

2016 Program Guide

HUNT HILL AUDUBON SANCTUARY



Hunt Hill is a nature preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation and protection of the environment.

www.hunthill.org

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Open to the public

Welcome

to The Premier Northwoods Nature Destination

Hunt Hill offers a variety of programs for all ages, interests and abilities.

Programs are kept affordable through the support of membership,

scholarships and donations. In addition to scheduled programs,

Hunt Hill can be rented out for retreats, weddings, reunions,

educational programming and more.



The History Hunt Hill is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) nature sanctuary supported by donations, memberships, program attendance and grants. Donated to National Audubon in the 1950's , it is now run locally by a group of volunteers known as the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS). With a free lease of the land from Audubon, FOHHAS has been improving, maintaining and managing the property since 1989 with an emphasis on nature programs and camps for all ages.



The Landscape

Hunt Hill protects over 500 acres of pristine Northern Wisconsin land. Visitors can explore over 10 miles of trails that meander through old

growth forests, around clear glacial lakes, into a floral meadow and across a boardwalk bog. Along the way, listen to the loons, hear the sand hill crane's prehistoric call and discover the golden-winged warbler.

The Facilities In addition to miles of hiking trails and varied habitats, Hunt Hill's main camp has much to offer. When visitors first drive in to camp, they will discover the original farmstead with additional Audubon buildings. The main camp features a farmhouse office, library, gardens, barn dining hall with loft, program garage and a new amphitheater with stone terrace seating. There are also 2 dormitory buildings which can house around 70 people. A private waterfront is available for camps and rentals. Guests can rent 2 historic cabins which sit atop a hill overlooking the forest and lakes.

What else can you do at Hunt Hill?

Weddings Enjoy a quiet ceremony tucked in the woods at our amphitheater, then head to the dining hall for a meal. Celebrate the night away with a barn dance in our barn loft. Guests don't have to worry about a long drive home as we also provide dormitory housing, historic cabins and optional tent camping.

Cabin Rentals Two historic cabins are available. One overlooks the lakes of Hunt Hill while the other is tucked into the wooded hillside. Both offer rustic charm while providing modern conveniences.

Retreats Dance Retreat? Yoga Retreat? Women's Retreat? Artist Retreat? With overnight accommodations and dining facilities, groups can rent the camp to lead their own retreat or work with Hunt Hill to provide a collaborative event.

Reunions Dining accommodations, indoor and outdoor locations, plus plenty of parking make this a great location for your next family reunion.

Tours Call ahead to schedule a tour of the facilities and grounds or to get a naturalist led tour of the habitats found at Hunt Hill.

Camps Girl Scouts? Boy Scouts? 4-H? Adults? Hunt Hill is an excellent location for your next outing. With enough dormitory space for close to 70 people, in addition to group reserved camping, camp groups will enjoy a beautiful setting plus a wide range of activity options.

Business Meetings With a rustic library lodge and dining facilities, Hunt Hill makes a great choice for your next business meeting. Enjoy the historic elegance of the buildings and schedule optional nature activities during breaks.

Hikes Hunt Hill is open to the public and visitors are welcome to hike our trails. With over 10 miles of trails, visitors can explore a wide range of habitats (including old growth and young forest, meadow, bogs and glacial lakes) and discover a variety of flora and fauna throughout the year. New trails, such as Old Highway 11, will be built or restored to hike in 2016.

Volunteer Hunt Hill relies on the generous help of dedicated volunteers who can assist with a variety of projects around camp. This may include: gardening, weeding, cleaning, organizing, kitchen helper, program helper and more. Contact the Program Director at program@hunthill.org to learn more.



FUNd Raisers

Ladies Night Out

Friday, September 23
5:00pm



Come together once again for an evening of gourmet delights and great conversations around the fireplace in the Hunt Hill Library. This event also features a silent auction of themed baskets. All food and beverages are included.

