

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary

Welcome

The Board of the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary extends a hearty invitation to you, your family, and friends to please come visit us in 2009.

This Program Guide will serve as your road map for involvement at Hunt Hill. Our programs, trails, meeting spaces, varied habitats, and other facilities are only here to serve you and encourage your increased appreciation of nature. Please take advantage of us! Our constant wish is to help guide people through the progression of nature appreciation: from first becoming aware of nature and its creatures – birds, plants, wildlife, insects; to learning about their ecology; to caring about their needs; to finally taking action to preserve them and nature in all its glory. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nikki Nelson, Program Director
Jan Bliss, Board President
Storme Nelson, Executive Director

Cakes at the Lake 2009

After a record-breaking year for attendees and pancakes eaten, the Long Lake Preservation Association brings back the Cakes at the Lake programming series hosted by Friends of Hunt Hill. Cakes at the Lake is a series of pancake breakfasts followed by free environmental programs. Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee - all you can eat. Serving starts at 8:30am and programming begins at 10am. Adults \$6; children 5-12 \$3; children under 5 free. Check for themes in program guide.

DATES:

May 9Loons
June 20Eagles
July 11.....State of the State Wildlife
August 15 White Deer
September 12..... Wild Rice

Grill at the Hill

2009

New

With the success of the Cakes at the Lake events we've decided to independently offer an opportunity for people to enjoy a grilled dinner, the company of neighbors and friends plus a free environmental program! Enjoy a picnic-style dinner featuring grilled burgers, hotdogs, hobo-style vegetable medley and refreshments - all made from local foods, when possible! Serving starts at 5:30pm and the presentation begins at 7pm. Adults \$9; children 5-12 \$5; children under 5 \$1. *If you are interested in this event, please be sure to attend as this will ensure we offer the program in the future. Check for details in the program guide:

DATES:

May 30 Nocturnal Animals
August 22..... Campfire Stories

New

Dinner and a Movie

Join Hunt Hill for our first ever Dinner and a Movie series. These relaxed evenings will start with a dinner at 5:30pm. Dinners will vary but will include a main entree, side dish, beverage choices and a movie snack/dessert. We will show the motion picture movies over a projector for a large screen viewing. Chairs will be provided, but if you would like to kick back, feel free to bring a pillow or mat and make yourself comfortable. Following the movie, an optional discussion will be initiated highlighting key issues and controversies for discussion and further exploration. If you are interested in this event, please be sure to attend as this will ensure we offer this program in the future. RSVP's are strongly requested but not required. Cost is \$8/person.

DATES:

April 18..... "Fly Away Home"
July 25..... "Never Cry Wolf"
September 19 "Into the Wild"

New Eco-Adventures Series

Attention all home schoolers, families, grandparents and any group of people who enjoy the outdoors! Please join Hunt Hill in our new monthly education series, Eco-Adventures! These programs will feature a different adventure each month and offer participants opportunities to learn new skills! Each adventure includes background information, hands on exploration and/or practice and a snack. Check the program guide to learn more about the themes.

Cost: \$5/person \$15/family

Single Year Cost: \$50 Family Year Cost: \$150

**Check each program description for additional travel or supply costs.

- January 17-18 Winter Camping 101
- February 7 Wolf Tracking Field Trip
- February 28 Snowshoeing - Ice Age Trail
- April 11..... Geocaching
- May 31 Lake Sturgeon Watch
- June 27..... Snorkeling
- July 18..... Family Canoeing Basics
- August 22..... Advanced Family Canoeing
- September 19 Back-Packing
- October 10 Outdoor Photography
- November 7..... Wildlife Detectives
- December 12..... Ice Fishing



New GRAND Adventures

Throughout the summer, Hunt Hill will be offering an afternoon day camp that will allow grandparents and their grandchildren to spend time together in nature. Spend the afternoon showing off your skills and bonding with your grandkids in these fun-filled programs. The three-hour programs (1pm-4pm) will include learning activities, staff led fun and games, and swim time with the kids - feel free to join in if you'd like! Cost is \$10/person or \$35/family. Check out the program guide to learn more!

