



DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JULY 22, 2022



Token Creek Natural Resource Area

YOUTH FISHING EVENT

Youth (kindergarten – 8th grade) are invited to join us at Stewart Lake County Park **this Saturday** from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for a free Youth Fishing Event! Program participants will rotate to specific learning stations, including fish identification, anatomy, casting, safety, fisheries management, and knot tying.

The first 150 youth participants that check in will get to take home a **free fishing rod** (max of 2 rods per family) along with a small selection of tackle after they have completed all of the stations.

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Credit: John Berryman

NORTH MENDOTA TRAIL OPENING

Thank you all for joining us for the official opening and ribbon cutting of the North Mendota Trail!

This nearly half-mile of new trail through Governor Nelson State Park completes a 4-mile segment of the North Mendota Trail that connects the Village of Waunakee and the Town of Westport. The 12-foot wide paved shared-use trail will help alleviate safety issues for bicyclists along Highway M and help the North Mendota Trail move closer to completion. Future phases will connect the trail to Mendota County Park and the City of Middleton.



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VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

There are a number of volunteer workdays happening this summer! Join to help remove invasive species, collect native seeds, clear trails and help keep our parks beautiful! Find an event that fits with your schedule on our **event calendar** or **sign up** to receive updates notifications of upcoming volunteer opportunities.



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EVENING OUTING: MOTHS AND STARS

Celebrate National Moth Week with the Friends of Schumacher Farm and explore nature at night.

Learn about the fabulous moth family and see who shows up to the light show, play some moth games and go on a night-time scavenger hunt. Then take a closer look through the telescope for celestial wonders that may be visible during the summer months.

Free, family-friendly, no registration required.

Location: Schumacher Farm Park (5682 WI-19, Waunakee)

Date: Saturday, July 23

Time: 8:30-9:30 p.m.