Fee: \$50/person

Hit for the Hill Golf Scramble

Friday, June 10



Delight in a day on the links while supporting a great cause! Enjoy 18 holes of golf in a 4-person scramble format at Butternut Hills Golf Course. Cash prizes will be awarded. A dinner and silent auction will follow the scramble.

Additional Programs

Introduction to Creative Writing

Mondays, March 7 to May 23
6:00 – 8:00pm

Learn to write truly great stories and poems in this introductory creative writing workshop. Students will hone their skills, learn a variety of prose and verse techniques, read exciting new voices, and critique the work of their peers during twelve weekly sessions. Beginning and experienced writers are welcome. The class is instructed by Eva Olsgard, a Midwest based writer, artist, and designer. Ms. Olsgard holds a BA in Literature and Creative Writing from Bard College.

Registration Required by February 26.

\$240/person

Creative Writing Class Open Mic Night

Thursday, May 26
7:00 – 9:00pm

Introduction to Creative Writing class participants will present some of their poetry, short stories, and other works. The public is also welcomed and encouraged to share their own creative writing during this open mic performance. Donations are accepted.

Lifeguard Training

June 13 – 17
8:00am – 5:00pm

Receive certification in first aid, CPR, AED, lifeguarding and waterfront. Hunt Hill will be offering this 5 day intensive program at our facility. Meals and overnight accommodations are available at an additional cost. Open to ages 16 and older.

\$150/person

Don't forget to become a **Member!**

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature center that depends on the support of our members. Membership helps preserve the grounds, covers the ongoing costs that are vital to our operation and keeps program fees affordable for all to enjoy.

Benefits

Members receive discounted cabin rentals, program discounts, free admission to Prairie Fling and 10% off nature store purchases.

2016 Membership Fees

Senior/Student (per person)	\$20
Individual	\$30
Family	\$60

Family includes immediate family, defined as parent(s) and children under 18. Grandparents may include grandchildren in place of grown children.

Your membership & extra contributions are 100% tax deductible. Friends of Hunt Hill is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Become a member online at
www.hunthill.org



Soup Lunch

Tuesdays, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Warm yourself with a bowl of soup while enjoying camaraderie and conversation. Each month will feature a guest speaker on a nature topic, along with a delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread, crackers, cheese, and dessert. Volunteers are always appreciated to make and bring a menu item; please call us if you're interested in helping out. There is no set fee, however donations for lunch are accepted and appreciated.

Helping Hands

Saturday, April 30

Beginning at 8:00am

Help Hunt Hill officially open camp for the summer season! Our volunteers are vital to our success and this is a key example of their dedication. Volunteers are needed to help clean, organize, wash, wipe, and rake-up camp. All ages and skill levels are invited. The day begins at 8 am with a continental breakfast and organizing volunteers; however, volunteers can show up anytime in the morning. The day typically ends around 2pm. Volunteers are treated to a free lunch. Please call ahead if you'd like free overnight accommodations in our dorms. This event is free.

Spanish Language & Culture Camp

July 24 – July 29

Hunt Hill's Spanish immersion camp fuses education, native speaking instructors and a beautiful setting into a wonderful week of learning, culture, and fun. Participants can look forward to a schedule of daily language lessons, sampling Hispanic cuisine, daily social hours and nightly culture programs for a memorable experience. During the week, campers will have the opportunity to explore our natural setting through hikes, pontooning, swimming, and lake canoeing. Camp is all inclusive and includes: all meals, refreshments and snacks, overnight accommodations, experienced educational staff, and optional environmental activities.

Registration and payment required by July 8.

Program Fee: \$560

Hunt Hill Members: \$530

Sign up by April 22 and save \$25!

Individual rooms available upon request at an additional cost. Reduced cost available for those staying off-site.



Nature Programs

\$7/person or \$16/family

Hunt Hill members: \$5/person or \$12/family

Unless noted, no registration is required.

Full Moon Snowshoe Hike

Monday, February 22

7:00pm

Enjoy a winter hike by foot or snowshoe and stick around to indulge in tasty s'mores around the campfire. A limited number of snowshoes are available: contact us if you need a pair.