DATES:

June 24 Gardening

July 29 Survival

August 26 Tracking and Birds

February

Saturday, February 7th

Eco-Adventure 2 - Wolf Tracking

6am - 6pm

Learn basics of carnivore tracking while spending a full day in Block 2 of the Wisconsin DNR's Winter Carnivore Tracking program, in Douglas County. We'll carpool in 4-wheel drive vehicles into the remote northwest county forests along the Minnesota-Wisconsin border to check on two or three separate wolf packs. Bring a lunch, binoculars, warm footwear and clothing and be prepared to possibly backtrack on-foot as well. Frequent other wildlife tracks in the past have included fishers, bobcats, otters, weasels, fox, porcupines, and deer. Bird sightings could include great gray owls, eagles, gray jays, many different woodpeckers red-breasted nuthatches, brown creepers, pine grosbeaks, redpolls, and others. Data collected on tracks will become part of the 2009 carnivore monitoring program records. Call ahead to reserve a spot.

Cost: \$5/person Eco Adventure fee plus additional gas cost share.

Saturday, February 28th

Eco-Adventure 3 - Snowshoe Hike on the Ice Age Trail at Noon

Join Hunt Hill staff and Ice Age Trail Chapter Leader, Tim McRaith as we explore the new extension on the Ice Age Trail near Murphy's Flowage. Participants can choose to hike a 3-mile loop with hot drinks and snacks or follow Tim on a 6 mile hike over to Tagalong restaurant for an optional dinner before carpooling back. If you do not have snowshoes let us know and we may be able to help you find a pair for the day!

Cost: \$5 Eco-Adventure fee plus optional cost for dinner at Tagalong



March

Saturday, March 7th

Aldo Leopold Banquet 6pm-8pm

To honor the legacy of Aldo Leopold and to help foster the idea of developing a land ethic, Hunt Hill will offer this banquet which celebrates Leopold's work. We'll hear from local people on Leopold's life and hear short excerpts from A Sand County Almanac. Then enjoy a menu of wild game including: bison, goose, fish and venison stew along with wild rice and all the trimmings. This event will sell out quickly, so make your reservations early!!

Cost: \$15/person

Saturday, March 21

Star Gazing 8pm

If an evening spent looking at the stars of the spring sky sounds exciting, then join Greg Furtman and

Hunt Hill as we explore the night sky for constellations and get a closer look through the use of a telescope.

Cost: \$5/person

April

Saturday, April 4th

Maple Syruping - Hemshrot's Sugar Bush

2pm-4pm

Join us west of Shell Lake, at the Hemshrot Sugar Bush for this great family tradition! Learn what makes a good sugar bush, walk in the early spring woods, help collect the maple sap, see how it is boiled down, get answers to all the other questions you'd like to ask, AND get a chance for a taste of the finished product!

muddy), old clothing (might get sticky), gloves, and maybe some rain gear - just in case. Be prepared to hike into the sugar bush. Detailed travel directions available on request. Please register by March 28.

Cost: \$5/person

Saturday, April 11th

Eco-Adventure 4- Geocaching

10am-12pm

Do you like spending time outdoors? Does the idea of hidden treasure get your blood flowing? Then come try out the exciting outdoor activity known as geocaching! Using a GPS device you will navigate your way through the woods at Hunt Hill in search of a hidden cache. No experience is required and GPS units will be provided.

Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure fee

Saturday, April 18th

Arbor and Earth Day Extravaganza!!!

Spend the day at Hunt Hill as we celebrate the earth!

Crane Count 6 am

For the early risers, we invite you to join the Crane Count in your area or at Hunt Hill. Please call ahead to reserve a survey location! The cranes are a wonder to hear and observe and you will enjoy all the additional wildlife stirring in the dawn.

Arbor and Earth Day Celebration

3pm - 5pm

Celebrate these days by gathering at Hunt Hill for an earth friendly early spring activity! Local experts will provide information on gardening, composting, and heirloom seeds. Plus, the first 25 people will receive an heirloom tomato plant for their gardens!

Cost: \$5/person

Dinner and a Movie 5:30pm

You've already spent the day here, what's dinner and a few more hours???

Movie: Loosely based on the real-life experiences of Bill Lishman, who successfully led 16 geese from Canada to Virginia in 1993, the movie, *Fly Away Home* will capture your heart, interests and give hope that we can all do something extraordinary! The film follows a girl named Amy who finds, raises and attempts to help a flock of geese migrate south. A discussion about the film and challenges facing bird migration will follow the movie.

Dinner: Chili and fixin's, cornbread muffins, beverages, and movie snacks will be provided.

