

Fox Valley Sierra Group Programs

April 11, 2013

7:00 PM

Traveling the National Parks with family.

Mark Gerbert will share his stories.

May 9, 2013

6:30 PM

FVSG Auction

Bring those goodies to share!!

An evening of delicious food, an entertaining live auction, silent auction, great laughs and more as we support our club with this one and only fundraiser.

- \$3 Admission • Bring a dish to pass
- Bring your own table setting and beverages

We will begin the evening at 6:30 with a smorgasbord of treats. So please, arrive on time to setup, socialize and eat. At 7:00 the auction starts with unique, priceless items and services donated by our members and local businesses.

We need auction items - see page 2

June 13, 2013

7:00 PM

To Be Determined

Promises to be a good program

August 8, 2013

FVSG Picnic

5:30 PM - Plamann Park
(Chris Brandt Shelter) Appleton

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

Bubolz web- <http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/>

FVSG web- <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley>.

From the Chair

March 2013, By Alan Lawrence

I've been pretty happy with all the snow we've received this winter. Skiing has been pretty good for me at Bubolz Nature Preserve. But now that the calendar says it is spring I am ready for the seasonal change. I am eager for the warm(er) weather activities that include hiking, biking, and our annual garlic mustard pulling service project. And I look forward to the annual Earth Day celebrations.

Spring, this year, marks the beginning of a celebration year as Wisconsin's John Muir Chapter of Sierra Club celebrates 50 years of conservation leadership.



SIERRA CLUB
JOHN MUIR CHAPTER

50 YEARS

OF CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

Our special new website (<http://sierrawi50.org>) shares the opportunity for you to join in the celebration. You will find pictures, stories and activities on the site. Sierra Club's Executive Director, Michael Brune, will be join us for a special event in Madison on April 20. If you have the opportunity you will want to be there, too.

Although I begin my column with some fun stuff we really do have our work cut out for us. Someone seems to always have some bad plans for our environment.

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the Climate Rally in Washington, DC that Sierra Club helped organize. 50,000 people came together around the Washington Monument on a very cold day to rally for the climate. We are pushing President Obama to move forward with climate change initiatives, and telling him that he must not allow the Keystone XL pipeline to be built. I wanted to be there, but I could not justify the financial cost it would take to participate. I remained home in Wisconsin and watched it unfold over the Internet. I am happy that three bus loads of Wisconsin residents made the commitment to be at the largest climate rally in the history of our country. One statistic claims this was the largest cold weather rally ever in Washington.

Around the country hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for gas is going on at an alarming rate, and without much regulation. Little is understood about the damage done underground, and the consequences of that damage. It is out of sight and out of mind for most of our country, and we are seeing lower prices as our country is now producing almost more natural gas than we can consume. Indeed, natural gas is now so plentiful that lots of it is wasted, either by flaring and burning it, or allowing it to escape into the environment as greenhouse gas more damaging than carbon dioxide. It is estimated that five trillion cubic feet of natural gas were wasted, worldwide, in 2011.

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Natural gas is frequently a by-product of oil wells. In remote areas many companies find it cheaper to burn off gas that emerges in new oil fields rather than build pipelines and facilities to collect it. Oil producers in North Dakota are flaring roughly one third of gas reserves in the state, and they can do this without paying taxes or royalties on the gas.

Wisconsin is participating in the fracking business by supplying most of the sand used nationwide in the process. Our ice age glaciers produced the ideal kind of sand. But unfortunately that means sand mines are popping up around Wisconsin. Some of these are huge industrial businesses, not like the smaller mines we've known for generations. Lack of regulations makes bad neighbors of these businesses, and poor stewards of our natural resources.

Bad politics, and it is political since only Republicans were in favor of it, allowed the mining bill (AB1/SB1) to pass in the state legislature and be signed into law. This paves the way for the Gogebic Taconite mine to be built in northwestern Wisconsin. More precisely, it allows this awful mine to move forward. Fortunately it is difficult to imagine that this mine makes economic sense, and it still faces many obstacles. This mine is not a certainty yet. But the new laws have weakened environmental protections making it easier for mines, and any environmentally irresponsible business, to do business in Wisconsin. Did you know that there is iron near Mayville and near Baraboo?