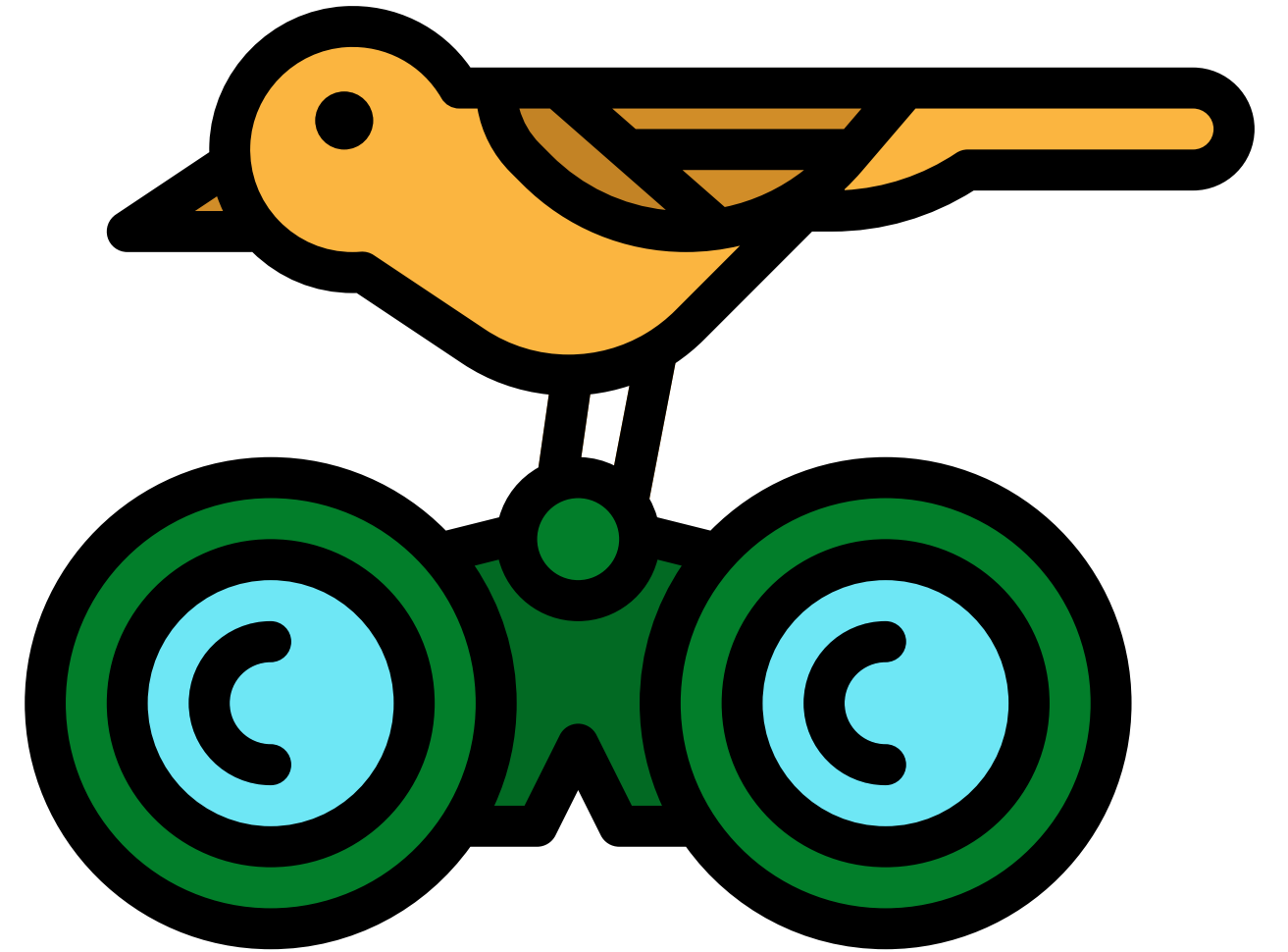
BIRD AND NATURE ADVENTURE

Join Master Naturalist Eva Roos for a free educational guided Bird and Nature Adventure at Pheasant Branch Conservancy. This is free, family friendly event. No registration required and no pets please.

Location: Pheasant Branch Conservancy (4864 Pheasant Branch Rd, Middleton)

Date: Saturday, July 23

Time: 1:30 p.m.



JUNIOR NATURALIST

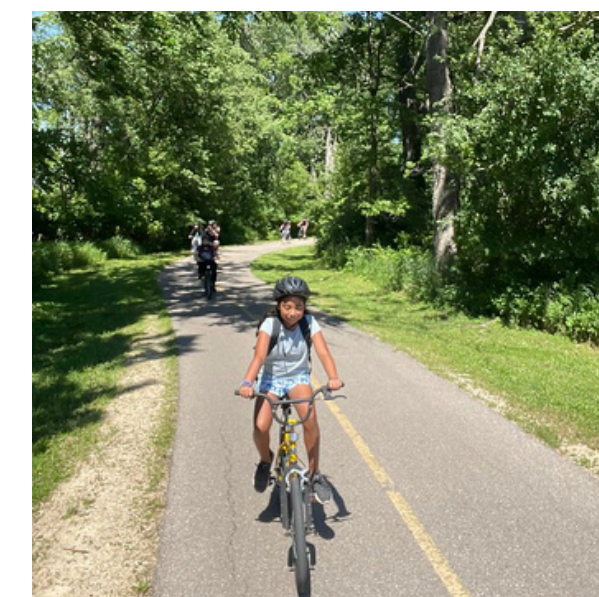
Our LAST Junior Naturalist mini camp of the summer starts on August 1st. Youth ages 9-11 will practice being naturalists and discovering the world around them. Through biking, hiking, and canoeing, will look high and low in water, prairies, and woodlands to gain a deeper understanding of the surrounding environment. Register today!

Session 4: August 1 – August 10

Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Cost is \$125 (Reduced Price options available)

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PADDLE ON THE SUGAR RIVER

Get out on the water this summer with parks staff! These fun, introductory paddles will be fun for the whole family. Learn canoe paddle strokes, gain comfort in a canoe, and enjoy a late afternoon paddle on Dane County waterways.

Our next paddle is Thursday, July 28 on the Upper Sugar River from 5-7:15 pm. This event is free if you bring your own boat. We have some canoes available to rent for \$20 each. Registration required in advance for boat rentals.



