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Youth without Adult



Flying With the Wind Ages 10-12

Do you watch in wonder at how some of nature's creatures fly? Insects, birds and yes, even a mammal! Come find out more about these airborne creatures during our "windiest" month. Dress for a hike and the weather, as we'll be outside most of the time.

Saturday, March 12, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Pleasant Valley, Shelter #1,
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311352-01

Searching for Spring Ages 6-10

Spring has officially arrived, at least according to the calendar. For the nature lover, March is truly the dawn of the year. As winter gives way to spring, the world awakens to a new year of growth. Dormant plants begin to bud and bloom. Insects hatch or emerge from winter shelters. Hibernating animals arouse from their winter slumber. Join us in a sunset search for signs of spring at Pleasant Valley.

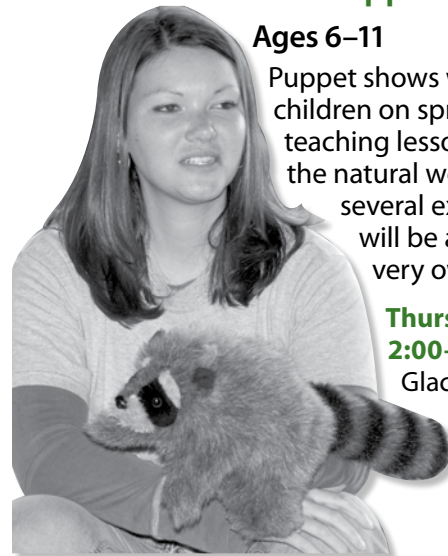
Friday, March 25, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley, Shelter #2
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$2 Non-Resident
Code: 311152-01

Nature's Puppet Shows

Ages 6-11

Puppet shows will entertain your children on spring break while also teaching lessons and facts about the natural world. After watching several examples, children will be able to make their very own animal puppet.

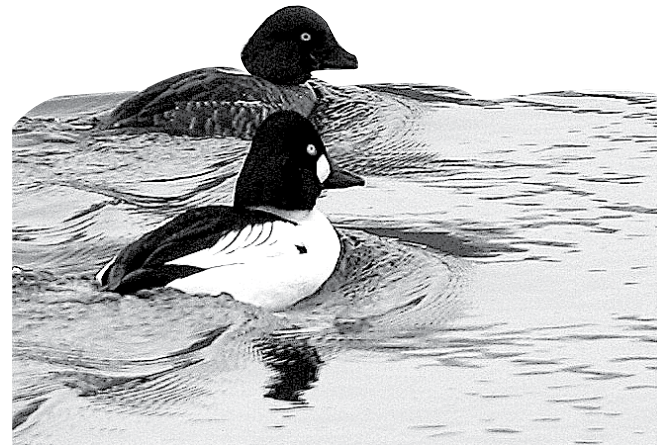
Thursday, March 31, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Glacial Park,
Lost Valley Visitor Center
Fee: \$0 Resident/
\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311252-01



April Fools: Trickery in Nature Ages 8-11

Camouflage, mimicry, traps, lures, faking injury or even death; many of nature's creatures use trickery as a means of survival. Come explore some of the ingenious tricks that animals use to lure prey or avoid predators.

Friday, April 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Prairieview Education Center
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311153-01



Duck, Duck, Goose Ages 5-10

Come experience activities and games designed to teach children more about some of the birds that share this land we call home. Do they live here all year? Where do they go? What is migration and how does it work? Discover the answers to these questions and many more!

Thursday, April 7, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311303-01

Pond Study for Homeschoolers Ages 8-12

Attention homeschoolers!! Spend a wonderful spring afternoon exploring the ecosystem of a pond. Search for signs of aquatic food chains and food webs, and seek out examples of life cycles. Wear sturdy shoes and dress to get muddy and wet. All other equipment is provided.

Wednesday, April 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley, Shelter #2
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311104-01

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Secrets of the Salamander Ages 10-12

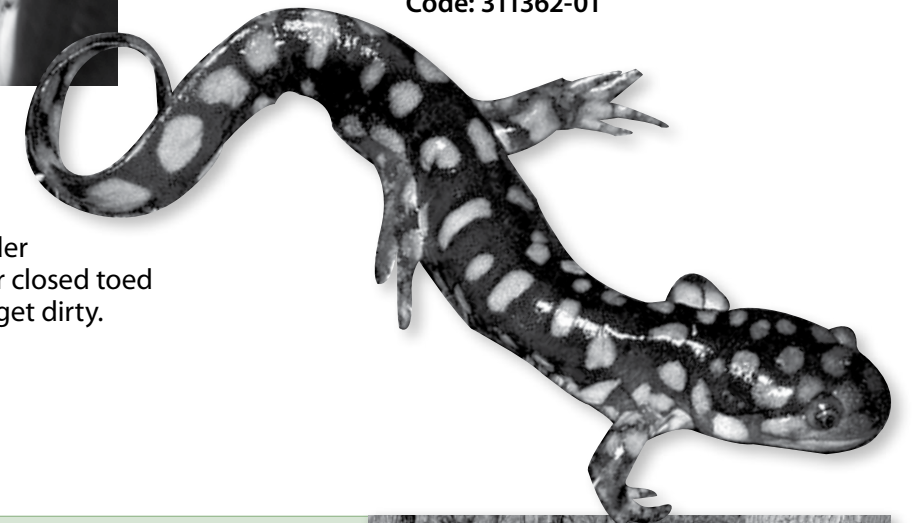
Come to our woods to explore for the secretive amphibian, the salamander! How do they survive and where do they live? These questions and more will be answered as we hike through the woods of Coral Woods Conservation Area. Be prepared to hike and get dirty! Dress for the weather.

