

Almanac From the Hill

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Assistant Maintenance Staff Position Open At Hunt Hill for the 2012 Season

The Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Inc. announces that Hunt Hill will begin accepting applications in January, 2012 for the Assistant Maintenance Staff position for the camp program season starting in April, 2012. After a dozen or more years of her hard work and dedication in so many areas at Hunt Hill, such as general maintenance, gardening, dry walling, laundering, painting, decorating, sewing, carpentry, it will be hard to replace Colette.

This is a part-time, seasonal, entry-level job in a great environment at the Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, with lots of physical work in a positive family-oriented setting. Employment runs from mid-April through the end of September each year. Hours generally run from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm weekdays, but must be flexible for some evening hours and weekend days, depending on the busy camp season, weather and varying programs scheduled through the summer season.

For any questions or more on the detailed job description, please contact Storme Nelson at Hunt Hill by phone at: 715-635-6543; or by mail at: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, N2384 Hunt Hill Road, Sarona, WI 54870; or by email at director@hunthill.org.



Ruger has been enjoying the mild winter weather, soaking up some sun on the front steps....hope you have been out enjoying this winter also!

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line.

Hunt Hill's 2012 Wolf-tracking Fieldtrip Conducted

On January 28, 2012, Hunt Hill offered one of our most popular and exciting winter outdoor programs: an all-day road trip to Douglas County in northern Wisconsin to search for sign of the north woods' premier carnivores – especially the eastern timber wolf.

This extreme wilderness area along the Minnesota/Wisconsin border is where timber wolves first crossed back into Wisconsin back in the 1960's – the Belden Swamp/Empire Swamp area. There are currently at least five wolf packs known to be located in this area of Douglas County Forest!

This is always a great experience for beginners, families and veteran outdoors folks, to learn about wolves in their natural habitat, as well as other carnivores like fishers, weasels, fox, otter and even birds of prey.

The group of about a dozen "trackers" met at the Econo-mart parking lot at 6:30 am, then traveled north to meet up with the Hayward contingent; and then we stopped north of Minong for our last participant. We drove north to the Moose Junction/Summit Trail area of Douglas County and came back after dark that same day, so we could listen for howling wolves at dusk.

Highlights of the trip along the fifteen miles of back forest roads we covered included: many, many wolf tracks, breeding/raised leg urination sites of both wolves and foxes, weasel tracks, coyote tracks, an old blown-out beaver dam with a full beaver lodge uncovered after the water had flowed away, a short-tailed weasel in a trap set we found along the road, a northern shrike poised on a birch tree stub and the evening campfire with refreshments while we waited – unsuccessfully - for the wolves to howl. We

also hiked into the woods about three miles to visit a more remote beaver pond (where we found a beaver trap set) and an old wolf den site – both of these areas had exhibited wolf activity in the past.

Please join us for next year's challenging wolf-tracking fieldtrip in January/February, 2013 for an outdoor experience that could well change your life!



Prairie Fling 2012!

Have you seen those colorful signs posted near Hunt Hill? Wonder what they're talking about? They're inviting you to Hunt Hill's PRAIRIE FLING on MAY 12! Hunt Hill is proud to announce the Prairie Fling festival! Prairie Fling will feature music, food, art, children's activities, community booths and nature education programs. Fling will run from 10am-4pm and is free to Hunt Hill members and just \$5/person for nonmembers for a whole day worth of fun! Show your support for Hunt Hill while enjoying a fun filled day reconnecting with people, community and nature.



2012 Program Guide



Here is a list of special features to look for:

TEAR OUT CALENDAR: Page 5 features a tear out calendar that lists nearly all of our programs by date, time and preregistration date. More info can be found at www.hunthill.org

***** 3** starts preceding a title of a program indicate the program requires participants to register early.

DAY CAMP CHECK LIST: Page 11 lists all of our day camps. This can be cut out and posted on the fridge, with checks next to the camps your little ones will be attending this summer.

MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPE: Hunt Hill depends on the support of our members! Learn more about the benefits of membership on page 3 of the Program Guide.

PRICE STRUCTURE UPDATES: To thank our members, we now offer discounted prices on programs for our members. The program lists the Program cost followed by a members cost for each program.