Cost: \$8/person

Saturday, April 25th

Hatching at the Hill

10am - 2pm

Join Hunt Hill for a re-vamped, better-than-ever afternoon of family fun!! Evil-doers have stolen the eggs of some of our favorite animals and we need **YOUR** help to find them! **Prizes, crafts, fun facts** and an **egg hunt** will make for an exciting afternoon, rain or shine! Call for family/group rates (churches, neighborhood groups, scouts, etc.).

Cost: \$5/person

May

Saturday, May 2

Spring Helping Hands

Everyone is invited to lend talents, energy, and enthusiasm to help open up the camp for the season. There are many tasks to accomplish! Getting the garden ready, bringing the dorms out of their winterization, clearing the trails, setting up the waterfront, sprucing up the library... Free lodging is available Friday and Saturday. Continental

breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Volunteers are invited to stay Saturday evening for a night of live music and dancing with Duck for the Oyster. Join the 30+ people who 'lend a hand' each year. Great opportunity for Scouts and youth to do volunteer work and join the fun. You don't have to be a member to participate in this weekend! know you are coming!!!

Saturday, May 2

Barn Dance

7:30pm - 11:30pm

Bring your family and kick up yer' heels as Duck for the Oyster rocks our annual barn dance. Check website www.hunthill.org and local media for more information.

Cost: \$6/person; \$15/family

Saturday, May 9

Cakes at the Lake Breakfast starts 8:30

Loon Watch Presents - Loons at 10am



Saturday, May 30

Grill at the Hill Dinner starts at 5:30pm

Chris Cold Presents - Nocturnal Animals at 7pm



Sunday, May 31

Eco-Adventure 5 - Sturgeon Watch

9am - 2pm

Spend one, two or more days again this year as part of the Sturgeon Watch Arpin Dam Squad (SWAD). Begin with an introduction to the biology and life cycles of this magnificent fish along with the history of and need for the SWAD Squad. Sunday will be spent on the banks of the Chippewa River near Radisson at the North American Hydro Arpin Dam Hydroelectric Project watching these majestic beauties. Optional overnight camping is available. Lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure fee plus \$2/person for lunch

June



Saturday, June 20th
Cakes at the Lake
Breakfast starts 8:30
National Eagle Center -
Eagles at 10am

Wednesday, June 24 1pm-4pm

GRAND Adventures

How Does Your Garden Grow?

For Grandparents and Grandkids -learn together what makes a good garden from the ground up, how to grow your favorite vegetables, and once planted find out how to take care of them with weeding, composting, and watering. During refreshments, share some of the ways you have been successful in your gardening at home. Everyone goes home with a tomato plant to grow and take care of.

Cost : \$10/person or \$35/family

Saturday, June 27

Eco-Adventure 6 - Snorkeling

1pm - 3pm

Snorkeling in Wisconsin?? Yes! Spend the afternoon at Hunt Hill learning how to snorkel so you can discover hidden treasures found right in your local lakes! Shawn Tisdell, local snorkeler and Hunt Hill educator, will lead this adventure as participants learn about equipment, techniques and then spend the afternoon exploring any of our three glacial lakes!

July

Saturday, July 11

Cakes at the Lake Breakfast starts 8:30
Chris Cold - State of the State Wildlife in
Wisconsin at 10am

Saturday, July 18

Eco-Adventure 7- Family Canoeing Basics

9am - 12pm

Join us Saturday morning and experience the joy of gliding over the waters of Wisconsin lakes and rivers in your canoe! We will learn a little history of the craft, the basic parts, paddling strokes to move and steer, some important safety factors, and be off on the waters of Hunt Hill lakes. By the end of the session your whole family will be exploring distant shores and loving the quiet freedom found in canoeing.

**Cost: \$5/
person Eco-
Adventure fee**



Saturday,

July 25

Dinner and a Movie 5:30pm

Movie: Created by Walt Disney Pictures, *Never Cry Wolf*, dramatizes the true story of a man sent to the arctic wilderness of Canada to study the 'negative' effects wolves were inflicting on caribou herds. He soon discovered, though, that myths are easily conjured and that the true danger facing the land, caribou and even the wolves was something much more menacing. The discussion following the movie will highlight on myth vs. reality and effects humans play on their environment.

Dinner: Sloppy Joes, finger food galore, beverages, & movie snacks.

