

Pack 620 Summer Activities List 2009

5/1 – 5/3 Spring Family Campout Sugar River Forest Preserve. \$5 each or \$20 per family.

Saturday 5/2 Green Spring Cleaning Party Boone County Conservation District A green cleaning party is a fun event where you and your friends learn how to make non-toxic cleaners from common ingredients like vinegar, baking soda and essential oils. There is no cost, but bring clean spray bottles and jars so you can take home your concoctions and start green cleaning. This program will be held at the Roger D. Gustafson Nature Center. You must call (815) 547-7935 to **register by April 24th**.

Thursday, May 7 6:00 pm 2009 Wildflower Walkabout Co-Sponsored by Severson Dells Nature Center and Natural Land Institute - Explore North Central Illinois Howard D. Colman Dells Nature Preserve Greg Keilback of the Natural Land Institute will lead this hike of moderate difficulty. Owned and managed by NLI, this 55-acre nature preserve is located along Hall Creek, southwest of Rockford. One of the attractive features of this preserve is a series of cliffs known as the dells. The floral display in the upland woods is one of the best in Winnebago County. Moderate hiking. See April 15 Wildflower Walkabout listing for more program details.

5/9 and 5/10 Birdfest 2009 Bring mom out to Sand Bluff Bird Observatory for hikes, bird banding presentations, children's activities, food, etc. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$0.50 for 12 and under. From 8 am until 4 each day. 4 miles northwest of Shirland off of Yale Bridge Road. Call Mike Eickman at 815-871-8483 evenings for details.

Monday 5/25 Memorial Day Parade Scouts meet at the corner of Main and Bridge streets in Downtown Roscoe at 10:30. Parents pick up children at the cemetery entrance.

July 17 Creepy Crawlies Critters Family Friday Rockford Discovery Center 11:00 am - 3:30 pm Make friends with live critters you would normally avoid! Cuddle up with a cockroach, wiggle like a worm, shake hands with a snake, and try your skills at arthropod art. Assemble an insect, copy some camouflage, or become a game show contestant and find out how bugs taste! The wonder of these incredible creatures will encourage the most timid toucher.

Friday 6/19 1.00 – 3.00 pm Escape To Burpee: Paws and Claws Explore the museum collection area to look for animals with unusual paws and claws, then discover their adaptations. Make a cool take-home project. Pre-registration and payment is required Call Education Department 815 965 3433 ext 1020 to register Fees: \$10 per child members \$12 per child non members

June 26 STAR WARS Jr. Jedi Academy Family Friday Rockford Discovery Center 11:00 am - 3:30 pm Don your Jedi robes for a Star Wars adventure! Construct your own lightsaber, master the powers of the Force, and apply your

skills at the Jedi trials. Meet a storm trooper, test your Star Wars knowledge, and play for prizes that would make a Neimoidian jealous! Younglings, padawans, and aliens welcome; no droids please.

Saturday 6/27 Burpee Explorers: Creepin' Crayfish

1.00 – 2.30 pm For school aged children, must be accompanied by an adult. Observe live crayfish and perform a variety of non-harmful tests to discover their responses. Study preserved specimens for a closer look at their anatomy. This family workshop is for an adult working with one or two children. Register each child, adult is free. Pre-registration and payment is required Call Education Department 815 965 3433 ext 1020 to register Fees: \$13 per participant members, \$18 per participant nonmembers

6/28- 7/1 Camp Akela (Webelos)

7/10 Scout Night at the Snappers 7:00 game. Tickets \$10 include hotdog, chips and drink. Order through me or through den as a group – I will forward the order form to den leaders.

7/17 – 19 Natural Land Institute's Wildflower Weekend Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 17, 18, 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day Nygren Wetland Preserve, 3190 West Rockton Road, Rockton, IL 61072 Guided tours of spectacular prairies in full bloom each day. July 18 is **Children and Families Day** with wagon rides, displays and programs on wildlife and wildflowers. Free and open to the public.

7/21- 7/24 Scout Camp Registration with Jean Weymer required.

7/25 Rockford Riverhawks Scout Overnight Details not yet available.

Saturday 7/25 Burpee Explorers: Ancient Life

1.00 – 2.30 pm For school aged children, must be accompanied by an adult. Spend time exploring real fossils with one of our "fossil time capsules", walk a timeline then chose one to make and take home. This family workshop is for an adult working with one or two children. Register each child, adult is free. Pre-registration and payment is required Call Education Department 815 965 3433 ext 1020 to register Fees: \$10 per participant members, \$15 per participant nonmembers

August 14; 11:00 am - 3:30 pm The Best of the Best Family Friday

Rockford Discovery Center With explosions and zaps, from stars to storms, Discovery Center education staff members have picked their favorite topics for you to explore. Come test the limits of liquid nitrogen, capture a tornado, wander through the night sky, dabble in chemistry, or catapult your favorite fruit. This Family Friday features all the best of what Discovery Center has to offer!

Sunday 9/13 Fall Festival Parade Scouts meet at the corner of Main and Bridge streets in Downtown Roscoe at 10:30. Parents pick up children at the cemetery entrance. Look for an email in the fall to confirm time and place!!!