Tuesday, May 10, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Coral Woods, Picnic Shelter
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311362-01

Woodland Adventures Ages 6-10

Join us for an evening exploration of Glacial Park's woodlands. We will be digging through leaf litter and looking under logs during this woodland adventure. Wear closed toed shoes and long pants; and be prepared to get dirty.

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident
Code: 311306-01



Conservation Club for Teens

The Conservation Club for Teens is about discovering the environment through fun outdoor activities that get you involved with conservation. Whether you are a novice or an expert, there is always something new to learn while recreating outdoors.

We meet once a season on Saturday to explore nature throughout McHenry County with activities like canoeing, hiking, habitat restoration, and more.

Working for Wildlife Ages 13-19

Join us at Grundstrom Woods in Wonder Lake for our spring CCT event. We will begin with a tour of the Wildlife Resource Center, then participate in a habitat restoration project in the surrounding natural area. We will break for lunch so please pack a picnic. Registration is required for this event.

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Grundstrom Woods, Wonder Lake
Code: 311302-01*



*Call Prairieview Education Center at 815-479-5779 to register. Grundstrom Woods is not an open site; directions will be mailed to all registrants.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program.

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Nature Tales Ages 3-5

Come enjoy nature stories that will serve as the theme for other activities and a seasonal walk as well. Dress for the weather.

Saturday, March 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pleasant Valley, Shelter #2
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident
Code: 311351-01

Greening of the Land

Ages 3-5

Yes it's St. Patrick's Day, but have you noticed what is happening outside? Bring along your young ones as we search Stickney Run for all things green and learn why all this greening is going on. Dress for the weather and a walk.

Thursday, March 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Stickney Run
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident
Code: 311356-01

Discovery Days Ages 2-6

Enjoy an hour of fun walking from station to station - playing games, making a craft, eating a snack, and more. All activities are based around the special theme of the day.

Fee: \$0 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center

Friday, March 11, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Code: 311300-01

Marengo Ridge, Shelter #1

Tuesday, April 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Code: 311357-01

Brookdale, Paulsen Road Shelter

Thursday, May 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Code: 311156-01

Stroller Strut Ages Infant-5

On this casual stroller walk, infants to toddlers age 5 with an adult chaperone will enjoy and explore nature together. We will have some fun using our senses and descriptive words to become more familiar with the natural world. Dress for the weather and bring your own water, bug spray, etc. to ensure the comfort of your child.

Friday, April 22, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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Fee: \$0 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident
Code: 311201-01

Conservation Egg Hunt Ages Infant-13

A short hike leads kids to various bird habitats where they "hunt" for eggs of local birds. Everyone finds eggs and everyone gets a prize. **Registration for this program closes on April 15, and no refunds will be issued for cancellations made after this date.** Program fees cover the purchase of prizes for the kids and refreshments for all.

Saturday, April 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Brookdale, Paulsen Road Shelter
Fee: \$2 Resident/\$2.50 Non-Resident
Code: 311304-01



Springing Up for Preschoolers

Ages 3-5



Join your little one in making exciting discoveries about this wonderful season in this beautiful place. Staff will be on hand

to provide an introduction to spring, tips and materials for leading your own exploration, answers to your questions and encouragement for your adventures. Dress for springtime weather and exploration.



Monday, April 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pleasant Valley, Shelter #2
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident
Code: 311359-01

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Nature Play Open House Ages Infant-5

Enjoy a play date with an environmental twist! Parents and tots are invited to come to Prairieview Education Center to play with nature themed puzzles, games, puppets, and more, while visiting with other families. There will be a guided hike at 11:00 a.m. followed by a snack. A craft table will be set up throughout the program. If you plan to join the hike, please dress for the weather.

Monday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Fee: \$0 Resident/\$3 Non-Resident
Code: 311203-01

Scouts in the House

A ratio of 1 adult to 10 scouts is required.†

Nature Crafts

Ages 7-9

Join us for a fun-filled and educational night as we help Bear Cubs work on their **Nature Crafts** elective. Due to Conservation District rules against collecting in natural areas, we will be discussing and demonstrating alternative ways to earn your "collections". This is an indoor program.

Monday, March 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 311250-01*

Earth and Sky Try-It

Ages 6-8

Brownies are invited to this activity-oriented educational program that helps to meet the requirements of the **Earth and Sky Try-It**.

Tuesday, March 8, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 311350-01*



Map and Compass†

Ages 9-11

Junior Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, come out to Prairieview and have some fun using our map and compass course. This program includes instruction and practice with map reading skills and compass use. **A ratio of 1 adult to 4 scouts is required.** This is an outdoor program so dress for the weather.

Saturday, April 9

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Prairieview Education Center
Code: 311200-01*

Animal Try-It

Ages 6-8

Brownies will explore different animal characteristics, movements, communications and healthy habitats by playing games, making crafts and taking time for a hike.

Wednesday, May 11, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 311106-01*

Soil and Water Conservation

Ages 9-11

Webelos scouts and their leaders are invited to come to Glacial Park to work toward their **Soil and Water Conservation** achievement. This all indoor program will include hands on activities and games based around the topic.

Monday, May 16, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 311308-01*

*NOTE: Online registration is not available for these programs. Please call (815) 479-5779 to register.