

2019 Program Guide

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*It's where
I belong...*



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.*

Welcome

to The Premier Northwoods

Hunt Hill offers a variety of programs for all ages, interests and abilities. 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 endowments. Donated to National Audubon in 1954, it is now owned and managed locally by a group of volunteers known as the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS). 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 nearly 600 acres of pristine northern Wisconsin land. During daylight hours year-round, visitors can explore over 13 miles of hiking trails that meander through old growth forests, around clear glacial lakes, into a floral meadow and across a boardwalk bog. Along

Nature Destination



the way, listen to the loons, hear the prehistoric call of the sandhill crane and catch a glimpse of the rare 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 into camp, they will discover the original farmstead with additional Audubon residential buildings. The main camp features the farmhouse office and the newly remodeled learning center, which are open year-round. During the summer, camp also utilizes the library, dormitory buildings, outdoor amphitheater and barn dining hall with loft. The dormitory buildings can house 70 people. A private waterfront is available for camps and rentals. Two historic cabins are available for guest rental.

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What can you do



Hikes Hunt Hill is open to the public year-round, and it is always free to hike the trails during daylight hours. Visitors can explore a wide range of habitats including forests, meadows, bogs and glacial lakes. Call ahead if you would like a naturalist-led tour. 715-635-6543.

Education Trained environmental educators lead engaging, hands-on nature programs for school groups, camps, scouts and adults. Bring your group to Hunt Hill or have Hunt Hill come to your school, library, or business. Contact program@hunthill.org to schedule your group's visit.

Weddings Hunt Hill provides all the spaces you need for a small wedding: both indoor and outdoor ceremony spaces, a dining hall, a barn loft for dancing and overnight accommodations in the dorms and historic cabins. Contact program@hunthill.org to receive a Wedding Planning Packet and to book your special day.



at Hunt Hill?



Retreats, Business Meetings & Reunions

Dining accommodations, indoor and outdoor locations, plenty of parking and overnight accommodations make Hunt Hill a great location for any kind of event. The newly remodeled learning center is climate-controlled with space for up to 200 people, so you can have your event any time of the year.

Contact program@hunthill.org to reserve your space.

Cabin Rentals

Unplug and enjoy the outdoors at Hunt Hill's two historic cabins that overlook the forest and lakes. Book your getaway through [AirBnB.com](https://www.airbnb.com) by searching Sarona, WI.

Volunteer

We rely on the generous help of dedicated volunteers who can assist with many tasks around camp and at our programs. All ages and skills needed! Contact info@hunthill.org to volunteer.



Youth Day Camps

June, July, and August

Registration: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Day Camp: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After Camp: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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 families presented by campers.

After - Camp Camp

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

\$5 / day / camper

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

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

How to Register

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Youth Day Camp Dates & Topics

June

June 24: Pirate Camp

June 25: Storm Chasers

June 26: Mad Scientist

June 27: Squee!

June 28: Going Fishing

July

July 1: Dinosaurs

July 2: Yuck!

July 3: Awesome Amphibians

July 4: No Camp

July 5: Splash!

July 8: Space Camp

July 9: Tinkerers

July 10: Rockin' Reptiles

July 11: Survival

July 12: Bugs & Butterflies

July 15: Ferocious Predators

July 16: Eco Superheroes

July 17: Geology Rocks

July 18: Canoe Camp

July 19: Nature Art

August

August 5: Pioneer Camp

August 6: Wilderness Explorers

August 7: Nature Tunes

August 8: Lost in the Woods

August 9: Junior Birders

August 12: Animal Builders

August 13: Wizard Camp

August 14: Wildlife Detectives

August 15-16: Kids Campout

(see page 14 for Kids Campout details)



Hunt Hill Signature Series

Soup Lunch

Second Tuesdays: Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9
Lunch at 12:00 pm; Program at 12:30 pm

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, crackers and dessert. Please call us ahead of the date if you're interested in helping out with food.

Registration Not Required.

Donations are appreciated and accepted.

Birds & Beer

Thursdays: Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 18, May 2, Jun 6,
Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 7

Registration at 5:30 pm; Program at 6:00 pm

Socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages and enjoy an engaging presentation from a regional expert in a happy hour atmosphere. Each Birds & Beer program features a different presenter at a different location, so you're sure to learn something new each time!

