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EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK Tuesday, April 22, 2014

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

11 am

BIRDING HIKE ALONG THE OLD GROWTH TRAIL

Location: Meet at the Back Deck of the Visitor Center

Program Duration: Approx. 1 hour; 1 mile walk

Walk with an experienced birder along the Old Growth Trail and learn how to locate birds by sight and sound. A wide variety of birds can be identified along the Old Growth Trail. How many can you find?

1 pm

BIRD HOUSE BUILDING CLINIC

Location: Visitor Center Classroom

Program Duration: Approx. 1 hour

Building a birdhouse is quite simple really: a couple of slabs of wood, some nails or screws and you're in business. But then again, there is much more to building the "perfect" birdhouse for the specific species you want to attract to your yard. For example, what diameter does the entrance hole need to be? How deep should the floor be from the top of the birdhouse? There will be blueprint plans for participants to take home and a brief discussion on the most important things to consider about attracting nesting pairs of **black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, house wrens, eastern bluebirds and eastern phoebes.**

2 pm TREE DETECTIVES

Location: Meet in the Visitor Center Classroom

Program Duration: Approx. 1 hour; 1 mile walk

Later in the season when the leaves are on the maples and oaks, identifying the tree you are looking at can be relatively easy; but identifying trees without leaves can be challenging. After a short classroom review, we'll go out on the Old Growth Trail and identify some of the tree species that live within Hartwick Pines State Park.