I'd like to end with a great story. A new study by the National Park Service tells of the positive economic value of parks. Their report for 2011 shows that "the 176,040 visitors (up from 156,945 in 2010) to Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Bayfield, Wisconsin, spent \$20.9 million in communities surrounding the park. This spending supported 364 jobs in the local area." I'm sure the influence and economic benefit extends well beyond the surrounding communities.

For 2011, the National Park Service report shows "\$13 billion of direct spending by 279 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. That visitor spending had a \$30 billion impact on the entire U.S. economy and supported 252,000 jobs nationwide." Imagine the statistic if you added state parks, county parks, National Forests, and other protected natural areas. People love these places and spend their money visiting and enjoying these places. Let's not sacrifice these places for easy short-term profits.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback. • Alan Lawrence, 920-730-9515 or alan_lawrence99@yahoo.com

For updates on the proposed sand mine in the Town of Union, please visit:

<http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley/SandMines.html>
or follow "Preserve Waupaca County" on Facebook.

Call for Nominations FVSG Environmental Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor those who have achieved significant benefits to the environment from their efforts and contributions. Any current FVSG member is eligible to nominate an individual, group, club, a company, a unit of government, or a non-profit organization. The award will be announced at the end of the year. Send your nomination write up to Fox Valley Sierra Group, PO Box 264, Appleton, WI 54912-0264

**Next Newsletter Deadline
for submitting materials
July 13th - August thru October Issue.**

Fox Valley Sierra Group Auction Annual Fundraiser May 9, 2013 • 6:30PM Bubolz Nature Preserve

Auction Donations Needed: In order to make our annual fundraiser successful we are seeking items or services from local businesses, artists, crafts people and members. Previous donations include: art prints, computer work, craft projects, garden planting, yard work, bicycle repair and tuning, professional massage, homemade or special breads, pickles or canned goods, sunset sail cruises, canoe trips, stained glass, dinner for two, ...be wild.

Please pre-register items/services for auction by phone (920) 468-7252 or by mail: Maureen Birk, 3381 Niciolet Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311. Include your name, phone#, item/service to auction, any limitations, and estimated value. Bring items at time of auction, or Call Maureen. Last minute items accepted at 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 Street, Green Bay, WI 54302

Climate Rally in Washington, D.C.

By Alan Lawrence, FVSG Chair

At our October 2011 meeting we had a presentation from a Lawrence University student wanting to share his recent experience as a protester in Washington, DC. He was one of 1,262 people arrested in front of the White House in part of the largest act of civil disobedience in the history of the environmental movement.

On January 22, 2013 Sierra Club's Executive Director, Michael Brune, announced Sierra Club's participation in an unspecified act. He said, "For 120 years, we have remained committed to using every 'lawful means' to achieve our objectives. Now, for the first time in our history, we are prepared to go further. Next month, the Sierra Club will officially participate in an act of peaceful civil resistance."



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He added, "For civil disobedience to be justified, something must be so wrong that it compels the strongest defensible protest. Such a protest, if rendered thoughtfully and peacefully, is in fact a profound act of patriotism."

President Obama eloquently said during his inaugural address, "You and I, as citizens, have the obligation to shape the debates of our time, not only with the votes we cast, but the voices we lift in defense of our most ancient values and enduring ideas."

In his State of the Union address the president said to Congress, "If you won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my Cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future, to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy."

We soon learned that Sierra Club, 350.org, and dozens of other organizations were planning a rally in Washington, DC. Many of us, while still wondering about the peaceful civil resistance Brune had hinted at, were surprised on February 13 to learn that nearly 50 leaders including Bill McKibben, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., actress Daryl Hannah, Sierra Club President Allison Chin, and Michael Brune had been peacefully arrested in front of the White House. For the small price of temporary discomfort and a monetary fine a lot of publicity was generated. It probably helped motivate people to join in the rally planned several days later.