Program Fee: \$10/person if registered in advance; \$15/person at the door.

Registration highly suggested because space is limited.



Cakes at the Lake

Saturdays: Jun 22, Jul 13, Aug 10, Aug 24

Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Presentation 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast that features pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages. Following the breakfast, stay for the free environmental program sponsored by the Long Lake Preservation Association (lplalonglake.org).

Breakfast: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$3; Kids 4 and under FREE

Program: FREE

Registration Not Required.

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April -

Soup Lunch - Tuesday the 9th **Bees & Pollinators by Linda Anderson** **At Long Lake Lutheran Church in Sarona**

Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm

Join Linda Anderson, master gardener, as she explains the importance of bees and other pollinators to the health of your garden.

See page 7 for Soup Lunch description.

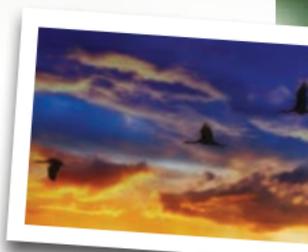


Birds & Beer - Thursday the 18th **Bird Migration by Jim Bryce, Bird Bander** **At Nezy's Sports Bar & Grill in Cumberland**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

The new availability of micro-scale tracking technology has given us the ability to track the movement of individual birds of virtually every species, revealing some amazing facts!

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



Helping Hands - Saturday the 27th

Beginning at 8:00 am

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. All volunteers are provided with a continental breakfast and treated to lunch.

Program Fee: FREE

Registration Not Required.

Gordan MacQuarrie - Tuesday the 30th **Right Off the Reel Book Talk** **by Dave Evenson, Local Editor** **At The Spooner Memorial Library**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dave Evenson of Cumberland will talk about Right Off the Reel, a compilation of works by popular Wisconsin naturalist and author Gordan MacQuarrie. MacQuarrie is known for his hunting and fishing stories, especially Stories of the Old Duck Hunter. His previously unpublished writing, now edited and published by Dave Evenson, will be available for purchase at the library during this talk.

Program Fee: FREE

Registration Not Required.

May -

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 2nd **Hummingbirds by Steve Betchkal, Author** **At Lehman's Supper Club in Rice Lake**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Hummingbirds live only in the Western Hemisphere - from Alaska to the farthest tip of South America. They're fast, flashy and full of fire. But if you hold still long enough, you can catch them at Steve Betchkal's program!

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

Playscape Party - Saturday the 18th

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Bring your family to enjoy Hunt Hill's new Nature Playscape! A Nature Playscape is a playground made of natural materials. Get in touch with nature as you wade through our creek, make mudpies, balance on logs and dig in the sand! Delicious snacks available for purchase.



Program Fee: FREE

Registration Not Required.

Hit for the Hill - Friday the 31st **Golf Scramble FUNdraiser**

At Butternut Hills Golf Course in Sarona

Registration: 11:30 am; Shotgun: 1:00 pm

Support Hunt Hill and enjoy 18 holes of golf with our Hit for the Hill Golf Scramble! The scramble is limited to the first 20 teams and is a 4-person scramble format. This FUNdraiser will take place rain or shine and cash prizes will be awarded. Following the scramble will be a dinner and silent auction.

Program Fee: \$110/golfer

Butternut Members: \$90/golfer

Non-golfers: \$30/person

Register by Fri., May 24.



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June -

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 6th **Birds of Marshes & Brush Prairies by Lauren Finch** **At The Potter's Shed in Shell Lake**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

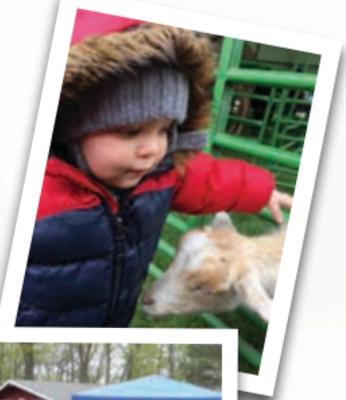
Crex Meadows is composed of vast brush prairies and sedge marshes, which is why there are over 270 species of birds that we can find in the area. We will learn about some of the most interesting birds that these rich habitats sustain in this talk!

