



Retzer Nature Center

Waukesha County Park System
 S14 W28167 Madison Street
 Waukesha, WI 53188

Return Service Requested

Environmental Learning Center Office Hours:

Sunday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information call - (262)896-8007

For Program Registration call - (262)548-7801

Your Fall Nature Program Guide September - November 2011

September 6 <i>Tuesdays</i>	Yoga Class Begins	October 5 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	November 1 <i>Tuesdays</i>	Yoga Class Begins
September 7 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	October 11 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Stomp & Crunch"	November 2 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club
September 10 <i>Saturday</i>	Discover Composting	October 14 <i>Friday</i>	Evening Trails "Fall Into Phenology"	November 4-7, 9 <i>Fri.-Mon. & Wed.</i>	Bird Seed Order Pickup at County Parks
September 17 <i>Saturday</i>	Apple Harvest Festival	October 15 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Color Hike at Nashotah Park	November 6 <i>Sunday</i>	"Friends" Photo Contest - Reception At Retzer
September 21 <i>Wednesday</i>	Discover Composting	October 19 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Smoky Gold"	November 8 <i>Tuesday</i>	Wee Wonders "Time to Sleep"
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Place Your Bird Seed Order thru October 31st </div>		October 20 <i>Thursday</i>	Forest Ecology Workshop Part 1 - Slide Program	November 12 <i>Saturday</i>	Basket Workshop "Gardener's Tool Caddy"
		October 22 <i>Saturday</i>	Forest Ecology Workshop Part 2 - Field Session	November 16 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "If I Were the Wind"

VOLUNTEER TEACHER NATURALIST TRAINING

This apprenticeship program is for adults interested in volunteering to lead hikes for school groups that come to Retzer Nature Center. Topics will include: general interpretation of the Wisconsin landscape (especially the plants, animals, and ecology of Retzer Nature Center); environmental education activities (and equipment) used at Retzer; and strategies and tactics for outdoor teaching of school children. Training will include assisting with scheduled programs.

There is no registration deadline; we welcome new volunteers anytime of the year.

Call Retzer Nature Center (262) 896-8007 to sign up or for additional information.

YOGA CLASS

Age 12 thru Adult

Yoga is the oldest system of personal development in the world, encompassing body, mind, and spirit. Get started and discover how Yoga can be beneficial to the quality of your life. This 6-week course with Certified Instructor, Fred Varin, will focus on the basics of Hatha Yoga, a physical and mental form of Yoga that emphasizes Asanas or physical postures. Postures exercise every part of the body, stretching and toning muscles and joints, the spine, and skeletal system. This gentle introduction to Yoga will help you stretch and introduce you to a series of movements. It will also include balanced postures and relaxation. You will learn techniques on how to breathe to minimize the stress in your life and gain vital inner energy. You do not need to have a prior Yoga experience to join. Participants should bring a mat/blanket and wear loose, comfortable clothing. Ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Yoga is a 6-week class that runs over an 8-week period. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

DATE: Tuesdays, starting September 6
TIME: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
FEE: \$60.00 for 6 weeks of class over 8 weeks
REGISTER BY: Monday, September 5

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DATE: Tuesdays, starting November 1
TIME: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
FEE: \$60.00 for 6 weeks of class over 8 weeks
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 31

RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets monthly, with instructional programs, sharing/critique of members' photographs, discussion of equipment and technique, and opportunities for taking photographs at Retzer Nature Center and other nature areas.

DATE: Wednesdays: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

DISCOVER COMPOSTING

Adult Program

It's easy to start composting in your own backyard. Use nature's method of recycling and turn the nutrients in those leaves into a wonderful soil amendment. Learn how to reduce your trash to about 1/3 by composting vegetable and kitchen scraps and garden debris. This is a hands-on demonstration at Retzer's "Discovery Tour and Field Lab." **Call (262) 896-8302 to register.**

DATE: Saturday, September 10
TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
FEE: FREE
REGISTER BY: Wednesday, September 7.

DATE: Wednesday, September 21
TIME: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
FEE: FREE
REGISTER BY: Friday, September 16.

WEE WONDERS

Ages 2-4

This monthly program is designed for parents or grandparents with young children ages 2 to 4. Wee Wonders will introduce sensory skills that help you, the adult, experience the natural world with your child. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent for participation in this program. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

"Stomp & Crunch." – Join the naturalist for a walk in the woods. We will stomp and crunch leaves in search of colors and shapes. A leaf collection will go home with each child.

DATE: Tuesday, October 11
TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, October 6

"Time to Sleep." Bring your favorite stuffed animal to our slumber party. Explore a cave to find a sleepy bear and head under the pond to find a dozing frog. Come be a part of this indoor program about hibernation.

DATE: Tuesday, November 8
TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Thursday, November 3

RETZER BIRD SEED SALE BEGINS

Watch your mailbox for our 2011 Bird Seed Flyer! Orders are taken during the month of October.
Excellent Bird Seed! Excellent Prices!

FALL COLOR HIKE

Adult/Family Program

As fall approaches, the number of hours of daylight shortens each day. This seasonal contrast kicks off a series of chemical reactions within tree leaves that cause Wisconsin's spectacular autumns. Fall foliage is in the spotlight! Revel in the color palette as a crisp wind gently ushers in the autumn season. Come to Nashotah Park and hike the trails littered with red, orange, tan and yellow leaves that crunch underfoot. Explore the Ecology of Fall with Naturalist, Larry Kascht, and see what birds and animals can be observed. Maximum number of registrants 25, minimum 5.