The "Forward On Climate" rally in Washington, DC on February 17 is an historic day for our country and planet. 50,000 people from around the country traveled to Washington to be part of the largest climate rally in the history of our country.

Record breaking extremes in weather have made it hard to ignore the effects of climate change. President Obama's inaugural speech and State of the Union speech included calls to action on climate change. Americans will hold him to it.

More than 160 partnering organizations, including Sierra Club and 350.org, chartered 150 buses to bring Americans from distant states to the event. Wisconsin had three buses with passengers paying \$120 for their rides. These hardy souls endured two nights of sleeping in their seats, a cold day for a rally, and financial sacrifice to show President Obama that we must move forward on climate action.

This is an important day for our country as citizens urged President Obama to do what is necessary to mitigate climate change. Our President knows this is necessary, and everyone knows he faces opposition and he

will expend considerable political capital. We rallied to show Obama we have his back on this.

We are behind our President, but we will also be pushing him.

We must reduce our appetite for dirty coal and oil. The Keystone XL Pipeline must not be built. Keystone is a climate disaster, transporting oil from one of the dirtiest, most carbon-intensive oil sources on the planet. We cannot allow the pipeline and say that we're sincere in our commitment to fight climate change.

The crowd chanted, "We are unstoppable... Another world is possible." What will you do to help stop the Keystone pipeline and save our planet?



Cindy Strong a Fox Valley Sierra Group member, told us at our March meeting that while being a good steward, lover of the planet and being busy with her kids and life she decided to go for it. There wasn't enough reasons not to go, only reasons to go, so she decided to go to the Climate Rally.

She had a great experience and everyone was great.

"What I took from this experience is gratefulness and energy!"

"You don't need to be an engineer, a professor, or a politician to participate in this movement. And that's what it is, a movement of ANTIBODIES! Working together to bring about positive change."

Fox Valley Sierra Group

OUTINGS

April 6-7, Saturday & Sunday Canoeing Robinson and Morrison Creeks near Black River Falls.

Class II rapids; Car Camp. When the water is up in the spring, these two small, scenic creeks are a lot of fun. Although the Robinson has a couple of drops, they can be portaged. Trees often need to be portaged as well. As always, we'll pick up spring thaw trash as we go, leaving the streams in better shape for those who follow. Wet/dry suit required for this early season trip. For details, contact: Phillip Johnsrud, 715-445-4777, johnsrudp@tds.net

April or May Garlic Mustard Pulling.

Pull garlic mustard at High Cliff State Park and at Memorial Park in Combined Locks, Wisconsin. All depends on the weather and on how fast the garlic mustard grows. Call early to be put on the garlic mustard pullers list and to be contacted about specific dates and times. Contact Dale Schaber, 920-739-6041, dschaber@athenet.net

May 4, Saturday Paddling down the Wolf River, Shawano

Every spring, an estimated 3,000 female sturgeon travel up the Wolf River to lay eggs, some as far as the Shawano Dam. We will travel down the Wolf River and try to see some of the great creatures as swim past us. Ron Bruch-approved trip! The sturgeon spawn when the water reaches a certain temperature so there's no guarantee that we will be at the peak or if they will be gone but it will be an interesting trip either way. Easy paddling on flat water through wildlife area and farm land. About 3 hours. (Note: no take-outs or stops along the way.) Canoe rental available in Shawano. Contact Nancy Brown-Koeller, 715 853-6625.

May 11, Saturday Guided Early Spring Wildflower Hike at Tellock's Woods

Natural Resources Consultant Elward Engle will guide us through Tellock's Hill Woods State Natural Area near Clintonville. Elward will share his knowledge and passion for wildflowers as we make our way through the old growth forest. Also learn about the threat of an adjacent industrial sand mine and the impact this operation could have on the area. Contact Kelly Ramstack, 920-540-9139.