New Membership Benefits

In addition to 10% savings in the nature store, the option to receive email updates and paper copies of our newsletters as well as discounts on cabin rentals, Hunt Hill members can now enjoy the benefits of discounted programs. In 2011, we offered a discount card good towards specific programs. We have eliminated the discount card and in 2012 will instead be offering discounts on nearly all of our programs for our members – no card needed! When you register for a program, be sure to let us know that you are a member so we can apply your discount. Thank you for your support!

Amphitheater Progress



A special THANK YOU to Mike Lilyblad of Aagar Construction for donating all of the block, his time, machinery and various needed supplies to create the steps of our amphitheater! In addition to Mike's generosity, our volunteers donated many hours to make the amphitheater a reality. A special thanks to Gene Romsos who was here every day of construction helping! Additional volunteers



who made the project successful included, facilities committee members Gary Davis and Nick Allen, and volunteer laborers: Keith Veldhuizen, Charlie Jump, Carolyn Cleveland, Pat Purdy and Jessie Schalkowski. Thanks to Derrick Olson for delivering at short notice additional supplies. If you would like to help us complete the amphitheater stage this spring, please contact Nikki 715 635 6543 or program@hunthill.org to learn more. Thanks!

2012 Hunt Hill Staffing Needs Continued.....

Spring Marketing Intern

The intern will work closely with the Program Director this spring to develop low cost ways to advertise and market our camps to increase enrollment and the overall success and sustainability of our camp. This is a short-term salaried position.

School Educators

Experience teaching is preferred but applicants who enjoy the outdoors and working with youth are encouraged to apply. Educators work with school children, typically in grades K-7, leading pre-developed curriculum. A typically work day begins around 8:30 and ends around 2:30. Dates vary based on school scheduling Monday through Friday in the month of May and beginning of June.

Summer Environmental Educators

Hunt Hill is looking for enthusiastic, mature and trustworthy seasonal educators to live and work on-site June through the beginning of August. Educators develop and lead a variety of nature programs, primarily to our day campers, ages 5-12. This is a salaried position and room and board are provided.

Summer Junior Counselors

Junior counselors are volunteers, ages 13-17, that gain work experience and build their resumes as they help with various aspects of our summer day camp programs. Junior Counselors will work closely with Summer Environmental Educators. Jr. Counselor's schedules are based on their availability and the needs of camp.



Nature updates on Facebook!

Storme Nelson will now be posting daily updates on phenology, nature, Hunt Hill programs and more through our Facebook account. Friend us today! You can find us on Facebook, by searching for Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary under PEOPLE (not the group). If you have questions, feel free to contact Nikki at 715 635 6543.

Nature Store

Our Nature Store is currently closed for the winter months....but if there is something that you need, I will be more than happy to check thru our boxes to find it for you!

We have T-shirts, books, stationary, games, jewelry, cards.....and lots more!

We will open in the spring and have new items that will be a must have!

Not only will you have fun shopping, but what a great way to support Hunt Hill!

Contact Jan at 715-635-6543 or info@hunthill.org



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We wish we had...

MACHINERY

Skid steer/bobcat

Electric golf cart

BUILDINGS

Wooden porch swing

New 9V batteries

*Compact fluorescent bulbs (75 or 100 watts)

New/new condition area rugs- 6x9 or 9x12

Name of person who can repair hand cranked

victrola



PROGRAM SUPPLIES

Kayaks—1 & 2 person

Snowshoes—assorted sizes

Adult & children Lifejackets

Telephone poles or landscape timbers,
4x4s, 4x6s

Clean animal pelts and skulls

Taxidermy mounts

Cedar or pine planks for bird houses



OFFICE

Postage Stamps

KITCHEN

Full size sheet pans

Extra large grill for pancake breakfasts

Sources for unbleached paper products

Rectangular, flannel back vinyl tablecloths

Food Processor—large

100 cup coffee maker

Food warming stands w/sterno holders



TOOLS

Loppers, pruning shears

Deepwell sockets

Wood clamps

Pipe Clamps

Backpack Blower

Drywall square

Rubber Mallet

Heavy tined garden rakes

Table saw

Hole saws—all sizes

18V battery operated drill

