

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 23, 2022



Fishing Adventure Program at the
Jenni & Kyle Preserve

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.



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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 TONIGHT Thursday, June 23 on the Upper Sugar River from 5-8pm. 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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YOUTH BIKING ADVENTURE

Join us for a bike ride through William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park on the Lower Yahara River Trail. Enjoy a break along Lake Waubesa followed by a trip up to the top of our tower overlook. This gentle bike ride with minimal hills is fun for all ages. Participants must be able to bike five miles and have intermediate bike comfort. Use our bikes and helmets or bring your own. Helmets are required to be worn during the program. Cost is \$5 per child.

The next adventure is **Wednesday, June 29 - 1-3:00 p.m.**
Learn more or register online by clicking below!

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LEARN TO FISH

Is your child interested in learning how to fish? This is the program for them! Learn how to cast and catch fish at the fully-accessible Jenni & Kyle Preserve. Staff will assist participants with removing fish and releasing them back into the water. This is the perfect program for youth that have no to minimal experience with fishing. Fishing equipment and instruction is provided. Upcoming dates:

- Friday, June 24 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 8 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Find more event dates and learn how to register on our website:

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LIL' EXPLORERS

Help foster that sense of wonder in your preschooler (ages 3-6) with our Lil' Explorers program at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. This FREE program will provide a space for young kids to engage with their outdoor environment. We offer two different Lil' Explorers programs:

- **Story Time** - Join us underneath the Heritage Oak Tree for a story and craft. July 5 (English) & July 12 (Spanish).
- **Outdoor Adventure** - Run around, work together and use your five our five senses to explore the outdoors. July 1

Find more event dates on our event calendar:

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JUNIOR NATURALIST

In the Junior Naturalist program, youth cohorts, ages 9 – 11 or 12 – 14, 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 2: July 11 – July 20 (age 9-11)

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

Session 3: July 19 – August 9 (age 12-14)

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays – 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Session 4: August 1 – August 10 (age 9-11)

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

Each session is \$125 (Scholarships/Reduced Price options available)



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SILVERWOOD BARN DANCE

Join the Friends of Silverwood County Park for a barn dance featuring live music and calling from Tim Jenkins and the Kettle Creek String Band. Been a while since you've square danced? No problem - beginners are welcome!

Beverages and homemade pie with ice cream will be available for purchase. Donations are welcomed and the proceeds will benefit the Stonehouse Visitors Center windows replacement campaign.

- Silverwood County Park (771 Silver Lane, Edgerton)
- Sunday, June 26
- Farm tours at 5:30 p.m.
- Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

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HO-CHUNK NATION DUGOUT CANOE JOURNEY

We were excited to welcome Ho-Chunk Nation leaders and youth at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park on Tuesday! They are paddling down the Yahara and Rock Rivers in a traditional dugout canoe that Ho-Chunk youth helped carve.

Read the news article linked below to learn more:

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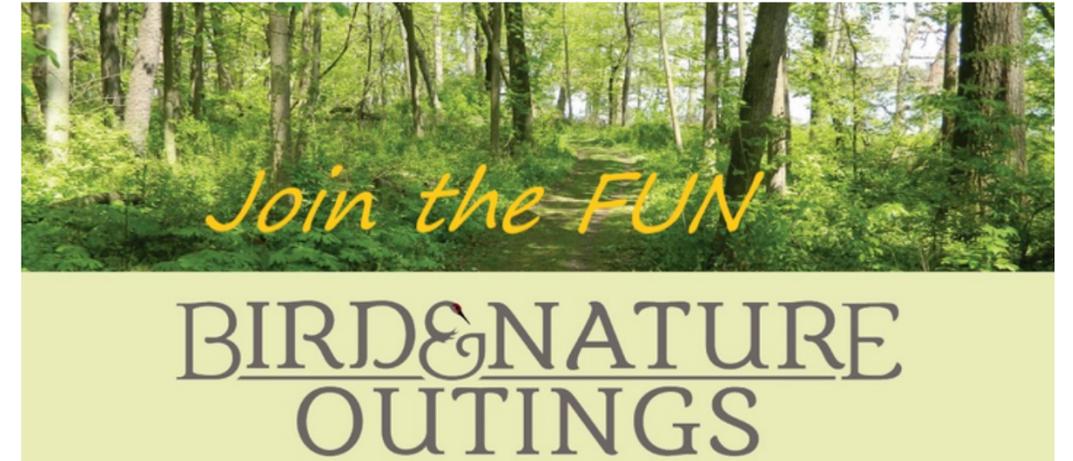


Photo of the dug out canoe (left) and County Executive, Joe Parisi, with the Wunk Sheek (MadTown Singers) (right) who provide music during the welcome event.

BIRD & NATURE ADVENTURE

Join Master Naturalist Eva Roos for a free educational guided walk on June 25 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Pheasant Branch Conservancy. These are free, welcoming, family friendly, educational events. No registration required and no pets allowed during the walk.

These monthly Bird and Nature Adventures are happening all summer on the 4th Saturday of the month and are co-sponsored by Madison FUN partners Madison Audubon and the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy.



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FISH & CRYSTAL LAKES FLOODING TECHNICAL WORK GROUP FINDINGS



Join staff of the Land & Water Resources Department and other agencies to review findings of a work group that considered various benefits and challenges to help evaluate options for lowering lake levels. The meeting will focus on the results of their work, including various alternatives that could be considered. Neither the report nor the meeting will include recommendations or financing options.