May 18, Saturday Ice Age Trail Work Day in Waupaca County

Our Fox Valley Sierra Group will be doing minor trail maintenance on the Ice Age Trail in Waupaca County on May 18. We will begin work on the trail at about 9:30. Tools will be provided. However, if you wish to bring any pruning tools, etc., feel free to do so. Do bring a lunch, water, work gloves, sturdy work shoes, and mosquito and tick repellent. We will stop for ice cream midafternoon. For information, contact Darrel Ruechel, FVSG IATA coordinator, 920-993-0903, r7Dairl@yahoo.com

June 1-2, Saturday & Sunday Canoe the Pike and Red Rivers

This trip has some class II whitewater and is for experienced river paddlers. The Pike is a beautiful small whitewater river and a designated WI Wild River with numerous small drops. The Red has something for all whitewater paddlers. Helmets/PFDs required. For details contact: Jim Servais, 920-434-0740.

June 23, Sunday Bike the Ahnapee Trail

We will go from Forestville to Sturgeon bay and back, about 26 miles round trip. On this converted rail trail we will be passing by a mixture of evergreen glades, farmland, prairies and wooded areas teeming with wildlife and native wildflowers. Bikers do not need a trail pass while using the trail. Due to the possibility of hoof marks in the trail surface, wider-tire bicycles are recommended. Rest rooms and picnic tables available. We will finish the day with a quick visit to Cherry De-Lites Outlet shop in Forestville. Yum! Contact Nancy Brown-Koeller, 715-853-6625 or 920-830-6625.

July 20, Saturday Ice Age Trail Work Day in Kewaunee Co.

Our Fox Valley Sierra Group will be assisting the Lakeshore Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance with a new section of trail near Tisch Mills at the Kewaunee-Manitowoc County line. We will be assisting the Lakeshore Chapter with brush trimming, shrub removal, and possibly painting trail blazes and moving a large rock or two. We will begin work at 9:30 and work for the duration of the morning. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, work shoes, and mosquito and tick repellent to this outing. After completing our work, there is a great short hike nearby that we will take where we will eat our lunches. For head-count purposes, location to meet, ride consolidation, and information, contact Darrel Ruechel, FVSG IATA coordinator, 920-993-0903, R7Dairl@yahoo.com.

July 20, Saturday Park to Park Paddle

Hold the date" for the Park to Park Paddle on the Fox River. Watch for more info in the Post Crescent or on our website. (not a FVSG official outing)

August 24-25, Saturday-Sunday Canoe the Flambeau River

This is a canoe camping trip that includes some class II rapids. Refresh your soul on the Flambeau by participating on a trip that has become one of our finest traditions. For details contact: Rich Krieg, 920-660-3557, eddyout@gmail.com

September 21, Saturday Ice Age Trail Work Day in Portage County

Our Fox Valley Sierra Group will be doing minor trail maintenance in Portage County in the Iola area. We will begin work on the trail at

about 9:30. We will be on a portion of the trail that will be hiked in the Ice Age Trail Hike-a-Thon that will be held two weeks later. Feel free to bring a pruning tool. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves, work shoes, and mosquito and tick repellent to this outing. We will stop for ice cream mid afternoon. For head-count purposes, location to meet, ride consolidation, and information, contact Darrel Ruechel, FVSG IATA coordinator, 920-993-0903, R7Dairl@yahoo.com.

Sat. Sept 28, Saturday First annual "Bike the Quilts."

Supported bike ride through rolling countryside. Various routes, 5-25 miles. Beautiful fall colors and views of the famous Shawano County barn quilts. Fundraiser for Shawano Pathways, an organization dedicated to improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety and trails

October 5, Saturday Ice Age Trail Hike-a-Thon in Portage Co.

Put on your hiking boots and hike in the annual fund raiser for the Portage and Waupaca County chapters of the Ice Age Trail Alliance at the Iola Winter Sports Club facility north of Iola on County Hwy. MM just west of Hwy. 49. The fee to hike in the hike-a-thon is \$5. However, one can donate more or acquire pledges. Hike the entire 10-miles or any portion. Darrel Ruechel, FVSG IATA coordinator, 920-993-0903, R7Dairl@yahoo.com.



