State Park, west of Waupaca. We will be assisting the Portage County chapter with spring maintenance on the trail. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, and insect repellent. We will stop for ice cream mid afternoon at the conclusion of our work. Contact Darrel for information. *Darrel Ruechel, FVSG IAT coordinator, 715-258-5226, dairl@waupacaonline.net*



Blooming Hepatica during last year's hike at Maple Hills. PATRICIA BRESNAHAN

May 25, Tuesday

Bike Ride on the Wiouwash Trail. Celebrate National Bike Month with a leisurely evening ride from Medina to Hortonville and back. Approx. 10 miles round trip. Learn about the sandhill cranes that we may see along the way. We'll stop at Charlie's Place (Tuesday is Classic Car Night!) in Hortonville for a bite to eat. Ride involves a short section on a busy road through downtown Hortonville. *Kelly Krupka, 920-540-9139.*

June 5, Saturday

Bike a Circle Tour around Green Lake. Approx. 25 miles on back roads designated as a bike route. We'll bike past several county parks, Norwegian Bay wetlands and the historical Green Lake Conference Center. Learn what the Green Lake Greenways group initiative's have been doing to offer a variety of biking experiences for an environmental and economic win/win for Green Lake County. *Nancy Brown-Koeller, 920-721-5431 work, 715-853-6625 cell.*

June 12, Saturday

Canoe the Red River. Come see one of Wisconsin's prettiest whitewater rivers which flows past the historic Alexian Brothers Novitiate. There are several class I rapids. The two falls will be portaged. Life jackets required. *Rich Krieg, 920-660-3557, eddyout@gmail.com*

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Hiking along the Fox River during an outing at 1,000 Islands Environmental Center in Kaukauna on March 6, 2010. MONNY HJERSTEDT

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Habitat Restore's 2010 Earth Day Celebration on April 24th

Celebrate the 40th Earth Day Anniversary at the Third Annual Habitat ReStore's Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 3000 East College Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin. The Earth Day event starts at 9:00 AM and last until 3:00 PM.

At the Earth Day Celebration there will be kid's events, exhibitors, local organic food, raffle, silent auction, hands-on demonstrations and forums, energy efficient vehicles, and lots of fun! The Fox Valley Sierra Group will be an exhibitor. Come and see the hot new ideas at this very cool event. Check out the event website for more information: <http://www.appletonrestore.org/earthday.html>



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