

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm- Kayak Demo Days at Hannen Lake, Crowdaddy Outdoors.** Everyone test drives their car before buying – kayak demo days provide an opportunity for you to test paddle your kayak before buying. There really is a difference between kayaks and finding the correct kayak for you will add to your enjoyment of the sport. Demo days are free and no pre-registration is required. Come test out our fleet of 16+ kayaks to find that one that is right for you. Let our knowledgeable staff teach you features and benefits of each kayak and help you choose the right pfd and paddle to enhance your kayaking experience. FREE

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm-3:30 pm. Geocache Egg Hunt** Try out the modern-day treasure hunt to find your eggs this year. Find the eggs to win some small prizes. This is a FREE event.

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon-3:00 pm. ECO-Extravaganza** See Flyer for details

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am. Acorn Basket Class Cost: \$45.** Another opportunity to create your very own basket. Cost includes all materials, instruction, and a light lunch.

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am. Kestrels and Kids** Join volunteer Coralee and learn all about Kestrels, take a short hike, and make a fun Kestrel craft. FREE



**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am. Iowa Young Birders and You** Volunteer Coralee will share her information concerning the Kestrel population in Iowa and what you can do to help. FREE

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm. Plantable Paper.** Just in time for Mother's Day. Make Mom a special gift that will bloom into beautiful flowers. FREE

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am. Simply Snakes.** Join local snake expert, Don Becker, to discover more about Iowa's snakes. Get up close and personal with the snakes. Mukluk the Python will be among the snakes returning for a visit. FREE

**Saturday, June 3rd 10:00 am. Pond Power.** Join our Naturalist at the Nature Center and discover the world of the wetlands and its inhabitants! Dress to get dirty!!! FREE

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**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm. Full Moon Hike.** Join our naturalists as they lead a full moon hike, test your night vision and learn more about our nocturnal friends. FREE

**Saturday, June 10th, 2nd Annual 2-Person Best Shot Golf Tournament: Get in the Swing of Conservation!** This annual event is a great way to spend the day at the Vinton Country Club golf course and raise money for conservation. Contact Scott Bahmann for more details. 319-560-9803 or [sbahmann@bentoncountyparks.com](mailto:sbahmann@bentoncountyparks.com) or check out future details on our Facebook page.

## Calendar of Events Continued

**Wednesday/Thursday, June 14th, 10:00 am. through June 15th 11:00 a.m. Overnight Survival Camp, Ages 11-13. \$35.00 includes snacks and meals.** This overnight camp will be held at the Red Cedar Cabin (Tobin Cabin area).

**Monday, June 19th - Wednesday, June 21st, 9:00 - 11:30 am. daily. Critter Camp, Ages 4-5. \$15.00 includes snacks.** Nature Center

**Monday, July 3rd, 5:00 -7:00 pm - Fontana Training Day for River Raiders Youth Program** Participants must attend this training day to participate in the July 11-13th River Raiders event. For youth entering 6-8th grade. The training will include camping and paddling basics, menu and itinerary for the trip and what to pack. Training takes place at Fontana Park, Hazelton, Iowa.

**Wednesday, July 5th - Friday, July 7th, 9:00 am. - Noon daily, Dragonfly Camp, Ages 6-8. \$20.00 includes snacks.** Nature Center

**Tuesday - Thursday, July 11-13th - River Raiders Program for Youth Entering 6-8th Grade - Kendallville to Decorah, IA Cost \$90** Adventure awaits around every bend! Explore the Upper Iowa River from Kendallville to Decorah. Campers will canoe, camp, cook outdoors, and learn other wilderness skills on this two-night, three-day excursion. Participants will paddle their way around winding bends, rapids, scenic waterfalls, cold springs, and 200-foot chimney bluffs. The trip fee includes use of tents, food, canoes, life jackets, paddles and transportation. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants.

**Tuesday, August 1st - Thursday, August 3rd, 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm. daily, Adventure Camp, Ages 9-10, \$25.00 includes one lunch and all snacks.** Nature Center

**Saturday, August 5th - Cedar River R.A.T.S. annual event.** Watch our Facebook page or website for more details. This is the annual volunteer Cedar River cleanup day!

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am-2:00 pm Kayak Demo Days at Rodgers Park, Crawdaddy Outdoors.** Everyone test drives their car before buying – kayak demo days provide an opportunity for you to test paddle your kayak before buying. There really is a difference between kayaks and finding the correct kayak for you will add to your enjoyment of the sport. Demo days are free and no pre-registration is required. Come test out our fleet of 16+ kayaks to find that one that is right for you. Let our knowledgeable staff teach you features and benefits of each kayak and help you choose the right pfd and paddle to enhance your kayaking experience. FREE

Although the majority of our programs are free, we always welcome donations to help offset the cost of materials and to further enhance our programming options.

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