Happy snowshoers (Eliza, John, Maria, Nancy and Ellie) after a hike at Mosquito Hill Nature Center

Get outside and join us on one of our outings! They are a great way to meet other outdoor enthusiasts. Outings are open to members and non-members alike. For more details and in order to participate, sign up at one of our general meetings or contact the outings leader directly.

Welcome New Members

Algoma John & Judy Appleby Ms Sandra Winnemueller	Bonduel Ms Jana Kitzinger Lovelea Usack Briggsville Pat Patefield	Green Bay Pamela Beaupre Betty Bienash Dallas Blaney John Blomquist Sharon & Andrew Bronander Dr Karen Camilli Ms Janet Campbell Mrs Carol De Groot Bette De Pas Ms Jacqueline Derepkowski Michael Dobbertin Ned Dorff Sheila Flynn Margaret Ford Susan K Habeck Lynette Harris Kennan Horn Wayne Huempfner Kay Lefevre B Lepak Natalie A. Manci Sarah Melendy Cindi Micheau Greg Mosholder Robert Neustifter Betty L Ott Ms Rosie Pavek Bill Seims Alex Staab Ms Jeane Stodola Ms Taylor Truttmann Lisa Ubbelohde Prithcard Darwin Vandermeulen David Voelker Ms Jan Yagodzinski	Greenville Catherine Kiesow Jed Schleisner Susan Vander Velden	Carla Paul Mulvey Debra Perlewitz Ms Sally Podoski Jeanne Potratz Brian Walter Karen Winters	Pulaski Levana Gray Dana Stark Stan Wozniak
Appleton Lewis and Kay Bellile Glenn Denton Sheri Fronsee Don Goen John H Gierke Keith Halliday Douglas Hamilton Mr Mark Jennerjohn Michael Killoren James Kuebler Lori Lauerman Marge Loberger Margo and Tom Murphy Jim Nielsen Shannon Rabas Mary Roth Laura Smythe Laurie K Stenson David Sugden Pat Tollefson Patti Trochil Christopher Washburn Jan Williamsen T D Wycoff and Susan M West Ernestine Whitman Linda Zweg	Brillion Dr Julio De Arteaga Clintonville Dennis Etheridge Donna Frederick Lois Renner Schwede Combined Locks Stacy Lake Crivitz Geri Bosanac Dale Ray Malliet DePere Roy Abitz Stella Frigo Larry Heath Mildred Jacobson William Nystrom Mr Robert White Egg Harbor Al & Beth Luelloff Fairwater Bill Kuehn Fish Creek Marjorie Forrest Florence Kenneth Baumgart Forest Junction Walter Keller Fremont Sharon Willoughby Gillett Randy Soper	Sharon & Andrew Bronander Dr Karen Camilli Ms Janet Campbell Mrs Carol De Groot Bette De Pas Ms Jacqueline Derepkowski Michael Dobbertin Ned Dorff Sheila Flynn Margaret Ford Susan K Habeck Lynette Harris Kennan Horn Wayne Huempfner Kay Lefevre B Lepak Natalie A. Manci Sarah Melendy Cindi Micheau Greg Mosholder Robert Neustifter Betty L Ott Ms Rosie Pavek Bill Seims Alex Staab Ms Jeane Stodola Ms Taylor Truttmann Lisa Ubbelohde Prithcard Darwin Vandermeulen David Voelker Ms Jan Yagodzinski	Hortonville Robert Compton	Neshkoro Bill Kehl Maria Sabljak Holly Walker	Ripon R Jawor Karen M Downs
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Berlin Edward Escamilla Linda Hansen Mark Kasuboski			Kaukauna Louis Faust Eva Kold Beth Nytes	New London Barbara Hamel Michael O'Connell	Seymour Daniel R Hakes Sandy Ladenburger
			Keshena Gail Richter	Oconto Donald Reed	Shawano John Grade
			Kimberly David Roepke	Omro Carrie Edwards	Sturgeon Bay Rick Hanney Ann Rifenberg Karen Sullivan
			Lakewood Robert Landwher	Oneida Cheryl LaPlante	Suamico Mary Mcguire
			Larsen Paulette J Thebert	Oshkosh Arnold Armbricht Michelle Baumann Roger Brey Thomas Conley Melanie Hunt Richard Jeffery Tammi Kohlman Mr Steve Krawiec A J. Martin Carol McIlree Stephen Pavelko Lois Steinhilber Vickie Venus Karen J Zimmer	Washington Island Patricia Hewitt
			Luxemburg Jesse Harness		Waupaca Jan Downing Lisa Lawrence Tamara Minehart Rex & Linda Pope
			Manawa C Traynor Bernard Wiater		Waupun Lee Axelson William Byron Ann Lemmenes
			Marinette Lee Goodwin Diane M Johnston		Wautoma Libby Talady
			Marion Bridget Swanke		Westfield Joe and Wendy Koehler Jean Urbach
			Menasha Neale Cafilisch Lyle Freund Christine Shukoski Deborah Trader		Wild Rose Bob Petrusa
			Mountain Nick N Adelmeyer	Pickett David Hochtritt Charles Putzer	
			Neenah William J Eick Roseann Kopetsky Barbara Meier		

