

Summer 2010 Nature Education Programs

Programs are FREE unless noted otherwise. To receive seasonal nature brochures, email Dianne.wente@cincinnati-oh.gov and request to be placed on the Nature Education email newsletter list.

June

Fossil Frenzy

Sat., June 5, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. – French Park

Grab your boots and head for the creek. Join the naturalist to explore and search for Cincinnati Fossils. We will be looking for ancient creatures such as trilobites, and cephalopods. Meet at the cul-de-sac on the park road. Wear sturdy closed toe shoes. Call 761-4313 for more information.

Fishing Fun

Sat., June 5, 10:00 - noon – Burnet Woods Lake

Bring your small fry out for a morning of fishing fun. You are welcome to bring your own equipment or use a cane pole from the Nature Center. Bait and training are provided; a fishing license is NOT required. Meet at the north end of the lake. For more information, call 751-3679.

Appalachian Remedies

Sat., June 12, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. – Avon Woods

Come join us and learn a little about mountain folklore and wildcrafting. Be ready to share your own “handed-down” remedies with us. We will also include a short hike to see some of the sources of these cures up close. For more information, call 861-3435.

Evening Walk in the Forest

Fri., June 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Buttercup Valley Preserve

Enjoy a hike during the cooler temperatures of the day and build up an appetite for an optional dinner at a Northside establishment afterwards. Meet at the end of Northview Avenue. This program is presented by Northside Greenspace. For more information, contact info@northsidegreenspace.org or call 541-9119.

Vermicomposting

Sat., June 12 , 10:00a.m. - noon – LaBoiteaux Woods

An indoor worm bin can be a fascinating way to recycle your kitchen waste into rich compost for your favorite plants. Thanks to the support of the Solid Waste Management District, Hamilton County residents can start vermicomposting for a fraction of the usual cost. You get everything you need, including instruction, the bin with worms and a helpful book for a \$20 fee. Just add kitchen waste and save landfill space! Email Pat.agnew@cincinnati-oh.gov for details. Prepaid registration is required by June 4.

Planetarium Shows in Burnet Woods

Come join us at the Wolff Planetarium in Trailside Nature Center for an introduction to the constellations and some of the legends connected to them. Programs are open to adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$3.00 per person. Reservations required. Seating is limited. Call 751-3679 to register.

Fri., June 18, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Summer Constellations**

Fri., July 16, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **The Scorpions Sting**

Fri., August 20, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Arabian Nights**

July

Crawdad Crawl

Sat., July 10, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. – Stanbery Park

Explore the creek as we search for crustaceans, creepy crawlies, and even critters from the past! Come with sturdy, closed-toed shoes, we'll provide the mud! For information, call 231-8678.

Scavenger Hunt

Sun., July 18, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – Avon Woods

Join in on the fun as we search through the preserve for different nature items. Meet at the center to get your list. Complete lists receive a small treat! Wear sturdy shoes. Call 761-4313 for more information.

August

Salamander Search

Sat., August 7, 10:00 a.m. - noon – McFarlan Woods

Under logs, over creek rocks, between woods and through streams - anywhere we can find these gentle amphibians, we'll be looking! Join us at the parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes. Call 861-3435 for information.

Invasive Species Roundup

Sat., August 14, 10:00 a.m. - noon – Parker's Woods

A weed is simply a plant that isn't wanted in its present location, but these particular "weeds" can do a lot of harm in our Northside woodland! Join us on a short hike to learn how to identify some of these invaders, and then help us make a dent in their population. Big piles get fabulous prizes! Meet at East end of Bruce Avenue. For more information, call 231-8678.

From Hive to Honey Bear

Sat., August 14, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. – LaBoiteaux Woods

Have you ever wondered how beekeepers get the honey out of the hive? Visit the bees and hear about "robbing" a hive. Learn how the honey crop is uncapped, extracted and bottled for sale. For more information, call 542-2909.

Amazing Arthropods - Insects

Sat., August 21, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. – Kennedy Heights Park

Find out why these animals are the most successful creatures on earth. We will get a closer look at their remarkable adaptations for finding food, building shelters, communicating, and attracting mates. Meet at the shelter. For more information, call 751-3679.