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Prairie Fling Festival - Saturday the 8th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celebrate spring at Hunt Hill's eighth annual Prairie Fling Festival! Reconnect with people, community and nature in this one-day extravaganza. Visit our newly remodeled program building.



Featuring:

- Horse-drawn wagon & tractor rides
- Nature programs for all ages
- Live entertainment
- Kids activity area
- Tasty food available for purchase
- Community Groups
- Artists & Vendors
- And much more!



Entrance Fee: \$5/person; \$20/ family

Hunt Hill Members: FREE!

June Continued...

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training - Monday the 17th – Friday the 21st

9:00 am - 6:00 pm daily

Receive certification in first aid, CPR, AED and lifeguarding. Hunt Hill will be offering this five-day intensive program at our facility. Meals and overnight accommodations are available at an additional cost.

Open to ages 16 and older.

Program Fee: \$120/person

Register by Mon., June 3.

Summer Solstice Canoe - Friday the 21st

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Enjoy paddling on Hunt Hill's Twin Lakes on the longest day of the year. All equipment and a lifeguard are provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoers are welcome!

Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family

Register by Thurs., June 20.



Cakes at the Lake - Saturday the 22nd Amphibians by Chris Cold, DNR

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Learn about frog, toad, and salamander identification and habitats and view a few live amphibians! By the end of this presentation, you will understand the importance of amphibians as living indicators of environmental health.



See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.

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June Continued...

Day Camps Begin

Monday - Friday, June 24-28

Registration: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Day Camp: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After-Camp Camp: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Our summer day camp program is one of our most popular activities here at Hunt Hill. Register your child early to ensure a spot!

See pages 5-6 for Day Camp dates, topics and rates.



July -

Day Camps Continue

Monday - Friday, July 1-5, 8-12, 15-19

Registration: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Day Camp: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After-Camp Camp: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

See pages 5-6 for Day Camp dates, topics and rates.

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 11th Bears & Beer by Nancy Christel, DNR At Reel 'Em Inn in Sarona

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Enjoy some stories and explore what it is like to be a black bear in Wisconsin. Bring your sense of humor and be ready to laugh while you learn.

See Birds & Beer description on page 7 for more info.



Cakes at the Lake - Saturday the 13th Butterflies by Jim Schiebert, Beaver Creek Reserve

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Learn about butterflies - the beautiful, colorful insects that call our meadow home!

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



July Continued...

Full Moon Canoe - Tuesday the 16th

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Paddle by the light of the moon on our beautiful Twin Lakes. All equipment and a lifeguard are provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoers are welcome!

Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family

Register by Mon., July 15.



Adult Spanish Language & Culture Camp - Sunday the 28th - Friday the 2nd

Hunt Hill's Spanish Camp fuses education, native speaking instructors and a beautiful setting into a wonderful week of learning, culture and fun! Camp includes all meals, overnight accommodations, experienced educational staff and optional environmental activities.

Program Fee: \$620/person

Hunt Hill Members: \$590/person

Register by April 19 and save \$25!

Register by Fri., July 12.



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August-

Day Camps Continue

August 5-9, 12-14

Registration: 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Day Camp: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After-Camp Camp: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

See pages 5-6 for Day Camp dates, topics and rates.

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 8th

Whooping Cranes by Mike Harvey

At Cheers Bar & Grill in Birchwood

Registration: 5:30 pm

Program: 6:00 pm

One of the only two types of cranes that live in North America, whooping cranes have become endangered. In Mike Harvey's presentation, you will learn about this fascinating species and the work that is being done to save them.



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Cakes at the Lake - Saturday the 10th

Uncommon Facts about Common Birds

by Stan Tekiela, Nature Smart

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

This is a fun and entertaining talk presenting fascinating facts and tidbits about some of the birds that people love to hate along with some of the more common birds in our yard. Stan will challenge your preconceived ideas about some common birds such as the European Starling, the American Crow and much, much more. You will never look at these birds the same way ever again.

See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.

Kids Campout - Thursday the 15th - Friday the 16th

Check-in: Thursday from 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Check-out: Friday at 4:00 pm

Campers will spend their days enjoying hands-on educational activities, games, swimming, crafts and more. The evening consists of a Hunt Hill provided campfire dinner, songs, stories and games.

Program Fee: \$95/camper

Hunt Hill Members: \$85/camper

Register by Fri., August 9.