Community Wide Earth Day Celebration - Appleton ReStore

Saturday, April 27th

The Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore is again sponsoring the Fox Cities Community Wide Earth Day Celebration at the ReStore on April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 3000 East College Avenue in Appleton, Wisconsin. The Earth Day event is free for the whole family. Come rain or come shine!

Featured at the Earth Day Celebration will be 50 earth-friendly local vendors and exhibitors, children's activities

and organic and locally grown food. Participants can attend educational forums being presented during the Earth Day event.

More information about the Earth Day Celebration is found on the ReStore website: www.appletonrestore.org. Click on the Earth Day link found on the ReStore main page.

We are also asking for people to help staff the Fox Valley Sierra Group table during the Earth Day celebration.

Contact Dale Schaber at dschaber@athenet.net or 920-739-6041 if you are interested or want more information about volunteering your time at the ReStore Earth Day event.

Green Bay Area Earth Day Events

These and many other activities are planned. For more details and other events check www.earthweekgb.com.

April 6 - Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream Symposium: Mary Ann Srnka, SSND and Mary Beck, SSND (School Sisters of Notre Dame) will be facilitating this symposium at the Brown County Central Library, 515 Pine Street, Green Bay. This symposium is a profound inquiry into a bold vision -- to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on Earth.

April 7- Gathering Place Victory Garden Work Day: The Helfenstein Soup Council is sponsoring a garden work day

April 13- Organic Vermi-Composting and Indoor Seeding Presentation: Trust Local Foods is sponsoring a presentation on vermi-composting, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

April 13 & Sunday April 14
Green Fair: St. Matthew Parish is hosting a green fair after its Saturday and Sunday masses.

April 20 - Baird Creek Parkway Clean-Up / Work Party: The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation is sponsoring the annual Baird Creek Clean-Up at Triangle Hill Park

April 21 - Children's Program at Library sponsored by League of Women Voters: The League of Women Voters is hosting a program for preschool to 7th grade at the Brown County Library from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The name of the program is Weather - Weather Everywhere.

April 22 - Leave Your Car at Home Day: This event is sponsored in part by Wisconsin Public Service.

April 22 - Wednesday April 24
UW Green Bay Green Innovations: The two day conference includes speaker panels, breakouts, and movies. On Monday, April 22nd, there will be a panel discussion on "How Safe is our Food" which will include the showing of a new film by Jeremy Seifert called "GMO OMG" Jeremy showed his first film "Dive: Living Off America's Waste" at UWGB two years ago. There will also be a public presentation by Dr. David Orr on the evening of April 23rd, which will be followed by the formal conference on April 24. GMO OMG is free and open to the public; the rest of the conference is moderately priced. For more information, please see <http://www.uwgb.edu/emb/symposium/overview.asp>. Early registration is available online.