Cost: \$8/person

Wednesday, July 29 1pm - 4pm

GRAND Adventure - Survival Skills

For Grandparents and Grandkids - learn about and then actually build shelters, fires, and collect food and water. You'll learn how to put together a survival pack and be ready for the next time you get 'lost in the woods'. Share your survival stories with other participants over a snack at the end of the program.

Cost: \$10/person or \$35/family

August

Saturday, August 15

Cakes at the Lake Breakfast starts 8:30

Jeffrey Richter on White Deer at 10am

Saturday, August 22

Eco-Adventure 8 -

Advanced Family Canoeing

8am - 5pm

This second canoeing event is a daylong paddling adventure on the Namekagon River, just north of Hunt Hill. Bring a lunch and binoculars as we paddle downstream, learn a few maneuvering techniques, and enjoy the wildlife and beauty of this wild and scenic river.

Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure Fee plus additional fee if we provide canoe/transport of canoe



Saturday, August 22

Grill at the Hill Dinner

starts at 5:30pm

Campfire Stories at 7pm

Wednesday, August 26

GRAND Adventure 1pm - 4pm

Tracking and Birding

For Grandparents and Grandkids - Is it a dog or coyote? A cat or cougar? Learn how to identify animal tracks and signs that will help you learn what you are tracking. Then off to the woods to put your new found knowledge and skills to use. After a snack break, we'll discuss techniques that you can procure and work on over the winter to start your big hike in the future.

Cost: \$10/person or \$35/family

September

Saturday, September 19

Eco-Adventure 9 - Back-Packing

If you have ever envied those hearty souls who have hiked the "big trails," like the appalachian or Ice Age Trail, and long to et out into the woods for an extended saunter, come to Hunt Hill and learn how it is done by an expert. A crafty veteran of the trail will share basic equipment, training, and cooking technizues that you can procure and work on over the winter to start your big hike in the future.

Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure fee

Saturday, September 19

Dinner and a Movie 5:30pm

Movie: Watch the film adaptation of John Krakauer's gripping book *Into the Wild*; based on the real-life adventures of Christopher McCandless. Following his college graduation, McCandless left behind all associations of his prior life and traveled around the US before finally heading off into the Alaskan wilderness to live off the land. A discussion about McCandless' motivations, actions and legacy will follow the movie.

Dinner: Pizza, garlic bread, beverages, and snacks

Cost: \$8/person

Soupstock back in 2009.

Check website for details

Sunday, September 27

Hunt Hill Annual Meeting

Calling all Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary to attend the Annual Meeting. Join neighbors and friends

Hill, elect new Board Directors, eat good food, and enjoy a special program by a featured speaker.

October

Saturday, October 10 1pm - 3pm

Eco-Adventure 10-Outdoor Photography

Are you interested in capturing the changing of the

seasons and the splash of fall colors? Come and practice your skills with hands-on assistance from our educators and learn the tips that will help you get those memorable images. Bring your own camera and ****extra batteries**** ...digital or film.



Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure fee

Saturday, October 17

Trail of Myths Noon to 4pm

Bring the family and learn and laugh through this theatrical production. You will encounter a variety of wildlife with their entertaining tales of real life in the forest. Our cast of characters is sure to captivate you! You may want to join the cast - be a volunteer critter with your family! Visitors may arrive at any time to take the guided hike along the Trail of Myths between noon and 4pm. When you have finished your hike, enjoy refreshments and crafts. A perfect activity for church, scout, and neighborhood play groups.

Cost: \$5/person or \$15/family. Call ahead for a special price if bringing a large group.



November

Saturday, November 7

Eco-Adventure 11 - Wildlife Detectives

1pm - 3pm

Ever wonder what those tracks were leading away from your garbage, found a pile of scat, or wondered about a hoot you heard in the night? Join Hunt Hill as we discuss how to identify animal signs and then we'll test our knowledge by hitting the trails to search for animal signs, tracks



and scat.

Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure fee

December

Saturday, December 12

Eco-Adventure 12 - Ice Fishing

1pm - 3pm

Whether you are an experienced ice fisherman or brand new to the 'sport' join Hunt Hill staff as we head down to our lakes to see what's biting. Learn how to set tip-ups, pick a location, proper bait and even drill a hole! We'll have hot cocoa and snacks along with our heated PLC if you need to warm up!

Cost: \$5/person Eco-Adventure fee