August Continued...

Full Moon Canoe - Friday the 16th

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Paddle by the light of the moon on our beautiful Twin Lakes. All equipment and a lifeguard are provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoers are welcome!

Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family

Register by Thurs., August 16.



Hop for the Hill - Saturday the 17th

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Al and Barb Bouma along with Bees and Trees will sponsor the 2nd annual Hop for the Hill FUNdraiser! The very popular TC Cats will be entertaining the all-ages crowd with the best 50's and 60's Rock and Roll. Put on your dancing shoes and bring your family and friends! Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Hunt Hill.

Program Fee: \$5/person; kids under 5 free

Registration Not Required.

Cakes at the Lake - Saturday the 24th

Wild Rice by John Haack, Wild Ricer

Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Hear about the fascinating history and unique biology of wild rice the "food that grows on water." Learn what is involved in processing and preparing this delicious local food.

See page 7 for Cakes at the Lake description.



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September -

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 12th **Wisconsin Owls by Chris Cold, DNR** **At Amery Ale Works in Amery**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Learn about life histories of the twelve species of owls which reside in the Great Lakes region as permanent, seasonal (or transient) residents. Chris Cold will discuss owl evolution, biology, ecology and management on a global and local context.



See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

Ladies Night Out - Friday the 13th

5:00 pm

Ladies, get away for an evening of fun, wine and fine dining at Hunt Hill's annual Ladies Night Out FUNdraiser. Bid on amazing baskets to give or keep for yourself. Enjoy the cozy, natural environment of Hunt Hill and let yourself be pampered! All proceeds support Hunt Hill.



Program Fee: \$50/person

Register by Mon., Sept. 9.

Autumnal Equinox Hike - **Monday the 23rd**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Enjoy the coming of autumn by hiking through our forest as the leaves begin to turn!

Program Fee: \$8/person, \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person, \$15/family

Registration Not Required.



October -

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 10th **Live Bats by Brian Heeringa, US Fish and Wildlife** **At Round Man Brewing Company in Spooner**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

Learn about the diversity of bats, which species call Wisconsin home, what is being done to protect these important animals and ways that you can get involved in your very own backyard.

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.

November -

Birds & Beer - Thursday the 7th **Tropical Wings by Patty Mueller,** **President of Tropical Wings** **At Red Schoolhouse Wines in Stone Lake**

Registration: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm

This interactive presentation explores the work being done “for the birds” including the annual Birdathon trip to Costa Rica. Learn about sister parks, the birds we share and how YOU can make a difference for our birds!

See page 7 for Birds & Beer description.



December -

Christmas Bird Count - Sunday the 15th

Meet at 7:00 am

Participate in the National Audubon Society's 120th Christmas Bird Count (CBC)! The count is the longest running citizen science program in the world and involves volunteers traveling assigned routes to count birds. The Christmas Bird Count is open to all levels of birding experience and ability. For more information about CBC, visit christmasbirdcount.org.

Program Fee: FREE

Register by Fri., Dec. 13.



Winter Solstice Snowshoe Hike - **Friday the 20th**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Enjoy a winter hike by foot or snowshoe on the longest night of the year. Then warm up with some hot chocolate and s'mores by the fire.

Program Fee: \$8/person, \$20/family

Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person, \$15/family

Registration Not Required.



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Support Hunt Hill

Membership

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary 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 operations and keeps program fees affordable for all to enjoy.

Benefits

Members receive discounted cabin rentals, program discounts and 10% off nature store purchases.

2019 Membership Fees

- Senior/Student: \$20
- Individual: \$30
- Family: \$60

**Family includes immediate family, defined as parents and children under 18. Grandparents may include grandchildren in place of grown children.*

To Become a Member

Call us at **715-635-6543** • Email us at **info@hunthill.org**
or pay online at **www.hunthill.org**

Million Dollar Match

2019 is the last year of the Million Dollar Match Campaign in which David and Carolyn Cleveland will match up to \$1 million to create a \$2 million endowment for Hunt Hill. The interest earned off this endowment will help Hunt Hill continue offering affordable high-quality environmental programs and access to free hiking trails for our community.

**Membership and donations are 100% tax deductible to the extent of the law. Friends of Hunt Hill is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.*





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