Owl Hike

Friday, March 18,

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Learn all about owls with Chris Cold, Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Educator. Meet a live owl, then enjoy a short hike to call and listen for its wild relatives. A campfire with s'mores will follow the presentation.



Natural Landscaping for Pollinators

Saturday, April 2

10:00 – 11:30am

Learn about ways you can landscape your yard or property to make it friendlier to our native pollinators. Sarah Boles, of Northern Native Plantscapes, will outline the importance of pollinators and how we can help them feel at home.



Registration required by March 30.

\$18/person

Hunt Hill Members: \$15/person



Please visit www.hunthill.org to find additional programs,

information and to register. Or call 715 - 635 - 6543.

Butterfly Hike

Sunday, June 26,

2:00 – 4:00pm

Come explore Hunt Hill's prairie and woods in search of butterflies. Dr. Douglas Buege, president of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association, will lead a hike and guide participants in a butterfly learning adventure.

Registration required by June 23.

Mushroom Foraging Workshop

August 26, 6:30-9:00pm and August 27 8:00am-5:30pm

Come explore the wonderful world of fungi during this one and a half day workshop. Tavis Lynch, local fungi expert, will lead this program as we learn about mushroom identification, biology and ecology, and collection. The workshop starts Friday evening and continues through Saturday. Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included. Participants have the option to stay in our dorms Friday and/or Saturday nights.



Registration and payment required by August 19th

\$55/person

Hunt Hill Members: \$50/person

Overnight fee: \$25/person/night

Full Moon Canoeing

Friday, September 16 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Enjoy an evening of canoeing by moonlight. All equipment and lifeguard are provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoers are welcome!

Diversity of Wisconsin Butterflies

Sunday, June 26

6:30 – 7:30pm

What kinds of butterflies are native to Wisconsin? Join Dr. Douglas Buege, president of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association, as he presents a slideshow of some of the unique and beautiful butterfly species that live in our state.

Donations accepted. Registration required by June 23.

Cakes at the Lake

Breakfast: 8:00am – 9:45am

Program: 10:00am – 11:00am



Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast which features buttermilk and specialty pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages. Following the breakfast, guests are encouraged to stay for the free environmental program sponsored by the Long Lake Preservation Association (www.longlakellpa.org).

Dates & Topics

Cakes at the Lake: Lake Food Chain with Emily Stone, Cable Natural History Museum

Saturday, June 11

What life lurks beneath our lakes? Dive in and find out! Explore the cycles, systems, and mysteries that connect lakes with uplands, and you with lakes. Discover cool creatures, and experience the submarine magic for yourself. You'll never look at lakes the same way again.

Cakes at the Lake: The Beautiful Bogs of Hunt Hill with Hunt Hill Staff

Saturday, June 25

What lives in the bogs of Hunt Hill? Learn about this unique ecosystem that is home to beautiful orchids and carnivorous plants. After the presentation, go explore one of our bogs with Hunt Hill Staff.

Cakes at the Lake: Sandhill Cranes with the International Crane Foundation

Saturday, July 16

Cranes are an intriguing group of birds, and science can trace their family to prehistoric times. Come learn about these ancient, amazing creatures. A special focus will be on cranes native to Wisconsin: the Sandhill Crane and the endangered Whooping Crane.

Cakes at the Lake: Beavers with John Olson, WDNR Ecologist

Saturday, August 13

Learn about nature's engineer, the beaver, with retired DNR Fur bearer Ecologist John Olson. Whether you love 'em or hate 'em, you'll walk away from this presentation with new knowledge about these aquatic mammals.

Cakes at the Lake: Wild Rice: It's History, Harvest, and Wildlife with John Haack, UW-Extension

Saturday, September 10

This tall plant that grows in water provided nutritious food for humans in the Upper Midwest for the past 2,500 years or more. UW-Extension's John Haack will discuss the growth, harvesting, and processing of wild rice as well as the cultural and historical importance of this fascinating plant known to the Ojibwa as manoomin (the good berry).