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Nature Notes

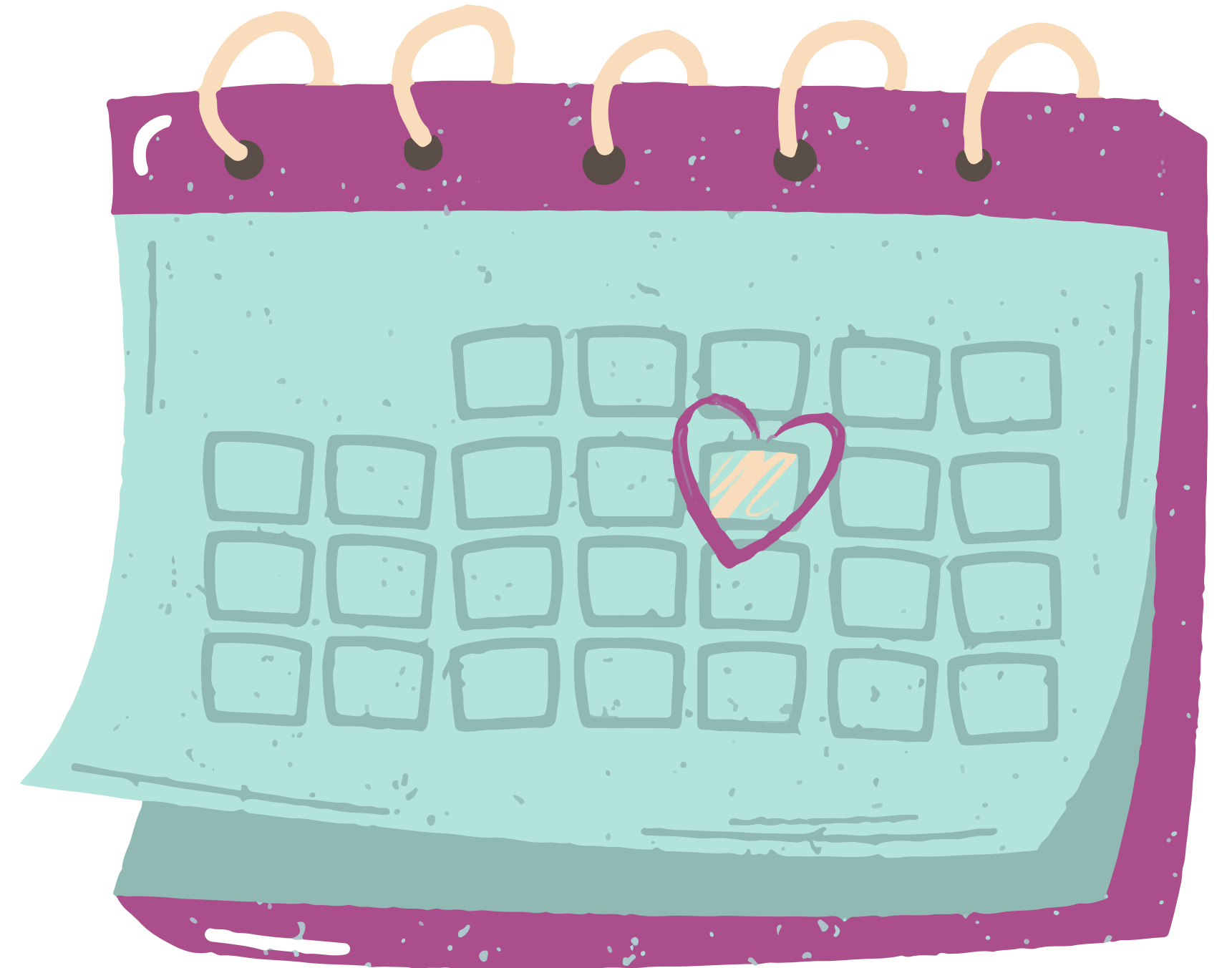
from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
a Dane County Parks Facility

FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more event listings, check out the event calendar on our website. Events include:

- Youth Adventure Days
- Volunteer Workdays
- Music and craft events hosted by friends groups
- and more!

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