

Programs & Events

November-December 2011



THE WILDERNESS CENTER

November Events

Nature Fest Arts & Crafts Show

Sat., Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Nature Festival Arts and Crafts Show features artisans and crafters who depict nature in their work. A bake sale provides the sweets while you shop. The event supports TWC's education program. This is a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping, especially for the nature lovers in your life! Free.



Birdseed Sale

Order by Oct. 27. Pick-up Nov. 11-13



Our annual birdseed sale preorder prices are the best all year. Choose from your favorites—TWC seed is specially mixed for clean, high quality seed mix while maintaining affordability. Stock up for the winter. The birds will reward you with their colorful, agreeable company. Also look for special savings at the..

"Bird Stuff" Sale!!

Nov. 11-13

20% off all Birdfeeders & Feeding Accessories. Perfect for gift giving or your own feeding stations. Stop in when picking up your birdseed order!!!

Hastily-Assembled Bluegrass Band

Sat., Nov, 12, 7 p.m.

The Hastily-Assembled Bluegrass Band returns! Join us for another fun evening of traditional bluegrass on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, and upright bass. \$8/member; \$10/nonmember. Children 15 and younger half price, if accompanied by an adult. We'd like to thank our Concert Series sponsor:



November

Wilderness Walk

Wed., Nov. 2, 10 a.m.

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Join a naturalist on the 1st Wed. every month for a walk on our trails. See what's interesting today! All ages. Free.

Star Watch & Planetarium Show

Fri., Nov. 4, 8 p.m.

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Join TWC's Astronomy Club for a Planetarium Show; then view the real things through telescopes. All ages. Free.

Nature Fest Arts & Crafts Show

Sat., Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

See above.

Seeds and Nuts, Fruits and Such

Sun., Nov. 6, 2 p.m.

The Botanizers will present an indoor program. Sandy Smith program speaker. Free.

November

Sat., Nov. 5

•Nature Fest Arts & Crafts, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

•Book Club: *My First Summer in the Sierras*, 1 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 6

•Botanizers Walk: Sensational Seeds, 2 p.m.

Thu., Nov. 10

•Wilderness sprouts: Getting Ready for Winter, 10 a.m.

•Full Moon Walk: Beaver Moon, 6 p.m.

•Fly Fishing Club, 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 11-Sun., Nov. 13

•Seed Sale Pickup

Sat., Nov. 12

•Woodcarvers Club, 9 a.m.

•Geology Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

•Foxfield Info Session, 2 p.m.

•Hastily-Assembled Bluegrass Band Concert, 7 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 13

•Growing Up Wild, 1 p.m.

Tue., Nov. 15

•Needle Crafters Club, 10 a.m.

Wed., Nov. 16

•Story Time: Stars at Night, 11 a.m.

Wilderness Sprouts: Getting Ready for Winter



Join us as we learn how animals prepare for winter. We will take a short hike to look for examples and build a mouse house. Children ages 3-5 with an adult. \$4/member; \$6/nonmember; adults free.

Thu., Nov 10, 10 a.m.

Full Moon Walk: Beaver Moon



Beavers actively prepare for winter before the lake freezes. Walk to see TWC's beaver lodge and (hopefully) those busy beavers. Take a quiet walk under the light of the full moon each month. Algonquin Moons and readings from favorite nature writers help us discover and enjoy the seasons.

Dress for the weather. You may bring a flashlight, but try not to use it. We'll cancel if it's raining or the weather's dangerous—check our Facebook page or website after 4 p.m. if there's any doubt. Free for TWC members; donation requested from nonmembers.

Thu., Nov. 10, 6 p.m.

Birdseed Sale

"Bird Stuff" Annual Sale!!

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Geology Day

Join members of the TWC Geology Club for Geology Day! Learn about rocks and minerals, start a rock collection, check out fossils, make rock art, and visit our rock walk. Activity stations will be offered from 10 a.m. till 2p.m. Appropriate for children attending with adults. Free.

Sat., Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Foxfield Info Session



Foxfield Preserve is a nature preserve cemetery at TWC. Natural burial is an economical, environmentally friendly alternative to modern burial. As a nature preserve, we provide wildlife habitat, a clean watershed, and clean air. Walking trails allow the community to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the preserve. A natural burial at Foxfield Preserve leaves a permanent legacy for your family, community, and the natural world. Free info session.

Sat., Nov. 12, 2 p.m.

Hastily-Assembled Bluegrass Band

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Sat., Nov, 12, 7 p.m.

Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children

The Ohio Division of Wildlife's **Growing Up Wild** curriculum is geared for young children (ages 3 to 7) to foster an interest in and appreciation of wildlife and the natural world around them. This workshop is designed for anyone who works with young children and wants to teach them about wildlife conservation using fun activities, songs, crafts, and snacks. Karrie will focus on seasonal activities – so if you have already taken GUW training but want to learn how to use the activities for fall and winter, please join us! Each participant will be provided with the GUW curriculum book and supplemental materials. To register or for more information, please contact TWC at 330-359-5235. Facilitator: Karrie McAllister. Min. 10; max. 30. Ages 16 and up. Register by Nov. 6.

Sun., Nov. 13, 1-4 p.m.

Story Time: The Stars at Night



Enjoy the night sky with stories and songs about the stars. This month, we'll walk down to the Planetarium and pretend it's night under the stars. (This is the only month we won't plan much time outside.)

We focus on stories for 3-4 year olds, but younger and older children are welcome, if you think they'll be interested. Dress for the weather. Registration is optional; however, if we have to reschedule or cancel, we'll call the folks who are registered. Free for TWC members; donation requested from nonmembers.

Wed., Nov. 16, 11 a.m.

November

Thu., Nov. 17

- Wilderness Walk, 2 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 18

- Backpackers & Dayhikers Club, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 19

- Bird Walk, 8 a.m.
- Nature Photo Club, 9:30 a.m.
- Cavers & Climbers, 10 a.m.
- Backyard Bird-feeding, 11 a.m.
- Family Astronomy: The Milky Way, 2 p.m.

Thu., Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Day. Interpretive Building closed.

Fri., Nov. 25

- Prehistory Skills Drop-In, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Astronomy Club, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 26

- Woodcarvers Club, 9 a.m.
- Knap-In, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 30

- Tammy's Retirement Open House, 6 p.m.

Wilderness Walk



Join a naturalist on the 3rd Thu. each month for a walk on our trails. See what's interesting today! All ages. Free.

Thu., Nov. 17, 2 p.m.

Bird Walk

Take a walk with the Birders Club to look for birds. All ages. Free.

Sat., Nov. 19, 8 a.m.

Family Backyard Birdfeeding



After the monthly Bird Walk and breakfast at the Amish Door, the Bird Club will present our annual Family Backyard Birding Program.

Bring your kids, your grandchildren or even your neighbor kids for a fun and interesting look at backyard birding. If there is someone you know who is always asking you about feeding birds, give them a call and ask them to join us. Learn more about our feathered friends, their habits and how to attract them to your yard! After the program, we will again be making pinecone birdfeeders for everyone to take home—the birds just love them!! Please join us!

Note: the feeders are made with peanut butter, so please let us know if anyone has a peanut allergy, and we will provide an alternative. \$2/member; \$3/nonmember.

Sat., Nov. 19, 11 a.m.

Family Astronomy: The Milky Way



All the stars you see are in our Milky Way Galaxy. How big is it? How have we learned about it? Compare our Milky Way with other galaxies. Family Astronomy programs are generally 30-45 minutes long and include a Planetarium show. Free.

Sat., Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

Prehistory Skills Drop-In



Try your hand at our modern reproductions of some technology and skills pre-contact North American peoples used long before modern day technology.

Make a (paper) spear and try throwing it with the atlatl. Grind corn with a rock grinder. See how big a mammoth really was. And more!

Like all our holiday drop-ins, Prehistory Skills is designed for family groups to explore on your own. Free, but donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of supplies.

Fri., Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Knap-In



The Wilderness Center is hosting the third annual Thanksgiving weekend knap-in. A knap-in is a gathering of craftsmen who chip flint to replicate the arrow heads, spear points, knives, and other implements that have sustained, fed, and clothed the native peoples for thousands of years. Some of the best knappers in the U.S. will be demonstrating how the ancients made their tools, but even more so how this has become a beautiful and collectable modern art form. There will be flint and chert from around the U.S. and probably from around the world, but some of the most beautiful will be Ohio's official gem stone—Flint Ridge flint from central Ohio. See techniques used to take a lump of rock and turn it into a working implement. You can even try it yourself. Free, with finished examples available for purchase.

Sat., Nov. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Retirement Open House for Tammy Seikel



Development Director Tammy Seikel will be retiring from The Wilderness Center in November 2011. Tammy began at The Wilderness Center as a volunteer and has worked almost every job at the Center at one time or another. After 16 years, Tammy will retire. The Wilderness Center will have an Open House for her at the Center.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, wine, and cake. We'd like to invite everyone who would like to wish Tammy well, or to thank her, to stop by and visit!

Please RSVP by calling 1-877-359-5235 or returning the registration form. We want to provide enough food!

Wed., Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m.

