

## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, August 6th – *Archery in the Park***; Join Megan at Rodgers Park for an introductory program on archery and then try your skills at shooting Genesis compound bows. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Preregister by August 5th.

**Thursday, August 14th – *Evening Prairie Walk - 6:30 p.m.*** Join Naturalists Karen and Aaron, along with our county Roadside Manager, Ben Bonar, as we stroll through a restored prairie. Learn all about the various plants and animals that call this gem home. Preregister by August 13th. Meet at the Shellsburg school parking lot. Free

**Friday, August 15th – *Morning Prairie Walk - 10:00 a.m.*** Repeat of above program but designed with the morning person in mind. Preregister by August 13th. Free

**Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – *Dugout Canoe***; 2:00-4:00 pm  
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



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

**Saturday, August 23 – *Extreme Outdoors: Hot Air Ballooning***; See page 8 for details.  
Preregistration required. Register early. Guaranteed to fill fast.

**Saturday and Sunday, August 23 & 24th – *Iowa Hunter Education***; Rodgers Park. Register on-line at: <http://reservations1.usedirect.com/IowaWeb/>

**Saturday, September 13th – *Extreme Outdoors: Atlatl and Flint knapping*** at the Nature Center. See page 8 for details. Cost \$8.00. Preregistration required.

**Saturday, September 13th – *Art in the Park and Acoustic Jam***; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chair, picnic basket, come and go as you please, and enjoy a relaxing day of music, artists selling their wares, friends, and the outdoors at the Nature Center. Free

**Friday-Sunday, September 19th-21st - *Becoming an Outdoor Woman in Iowa (B.O.W.)***  
Springbrook Education Center, Guthrie Center, IA Register on-line at:  
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Education/CampsWorkshops/BecominganOutdoorsWoman.aspx>

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## Calendar of Events continued

**Saturday, September 27th – *Extreme Outdoors: Hot Air Ballooning***; See page 8 for details. Preregistration required. Register early. Guaranteed to fill fast.

**Saturday, September 27th - *Chili Cook-off!!*** Bring your famous batch of chili to the 4th Annual Hannen Lake Chili Cook-off. Silent Auction, bake sale, raffle, and chili. Cost per entry is \$10.00 includes sampling. First place Chili receives a 2015 Season Pass. \$5.00 donation for non-entries and sampling. Activities start at Noon. For more info: Zach or Logan at 319-560-9807 or 319-560-9804.

**Saturday, October 4th – *Extreme Outdoors: Hot Air Ballooning***; See page 8 for details. Preregistration required. Register early. Guaranteed to fill fast.



**Saturday, October 4th – *Basket Class***;

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, another creative session on basket making. Join basket maker Jennifer Heckmann, as we create this versatile market basket. Available in blue, wine, or dark green.

**Please preregister by Sept. 12th and include choice of color if desired.** Cost includes all materials, instruction, and refreshments. \$50.00

**Sunday, October 5th – *NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE***; Noon - 3:00 p.m..

**Saturday, October 11th – *Canoe Float Down the Cedar***; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join Naturalists Karen and Aaron as we take a leisurely float down the Cedar River. Participants will meet at the Wildcat Park boat ramp, where we will shuttle participants to the Mt. Auburn boat ramp for a day of scenic beauty and interpretation. Participants are asked to provide their own non-alcoholic beverage, sack lunch, sunscreen and bug spray. Preregistration is required by October 8th as canoes and life jackets are limited. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Free

**Saturday, October 11th – *Halloween at Rodgers Park***; All day festivities.

**Saturday, October 18th – *Halloween at Wildcat Bluff Park***; Date subject to Change

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