

SUMMER NATURALIST PROGRAMS

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Wisconsin Bats

Saturday, June 8

7:00 pm-8:00 pm - Amphitheater

Join Master Naturalist Rex Robertson and learn about bats in Wisconsin. Discover the importance that these small flying mammals play in our environment and how they impact you.

Reptiles and Amphibians for Dad

Saturday, June 15

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Allen Lake Picnic Shelter

In celebration of Father's Day, bring Dad on down for a hip-hop herping hike! We'll make up hip-hop songs about reptiles and amphibians while we look for turtles, frogs, snakes, and salamanders.



Live Birds of Prey – Up Close!

Saturday, June 29 (Rain Date: Sat., July 27)

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Amphitheater

Raptor rehabilitator and educator Jane Kelly, of On the Wing, will present a live raptor program. You will have a very special opportunity to view a variety of live birds of prey, while Jane provides an overview of their natural history. **No dogs allowed because of the live birds.**

Music in the Park: Spiritual Currents and Drumming Circle

Saturday, July 6

7:00 pm-8:30 pm - Amphitheater

Music and storytelling in a relaxed setting creates an enjoyable experience for all. *Ryan Meisel's Spiritual Currents* blends Indigenous world music with his background in jazz. It honors his spiritual connection to nature and cultures from around the world. He performs Native American flutes, saxophones, and indigenous woodwinds (East Indian Bansuri, Lithuanian Skuduciai & Birbyne, Irish flutes & whistles, Slovakian Fujara, and Andean Pan Pipes). Guests can participate in a drum circle upon completion of the performance.

Steve & Carl's Traveling Snake Show

Saturday, July 13

1:00 pm-3:00 pm - Amphitheater

Learn about the wonderful world of snakes (one of the most misunderstood creatures), including different snakes of the world and those you can find right here in Wisconsin. You will have the opportunity to interact with them in a safe, controlled environment. **No dogs allowed because of the live snakes.**

Incredible Insects

Saturday, July 20

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Allen Lake Picnic Shelter

Let's go explore the incredible world of insects. We'll learn about where and how they live - at the lake, woods, and prairie. Make chalk drawings of our favorite insects!

Fascinating World of Honey Bees & Native Pollinators

Saturday, Aug. 3—1:00 pm-2:30 pm at

Turner's Fresh Market, E208 State Rd. 54 (2 miles from Park)

Meet Julie Mazzoleni, a beekeeper, who will introduce us to the magical world of the honey bee and many other native bees and pollinators we see in our gardens and in the park every day. She'll explain their critical role for a strong, healthy ecosystem, why they are at risk, and the simple things we can all do to help them thrive.

Live Birds of Prey - Up Close!

Saturday, Aug. 10

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Amphitheater

Kids and adults are equally fascinated by birds and this will be an opportunity to see live Wisconsin raptors up close! Beka Weiss of Aves Wildlife Alliance will bring four birds of prey. Raptors are highly specialized animals that play a critical role in maintaining a healthy environment. **No dogs allowed because of the live birds.**

Native Scavenger Hunt & Trivia

Saturday, Aug. 24

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Amphitheater

In addition to a unique scavenger hunt, we will have a fun fifth-grade level trivia game about ecosystems. This will incorporate the Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, regenerate, represent, reconnect.



Monarch Tagging Mania

Saturday, Sept. 7

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Enclosed Picnic Shelter

Bring smocks and smiles - we're going to make special monarch canvas paintings. Then we will look for and tag monarchs in the prairie!

Fascinating Fungi

Saturday, Sept. 21

1:00 pm-2:30 pm - Enclosed Picnic Shelter

We'll take a hike to look for and identify fungi, lichen, and slime mold, oh my! Then let's get creative by making leaf art mushrooms.