Visit TWC online at www.wildernesscenter.org

December

Fri., Dec. 2

- Star Watch, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 3

- Winter Botany, 11 a.m.
- Book Club: *Last Child in the Woods*, 1 p.m.
- Yule Tea, 1-2 p.m.
- Holiday Concert, 2 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 4

- Botanizers Brag, 2 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 7

- Wilderness Walk, 10 a.m.

Thu., Dec. 8

- Fly Fishing Club, 7 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 10

- Woodcarvers Club, 9 a.m.
- Geology Club, 1 p.m.
- Full Moon Walk: Cold Moon, 5 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 11

- Foxfield Preserve Info Session, 2 p.m.

Thu., Dec. 15

- Wilderness Walk, 2 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 16

- Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Star Watch & Planetarium Show

Fri., Dec. 2, 8 p.m.



Join TWC's Astronomy Club for a Planetarium Show; then view the real things through telescopes. All ages. Free.

Winter Botany

Sat., Dec. 3, 11 a.m.

Take a winter walk with Naturalist Lynda Price to talk about the plants of winter. Learn about winter wildflowers, identifying trees without leaves, and the plants that stay green despite the cold. Free.

Yule Tea

Sat., Dec. 3, 1-2 p.m.



Drop in for a cup of tea! We'll try some wild teas —White Pine and Spicebush. Sample them, have a cup of "regular" black tea, chat, and enjoy the winter afternoon. \$2 at the door or a plate of cookies to share. Then, stay for the...

Up River Concert

Sat., Dec. 3, 2 p.m.



Dan and Teresa of Up River will play traditional Christmas music with an Appalachian and Celtic mix. You've enjoyed Up River's music in May in our regular concert series—here's a special concert. We're looking forward to hearing this new selection from Dan and Teresa. They don't get to play holiday music in May! And, with the concert, we have 2 real deals!

- If you become a 2012 Concert Season Patron at this concert or before, this one is included at no extra charge. (The 2012 season is shaping up, but is not yet finalized. We plan to include info in the December issue of Programs & Events.)

- Concert attendees will receive a coupon at the door for 20% off your purchases in the Nature Store that day. Do your Christmas shopping and enjoy a concert!

\$8/member; \$10/nonmember. Children 15 and younger half price, if accompanied by an adult.

Botanizers Brag Show

Sun., Dec. 4, 2 p.m.

Join the Botanizers Club to see a slide show of their best plant "finds" of 2011! Free.

Wilderness Walk

Wed., Dec. 7, 10 a.m.



Join a naturalist on the 1st Wed. every month for a walk on our trails. See what's interesting today! All ages. Free.

Full Moon Walk: Cold Moon

Sat., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.



Yep. It'll be cold. But it'll also get you away from the holiday rush for a quiet evening walk. We'll end this walk and the year's series with coffee, cocoa, and conversation inside.

Dress for the weather. You may bring a flashlight, but try not to use it. We'll cancel if it's raining or the weather's dangerous—check our Facebook page or website after 4 p.m. if there's any doubt. Free for TWC members; donation requested from nonmembers.

Foxfield Preserve Info Session

Sun., Dec. 11, 2 p.m.



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•Backpackers & Dayhikers Club, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 17

•Nature Photo Club, 9:30 a.m.

•Cavers & Climbers Club, 10 a.m.

•Family Astronomy: Deep Space, 2 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 20

•Needle Crafters Club, 10 a.m.

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 24-25

•Interpretive Building closed

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 27-28

•Happy Bird Day! 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Christmas Bird Count

Fri., Dec. 16



The Christmas Bird Count provides wildlife management officials with census data they can use to develop management plans. One important aspect of this data for conservationists is to identify species which may be on the decline. The count lasts all day. You'll join a team to cover a section of a 15-mile diameter circle surrounding the Center. We encourage teams of 4-6 people. Teams may return to the Interpretive Building for lunch and to swap information and sightings. To register or for more information, including start/finish times, contact Ben Morrison at 330-935-0398 before Dec. 1. Also, pack a lunch! The TWC Bird Club will provide a cup of chili to warm you, along with your lunch. Birders at all levels of experience are welcome and needed. \$5/person, due at the count.

Family Astronomy: Deep Space

Sat., Dec. 16, 2 p.m.



What other mysteries are out there in our galaxy and beyond? Discover what would happen if you fell into a black hole. Visit a pulsar and fly through a nebula. Just how big is the universe? How far have we explored? What do we know about the space in outer space? Family Astronomy programs are generally 30-45 minutes long and include a Planetarium show. Free.

Happy Bird Day! Drop-In

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 27-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Did you know that, in bird banding, all birds are considered to have the same birthday? It's January 1st! Join us in wishing all our feathered friends a Happy Birthday!

Come to TWC and try bird experiments, games, and other activities at this indoor/outdoor family drop-in program. Come any time between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tues. and Wed. of the between-holidays week to enjoy a variety of self-guided, hands-on nature explorations. Free.