Youth Overnight Camps

Teen Paddle Camp

June 19, 1:00pm - June 21 5:00pm

Join other teenagers 12-17 as we learn the basics of canoeing. The first day will be spent at camp, refining our paddle skills on the Twin Lakes and sleeping at night in our dorms. Then the next day we will head out for an overnight on the Namekagon River with two days of canoeing. This is a great program for past day campers who want to delve into more complex outdoor skills.

Registration and payment required by June 10.

\$240/camper

Hunt Hill Members: \$225/camper

Sign up by April 1 and save \$25!



Day Camp Overnight

Thursday, August 11 8:30 am to Friday, August 12 4:00 pm

Day Campers are invited to spend a night at Hunt Hill! The first day starts out full of adventure and fun with our "Hunger Games" themed day. Then campers will enjoy a campfire dinner, fun evening activities, and an overnight stay in our dorm. After a delicious breakfast the next morning, campers will then participate in the "Wildlife Detectives" themed day camp, and then it is pick up at 4:00pm with our usual parent presentation. Open to youth ages 5 to 12.

Registration and payment required by August 5.

\$90/camper

Hunt Hill Members: \$85/camper

Camp includes two full days of day camp on August 11 and 12.



About Youth Day Camps

June, July, and August

8:30am - 4:00pm

Our summer day camp program is one of our most popular activities here at Hunt Hill! Youth ages 5-12 are invited to these day-long programs which feature learning activities, games, swimming, and crafts in small age-appropriate groups. Camps are interactive and led by a team of trained and enthusiastic educators. The camp day concludes with a special program for parents/guardians, designed and presented by campers.

After - Camp Camp

4:00pm - 5:30pm

This optional addition to camp allows campers to stay later in the day.

Program Fee: \$3/person

Free Transportation

Rice Lake and Spooner Area:

Sponsored by Community Bank of Northern Wisconsin, and in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Barron County, free van service will be provided to area youth interested in attending day camp. This service will be available on Wednesdays of the day camp season: July 1, 8, 15 and August 5.

To learn more and to reserve your seat, call 715-635-6543 or email info@hunthill.org. Spaces are limited, so register early!

Youth Day Camp Dates & Topics

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 27: Awesome Amphibians	June 28: Growing Garden	June 29: Pioneer Camp	June 30: Tree-mendous	July 1: Feathered Friends
	July 5: Dino-mite	July 6: Going Fishing	July 7: Carnivore Camp	July 8: Buzzin' Bugs
July 11: Wet n' Wild	July 12: Survival	July 13: Penguins and Polar Bears	July 14: Pirate Camp	July 15: Rockin' Reptiles
August 1: Habitat Detectives				August 5: Under the Waves
August 8: Space Camp	August 9: Minecraft Camp	August 10: Yuck! Camp	August 11: Hunger Games	August 12: Wildlife Detectives

Program Fees

\$40/day/camper

Register 2 weeks early: \$33/day/camper

5 or more camps: \$27/day/camper

Hunt Hill Member Fees

\$38/day/camper

Register 2 weeks early: \$32/day/camper

5 or more camps: \$26/day/camper

Call 715 - 635 - 6543, email info@hunthill.org, or online at www.hunthill.org, to register for these and our other exciting programs!



**Call 715-635-6543
or visit
www.hunthill.org for
details on these camps.**

Prairie Fling

Saturday, May 14

10:00am – 4:00pm

Celebrate spring at Hunt Hill at the fifth annual Prairie Fling Festival! Reconnect with people, community, and nature in this one day extravaganza. Once you are in the gate, the only extra expenses are for food and art/crafts. Check out our website often to see the lineup of artists, musicians, live animal presentations, and specialty speaker



Featuring:

- Live Entertainment
- Local art and craft vendors
- Kids Activity Area
- Nature programs for kids, adults, and families
- Horse-drawn wagon and Tractor rides
- Caricatures
- Tasty food and treats
- Community Group displays
- Live animal presentations
- And much more!



\$5/person

Hunt Hill Members: FREE!