Appleton Area Earth Day Events

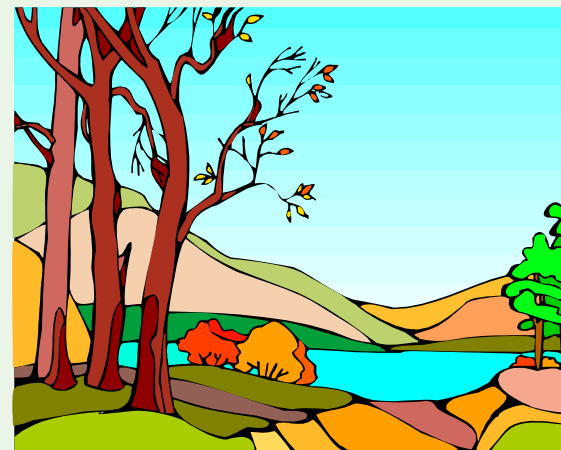
For information on some of the many activities in the area check <http://www.ecos-foxvalley.com/> click on the earth day link.

May 1 - September 30 - Fox Cities Bike Challenge sponsored by Kimberly-Clark Corporation

April 8 - Neenah Public Library - Urban/Suburban Gardening: Growing Food in Your Yard.

April 8, 15, 22 & 29 Spring Tales, Kimberly Library. Preschool stories and crafts celebrating things of spring.

April 13 - Mayhem in the Mud Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. Come have some fun in the Mud! Become mud builders, chefs, artists, and biologist all in one day!



April 16 - Turtle Tot Preschool-Eye Spy with my Little Eye, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. This preschool program designed to connect children ages 2-5 to nature! Includes, hands-on centers, snacks, and outdoor experience.

April 16 - Musical Movin' Storytime, Appleton Public Library Make a musical instrument out of recycled materials.

April 17 - Fox Cities Book Festival Charlotte Adelman, Appleton Public Library. Reading and presentation

April 17 Storyvine Storytime, Appleton Public Library.

April 18 - Green Fire Film Discussion, Appleton Public Library. Film discussion led by Dr. Teresa Weglarz.

April 19 - Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties Tri-County Clean Sweep, Town of Clayton, Larson. Free disposal of household hazardous wastes Donations accepted

April 19 - Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties Tri-County Clean Sweep, Town of Menasha Fire Station, 1000 Valley Road, Menasha 3-6 pm Free disposal of household hazardous wastes Donations accepted

PULL GARLIC MUSTARD on the WIOUWASH TRAIL!

Saturday, May 4 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
(not an official FVSG outing)

We will also be pulling garlic mustard on weekdays before and after this date weather permitting.

Your help is welcome even if you can come for only an hour or two! You do not have to get there at 9:00 a.m. Come anytime! Bring gloves, kneeling cushion or knee pads and a dandelion digger. A five gallon bucket is handy also. Garlic mustard pulls easily but a dandelion digger makes it even easier and helps ensure that the roots don't break off.

This is a rather pleasant pastime on a nice spring day. You'll enjoy yourself and perform an important environmental service by helping to

remove an extremely invasive plant.

Meet at Brooks Road parking area.

From Oshkosh, take Hwy. 45 (Algoma Blvd.) north to the Ryf Road exit. Turn right on Cty. T at the top of the exit ramp. Go just over 1 ½ miles to Brooks Road. Turn left and go about 1 mile to the trail.

Or from Oshkosh, take Hwy. 76 (Jackson St.) Go under Hwy. 41 and turn left at the frontage road - Green Valley Road. Turn right on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail.

From the Fox Valley, take Cty. II, Larsen Rd, Oakridge Rd., Cty JJ or Breezewood Rd. west to Hwy. 76. Turn left and go south to Green Valley Road (Hwy. 41 frontage road). Turn right on Green Valley and then right again on Brooks Rd. just before Stuart's Landscaping. Go 3 miles to the trail. To find the Brooks Road parking area by GPS, use address 4151 Brooks Road, Oshkosh.

Call Lawanda Jungwirth at 836-2878 or e-mail ljungwirth@new.rr.com for more information or JUST SHOW UP!