The Interpretive Building will be closed Dec. 24-25 & Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
Enjoy the trails!

Coming in 2012: Family Nature Club at TWC!

Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters!

All Year

Hiking Extravaganza

all year



Discover your favorite TWC trails and earn rewards. Will you like the Pond Trail (our most popular) or Sigrist Woods (why TWC's founders sited us here)? Or the rustic Pioneer Path, the streamside Fox Creek or Sugar Creek Trails, or the deep woods Wilderness Walk? Each has its own enticements. Complete all six Wilderness Center Headquarters tract trails anytime throughout the year and earn your carved hiking staff and/or pin for each year. \$12/member; \$14/nonmember for staff with pin. \$7 for pin only. Visit www.wildernesscenter.org for more information.

See you on the trails! And also try...

Wilderness 100

as long as it takes...



Here's a challenge for the "real" walkers! Walk 100 miles with TWC. Choose a one-of-a-kind hand-bound walking journal. Walk any time and keep your own record. Complete 100 miles at TWC or in TWC programs, bring in your completed journal, and get a hand-carved hiking boot you can hang from your Extravaganza hiking staff! (You also get to keep the journal!)

If you're here walking that much, we figure you're a TWC member, so the Wilderness 100 is for members only. \$20 each.

Save the Date

Summer Days Winter Reunion

Sat., Jan. 21, 1-3:30 p.m.



Attention Summer Days Participants!

Did you enjoy learning about the outdoors with your child this past summer in Summer Days Enrichment? Now you can learn about the joys of the outdoors in winter! We will spend part of the afternoon on an outdoor hike and part inside for activities. Hot chocolate provided! Wear warm clothes in layers, a winter coat, a warm hat, mittens, and waterproof boots. Unless it's bitter cold, we'll spend up to 50 minutes at a time outdoors. When you register, please include a phone number so we can call you if we cancel due to hazardous winter travel. Please join us for our winter reunion. It is a great time to explore the outdoors because you can leave the bug spray at home! \$4/member child/adult pair, \$6/nonmember child/adult pair, \$2/extra adult or child member or nonmember.

Any Time

Wild Ideas...the Podcast



Wild Ideas...the Podcast is your own nature talk! Observations of everyday nature lead to bigger ideas about the natural world and how it all fits together. Join us for a friendly, science-based nature chat.

Wild Ideas...the Podcast won't keep you indoors! Take the ideas outside to enrich your personal observations and play. There's a new episode of Wild Ideas...the Podcast each Thursday. It's free! To listen:

•If you are an iTunes user, search for Wild Ideas...the Podcast in the iTunes store. The search will return a few different items. Find the Wild Ideas logo and click to subscribe. (Better yet, write a glowing, positive review!) OR...

•Go to www.wildernesscenter.org/podcasts to click and listen online, subscribe through other podcatchers, or download.

Are you new to all this "podcast" stuff? A podcast is like a radio show you can listen to at your convenience. You can listen on line or download to your computer. You can transfer it to an MP3 player, iPod, cell phone, or other device and listen anywhere.

Registration

Wilderness Sprouts: Ready for Winter Nov. 10
\$4/member; \$6/nonmember. Adults free.
___ # members ___ # nonmembers ___ total \$

Hastily Assembled Bluegrass Band Concert Nov. 12
\$8/member; \$10/nonmember. Children half price
___ # members ___ # nonmembers ___ total \$

Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children Nov. 13
Free. Register by Nov. 6. ___ # people

Story Time: Stars at Night Nov. 16
Free. ___ # children ___ # adults

Retirement Reception for Tammy Seikel Nov. 30
Free. ___ # people

Up River Concert Dec. 3
\$8/member; \$10/nonmember. Children half price
___ # members ___ # nonmembers ___ total \$

Summer Days Winter Reunion Jan. 21
\$4/ member/child adult pair; \$6/nonmember pair
\$2/extra child or adult
___ # member pairs ___ # nonmember pairs
___ # extra adults and children ___ total \$

Hiking Extravaganza all year
\$12/member; \$14/nonmember staff w. pin. \$7/
pin.

___ # members ___ # nonmembers
___ # staffs w. pin ___ # pins only ___ total \$

Wilderness 100 as long as it takes...
\$20/member ___ # members ___ total \$

Name: _____ Member # _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Day Phone: _____ Total enclosed: _____

• You are enrolled when you send payment. In most cases, confirmations are not mailed.

• Detach and send entire form with your check to: The Wilderness Center, PO Box 202, Wilmot, OH, 44689-0202 OR register with MasterCard, Visa, or Discover at 877-359-5235.

• We try to make any weather cancellation decision at least 2 hours before the program starts.