

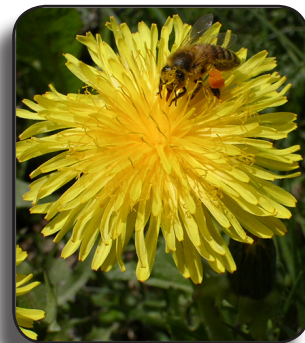
## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, April 11th. 10:00 am-Noon -*Dugout Canoe***; Join Naturalist Aaron at the Nature Center as we continue work on our ever popular dugout canoe. As work progresses, our canoe is starting to take shape. Our goal is to launch it this fall, so come and lend a hand.

No preregistration necessary. Free

**Saturday, May 9th 10:00 am -3:00 pm - *Wild Edibles; Dandelions & Morels***; Join Mike Krebill, Iowa's Wild Food Ambassador, at the Nature Center as he reveals ways to reduce the bitterness in dandelions and turn them into family and company pleasing food. Bring your personal sack lunch & beverage to supplement dandelion-tomato appetizers, dandelion brats, and the improbable, but delicious, dandelion root ice cream. Kids may don aprons and fix dandelion donuts. After lunch, get 50 tips to put more morels in your basket, and then join members of the Prairie States Mushroom Club on a mushroom hunt. Fee of \$10/adult or \$20/family of 4. Maximum of 24 participants; preregistration required by May 2.

Register early. This class fills fast!



**Saturday, May 9th, Noon-4pm - *Nature Center Open to Public***;

**Friday, May 22nd 4:00 pm - ???; *Fireside Basket Class***

This basket will fit perfectly next to your fireplace, or nestled in a corner to hold that cozy blanket. We'll start around four in the afternoon and continue late into the evening. If need be, we can regroup and finish Saturday morning. Class size is limited to 5 persons Preregister by May 20th. \$80.00

**Saturday, May 23rd 10:00 am- 1:00 pm; *Build your own Atlatl @ Rodgers Park***; Join the naturalists as they help you to craft an atlatl like the great hunters of the Ice Age. Each participant will make their own atlatl and throwing dart. Participants will have the opportunity to try out their new creation on various targets. Participants must preregister by Wednesday, May 20th. \$10.00/person

**Thursday, May 28th 4:30 - 6:30 pm; *Operation ReLeaf and Planting Demo***; Alliant Energy and the Iowa DNR along with Benton County Conservation, are hosting Operation ReLeaf. Alliant Energy customers may purchase select trees by contacting Alliant or BCC offices prior to the event. Trees are to be picked up at the Nature Center on May 28th. A short program on proper tree planting techniques will take place at 5:30, also at the Nature Center.

## Calendar of Events continued

**Friday, June 12th, 8:30 - 9:30 pm - *Stargazing @ Hannen Lake***; Join the naturalists of Benton County to learn more about the constellations of the night sky and some of the great stories and fables behind them. This program is weather dependent. If there is a lot of cloud cover or rain the program will be cancelled. Free. Preregister by June 11th.

**Monday, June 15th - Wednesday, June 17th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

***Day Camp for 9-10 year olds***

Participants will enjoy three fun-filled days exploring the areas around the Nature Center and Rodgers Park. Crafts, games, snacks, and adventure await you and your friends. Preregister by June 10th. Limited camp size. \$20.00

**Wednesday, June 24th, 10 am - Thursday, June 25th, Noon,**

***Overnight Adventure Camp for 10- 12 year olds.*** THIS CAMP IS FULL. SEE BELOW FOR REPEAT OF THIS CAMP IN JULY.

**Saturday, June 27th, 10:00 am -3:00 pm - *Nature Center Open to Public***;

**Monday, June 29th - Thursday, July 2nd, 9:00 am - Noon**

***Day Camp for 6-8 year olds***

Participants will enjoy four fun-filled days exploring the areas around the Nature Center and Rodgers Park. Crafts, games, snacks, and adventure await you and your friends. Sign up early! Limited camp size. \$20.00. Preregister by June 24th

**Wednesday, July 8th, 10:00 am - Thursday, July 9h, Noon,**

***Overnight Adventure Camp for 10- 12 year olds.***

REPEAT OF JUNE 24th/25th CAMP

Participants will enjoy canoeing, archery, atlatls, survival skills, stargazing, Native American stories, and much more. Limited camp size. Preregister by July 1st. \$30.00

**Saturday, July 18th, 10:00 am-3:00pm**

***Nature Center Open to Public***;

**Wednesday, July 22nd - Sunday, July 26th-**

***Benton County Fair***



**Unless otherwise noted,  
to register for programs:  
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