

## Calendar of Events

**Sat. Jan. 25th – Snowshoeing @** the Nature Center; 10am-Noon. We will learn about the history of snowshoeing and some of the techniques then we will get outside and explore the winter wonderland. We have a limited number of snowshoes in a variety of sizes so we will need participants to register by the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. To register please call (319) 472-4942 please leave name and phone number. Program could be cancelled if weather and/or snow conditions are not ideal.



**Sun. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Extreme Outdoors: Biathlon @** Crumbacher Wildlife Area (Independence) 1-4pm. Minimum age 10, Cost \$10 per person. Biathlon in the winter Olympic venue is a combination of cross country skiing and target rifle shooting. We will be combining cross country skiing with BB gun shooting. (In the event of no snow, we will use walking/running in place of skiing). Participants will be instructed on proper safety and techniques prior to a friendly competition. For more information or to pre-register please contact Buchanan County Conservation (319) 636-2617 or email [fontanapark@iowatelecom.net](mailto:fontanapark@iowatelecom.net) (See page 9 for more details)



**Sat. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – Snowshoeing @** the Nature Center; 10am-Noon. Register by the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. To register please call (319) 472-4942 please leave name and phone number. Program could be cancelled if weather and/or snow conditions are not ideal.

**Sat. Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Basket Making Class @** the Nature Center; 9-Noon. Participants will make a wine bottle gift basket. Price of class will be \$40.

**Thurs. March 6<sup>th</sup> – Furs by the Fire @** the Nature Center; 6:30-7:30. Families will gather for a story and discover the world of furs with naturalist Karen Phelps.

*Participants in the February basket class will create this versatile basket. Fill it with flowers, a pillar candle, or gift it to that someone special with their favorite bottle of wine.*

## Calendar of Events continued

**Sat. March 8<sup>th</sup> – *Story Time at the Nature Center***; 10 am-11:30. Join our naturalist for a few nature themed stories by our fireplace, a snack, and a short walk outside. This program will be for kids ages 2-5 all kids must be accompanied by an adult. Register by March 6th please call (319) 472-4942 please leave name and phone number.

**Wed. and Thurs March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – *Pole Building***; 6pm-8:30pm. Learn to build and design your own pole. Former Conservation Board Member Bob Mahood will instruct this class that will teach you how to design and make your very own fishing pole. The cost of the class is \$150 which will include all the materials you will need to make your own one of a kind fishing rod. Class size is limited and registration deadline will be March 14<sup>th</sup>. To register please call (319)472-4942.

**Friday and Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – *Hunter Education***; class offered by Benton County Conservation. For more information please contact Scott Bahmann (319) 560-9803.



*A completed dugout canoe. With your help, ours can look like this too.*

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> – *Dugout Canoe @ the Nature Center***; 9am-Noon. Come join naturalist Aaron Askelson for an exciting trip into the past. Aaron will be working on a dugout canoe and talking about the history of canoes. Come be a part of this new ongoing project behind the Nature Center.

**Tues April 8<sup>th</sup> – *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner***; 5:30-7:30. For more information call (319) 472-4942.

**Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Egg Hunt @ the Nature Center***; sponsored by Ehlingers Gas Station. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, raffle, games and lots of fun.

**Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Extreme Outdoors: Slack Lining & Mountain Biking @ Camp Ingawanis***; rural Waverly. Minimum age 10. More info to come.

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