DATE: Saturday, October 15
TIME: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Nashotah Park - Family Picnic Area 2
FEE: \$5.00 per person, plus park entrance fee
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 10

FOREST ECOLOGY WORKSHOP

Adult Program

Learn about the fascinating workings of the forest community in this **2-day workshop**. The evening slide program will introduce the way that forest, trees, plants, birds and animals depend upon one another. The field session, held at Muskego Park, will take participants off the trail to study the forest using scientific techniques. A summary of the results will be sent to each participant. Maximum number of registrants 30, minimum 5.

DAY 1: Thursday, October 20
TIME: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Slide Program
LOCATION: Retzer Nature Center

DAY 2: Saturday, October 22
TIME: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Field Session
LOCATION: Muskego Park - Picnic Area 3
FEE: \$10.00 program fee
plus Muskego Park entrance fee (day of)

REGISTER BY: Monday, October 17

BIRD SEED ORDER PICK UP TIMES AT COUNTY PARKS

Nashotah Park:

Friday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Minooka Park:

Sunday, November 6 from Noon to 4:30 p.m.
Monday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Moor Downs Golf Course Maintenance Building:

(Located on Riverview—across from the County Children's Center)
Wednesday, November 9 from Noon to 6:00 p.m.

PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION

Join us at the Friend's Annual Photo Contest Reception on Sunday, November 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Exclusive photo's taken on the grounds of Retzer Nature Center will be professionally judged. All contestants and the public are invited to attend this creative event.

BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Adult Program

"Gardener's Tool Cady" Use this functional tote to store your basketry tools or gardening supplies! The wood base and dividers keep you organized with generous compartments and storage options. Spokes are begun in the slotted base; sides are woven in the start/stop method with accent weavers in your choice of colors. Weavers, this is the tote you've been asking for!



Cady is 20" long x 8" wide x 11" tall with the handle. Gardeners, start dreaming about next year's growing season! All level weavers welcome. Bring the following supplies with you to class: Clippers or strong scissors, pencil, small flat screwdriver, bucket or dish pan, several clip clothespins, and old towel and a bag lunch. Maximum number of registrants 12, minimum 5.

DATE: Saturday, November 12
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$66.00
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 24

EVENING TRAILS

Family Program

Maximum number of registrants 20, minimum 5.

"Fall Into Phenology." Explore a new hobby – Phenology! Phenology is the practice of tracking nature through the seasons. You'll create your own Phenology journal. Then out we go out to discover Retzer, nature-style!

DATE: Friday, October 14
TIME: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
FEE: \$5.00 per person
REGISTER BY: Monday, October 10

Join us for our annual
Apple Harvest Festival
September 17



Family Fun all day long!

Sponsored by:



Coloring Contest for kids... 3-5 years and 6-8 years old! Winners will receive a \$25 Visa gift card and free passes to Apple Harvest Festival!

Go to www.appletree.org to download the picture!

NATURE SPROUTS - A LEOPOLD YEAR

Ages: 4-6 Participants must be accompanied by an adult. A snack and a craft are included for extra fun. Maximum number of registrants 15, minimum 5.

“Smoky Gold” “October Gentian, dusted with tamarack gold, is worth a...long look!” Words of Aldo Leopold from A Sand County Almanac. We will “meet” some evergreens; learn their names, and how to tell who is who!

DATE: Wednesday, October 19
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, October 14

“If I Were the Wind!” “For the wind has gone with the geese. So would I if I were the wind.” Quote by Aldo Leopold from Sand County Almanac. Let’s make like the wind and blow!

DATE: Wednesday, November 16
TIME: 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: Friday, November 11

Vacation Local.

Vacation at a Waukesha County campground. Campgrounds are located in:

- Menomonee Park
- Mukwonago Park
- Muskego Park
- Naga-Waukee Park



Check them out at www.waukeshacountyparks.com.

HELP US SAVE SOME TREES!

Please think of the environment and consider receiving this Program Guide via e-mail.



Please e-mail your name, postal address (to take you off the postal mailing list) and your e-mail address with PROGRAM GUIDE in the subject line to: retzer@waukeshacounty.gov

Thank you for helping us in our mission to create a sustainable environment.

Program Payment & Cancellation Policy:

Program fees must be paid 10 days before program is held, or at the time of booking if less than 10 days before program, unless listed otherwise in this program guide.

A cancellation fee of \$5.00 maximum if cancelled on program registration date. If cancelled after registration date, we reserve the right to forfeit the whole program registration fee. We reserve the right to issue credit on account, or a voucher toward future programs, instead of refunding money. Credit on account and vouchers must be redeemed within the same calendar year unless otherwise noted.

**September - November 2011
Retzer Nature Center Programs**

Contact Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Day Phone _____
Home Phone _____
E-mail _____
Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Please enroll person(s) listed below in the following class(s):

Name Workshop/Time Date Child’s Birth Date

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Make checks payable to: **Waukesha County Parks**
Master Card and Visa accepted.

Mail form and fee(s) to:
Retzer Nature Center Programs
Attn: Jan
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Waukesha, WI 53188

Questions: (262) 548-7801

Some workshops fill up quickly, please call to verify openings.