April 20 - Habitat ReStore's Free Electronic Recycling Collection Event at the Time Warner Cable Field at the Fox Cities Stadium 2400 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton 10AM - 3PM. Free will donations gladly accepted.

April 20 - Globally Sound's Downtown Earth Day Walking Trivia Tour, Globally Sound Fair Trade. Leave those cars behind, take a walk downtown, answer Earth Day trivia questions posted at downtown businesses and have a chance to win Appleton Downtown gift certificates. One \$30 gift certificate drawing for those who have all the answers correct and two \$10 gift certificate drawings for participating. Pick up your trivia map at Globally Sound Fair Trade.

April 20 - Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties Tri-County Clean Sweep, Town of Harrison Town Hall. Free disposal of household hazardous wastes. Donations accepted

April 20 - 1000 Islands Environmental Center Spring Clean-Up. Clean up litter, bark trails or help battle the invasive species.

Come into Downtown Appleton's store that promotes social, economic and environmental justice. Pull a globe out of a bag. You will receive a

proverb and a percentage off your purchase. www.globallysound.com Globally Sound Fair Trade

April 21 - Fox Cities Book Festival, Appleton Public Library Presentation by Doug Tallamy

April 21 - Fox Cities Book Festival Reading and Presentation by Melinda Myers, Neenah Public Library

April 22 - Sand County Almanac Book Discussion, Appleton Public Library.

April 22 - Fox Cities Book Festival Jennifer Cockrall-King, UW-Fox Valley. Urban Farming: Then and Now Free www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org

April 22 - Jennifer Cockrall-King, Lawrence University, Stietz Hall Lawrence University Food and the City: Urban Agriculture and the New Food Revolution

Fox Cities Reads. Presentation by Richard Louv author of the books, "Last Child in the Woods" and the "Nature Principle"

April 22 - Appleton Public Library

April 22 - Fox Cities Reads, UW_Fox Valley

April 23 - 1000 Islands Environmental Center

April 23 - Kimberly Public Library

April 24 - Menasha Public Library

April 24 - Neenah Public Library

April 23 - Recycled Art, The Building for Kids Children's Museum. Young artists will use their creativity and imagination to design art projects from recycled materials. Included with admission or membership www.buildingforkids.org

April 23 - Seed Bombs, Appleton Public Library. Plant seeds in fertilizer and clay-for teens.

April 24 - Backyard Organics Class, Gardens of the Fox Cities, 1313 Witzke Blvd/, Appleton, Class on Organic Lawn Care

April 25 - Green Roof Design, Gardens of the

Fox Cities, 1313 Witzke Blvd/, Appleton Molly Meyer will talk about green roof design, will be viewing green roof on site.

April 27 - Habitat ReStore's 8th Annual Earth Day Event sponsored by Goldin Iron and Metal Recycling. Celebrate Earth Week with over 60 green-friendly exhibitors, forums, electric cars, and kids activities. Our tents will be HEATED this year!!

April 27 - Earth Day Celebration, Paper Discovery Center, 425 W. Water St. Appleton. Stream table demonstrations, recycled paper crafts, seed paper making.

April 27 - A Field Guide to Nature Play in Your Backyard, Menasha Public Library, Last Child in the Woods - principles that work right in your own backyard.

April 27 - Town of Menasha E-Recycling & Arbor Day Celebration. Electronics recycling drop-off and tree sales. Minimal cost.

April 27 - Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. 1st Annual River Cleanup, Various river segments in Appleton, Kimberly, Little Chute & Kimberly. Volunteers cleanup the Fox River by picking up litter and debris along riverbanks, then join together for a post-cleanup picnic!

April 27 - City of Menasha E-Recycling Event, Menasha Utilities Electronics recycling drop-off minimal cost.

April 29 - Suburban Homesteading, Neenah Public Library. Herb Gardening: Growing and Using Herbs in Your Garden

May 4 - City of Neenah E-Recycling, City Garage. Electronics recycling drop-off, minimal cost.



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