Date: Tuesday, June 28 – 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Location: Roxbury Town Hall (7167 Kippley Road, Sauk City)

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NATURE WALKS AT CAP SPRINGS

Join Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area Naturalist, Clare Carlson, for a morning nature walk. Trails are moderate with some hills. Walks are leisurely as we stop to observe wildlife and interesting flora along the way. Binoculars are recommended. Sign ups are appreciated but not required.

Upcoming walks:

- Tuesday, June 28 – Lussier Family Heritage Center grounds – 9-10:30 a.m.
- Monday, July 11 – William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park – 9-10:30 a.m.

Learn more, register or find more dates on our event calendar:

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FREE NATIVE PLANTS

The Dane County Land & Water Resources Department is currently accepting applications for the Free Native Plants for Schools and Community Projects program. Schools and community groups are welcome to apply! Applications are due July 20, 2022. Learn more and apply online by clicking below.



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DISC GOLF WITH KARBEN4 BREWING

Join Karben4 Brewing for a popup event at the Token Creek County Park Disc Golf Course from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on:

- July 14
- August 11
- September 8

Disc Golf permit fees are being waived during this event so you can try out disc golf for free. Dane County Parks staff have a limited number of discs available for check out at our ranger table. 10% of sales will be donated to Dane County Parks!

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ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR

Join Dane County Parks at our first ever Environmental Fun Fair located on the grounds of our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility. This FREE fun afternoon will be full of hands on activities and learning opportunities appropriate for all ages.

Details:

Lussier Family Heritage Center – building and grounds

Sunday, July 10

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

See a full list of activities on our website!

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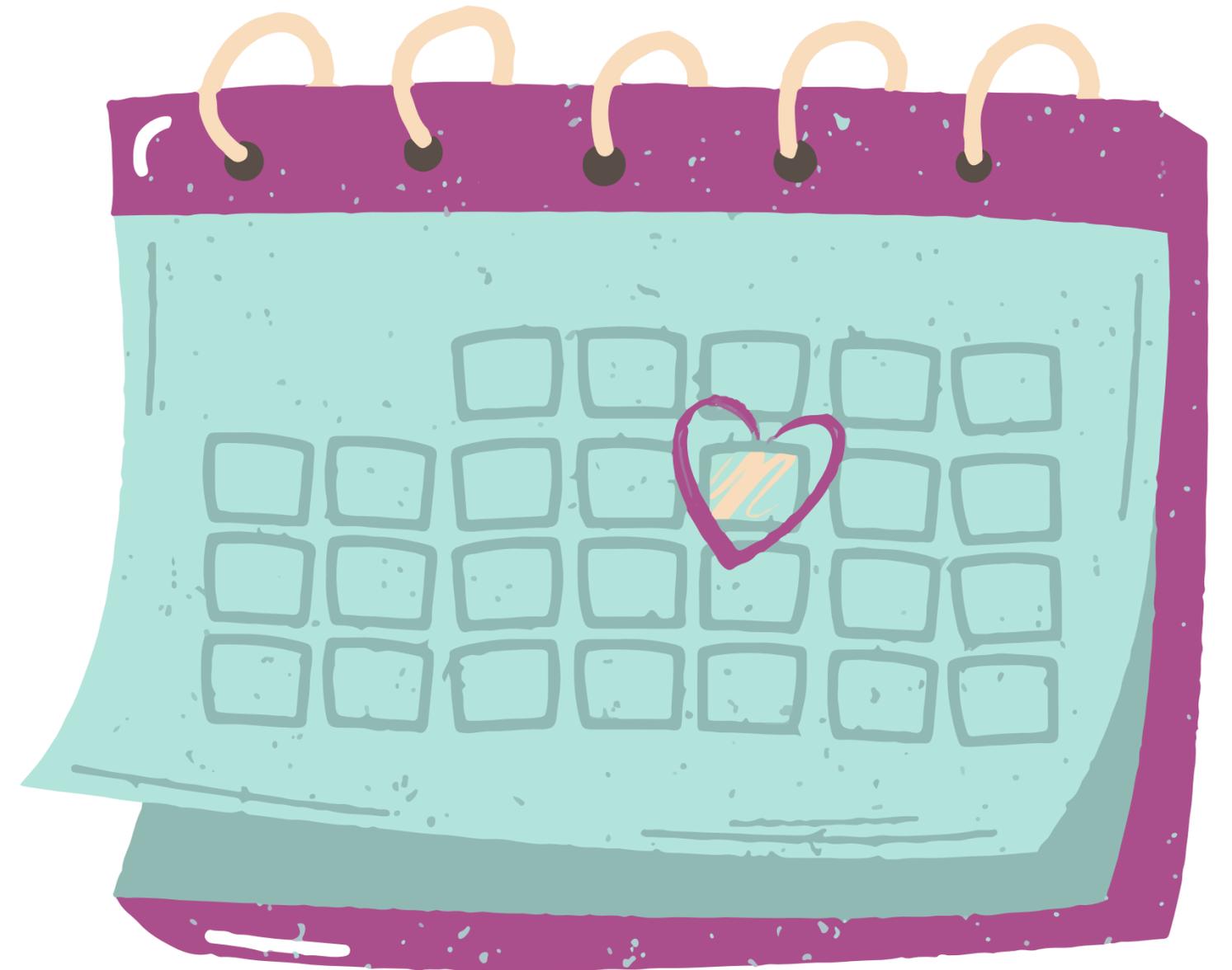


FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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