



EDDY DISCOVERY CENTER SPRING PROGRAMS

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April Fool's Day Hike. Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. No really, there's a hike! Spring is a beautiful time to be out and about on the trails. We'll focus on plant and animal tricksters that use biomimicry, camouflage, scents, and other foolery for survival. Cost: Free.

Creatures of the Night. Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Meet the creatures that only come out at night! The Howell Nature Center will bring a variety of live nocturnal birds and mammals and show you how they are adapted to living in the dark. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Advanced registration requested at 734-475-3170.

Spring Turkey Hunting Workshop. April 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enhance your turkey hunting techniques with DNR Conservation Office Dan Prince who will update you on hunter safety, shot patterning, calling, tactics, blinds and decoys. Then map out turkey habitat for a successful hunt with Waterloo staff, who know the park best. Lunch is provided. Cost: \$20. Registration required by April 1. (734)475-3170. Limited to 24 people.

Night of the Amphibians. Saturday, April 8, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Join us this evening for a lively presentation featuring frogs, salamanders and quivering masses of eggs from local ponds. Find out how you can recognize frogs by their calls. The program will conclude with a walk to a nearby pond to see and hear the frogs singing in the night. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Advance registration requested at 734-475-3170.

Arrows Away. Saturday April 22, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn the traditional outdoor skill of Archery through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Helping Nature In Your Own Backyard. Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Explore the ways you can enhance your own backyard for birds, butterflies, native pollinators, and other wildlife by planting native plants. Naturalist Gary Siegrist will discuss how to choose native plants, how and where to plant them, where to buy them, and beautiful native alternatives to non-native invasive plants. Information for planting larger areas will also be available. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Advanced registration requested at 734-475-3170.

Strange Creatures of the Spring Pond. Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come and meet the many fascinating and little-known creatures that live in our spring ponds – from delicate damselflies to ferocious diving beetles. No boots required, as we will be viewing these in our special “pour-a-pond” outside on the deck. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Advance registration requested at 734-475-3170.

Arrows Away. Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn the traditional outdoor skill of Archery through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

A World of Animals. Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Brendan Finerty of Jackson's Wild World Zoo will be presenting this exciting, hands-on program. Come and meet a wide variety of animals from around the globe-from the hottest desert to the deepest jungles to the highest mountains. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Advanced registration requested at 734-475-3170.

Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Workshop. Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guides from the Painted Trout, in Dexter, share their knowledge of equipment, casting, fly selection, knots and leaders. . Volunteers from the Michigan Flyfishing Club will be helping with casting techniques. The second part of the class will cover learning to tie flies that you get to keep. DNR Conservation Officer, Branden Hartleben, will also talk about fishing regulations, fish behavior, safety, wading and the local hotspots of Southeast Michigan. To register: Katie McGlashen, Park Interpreter, (734)475-3170. Cost: \$20, includes lunch. **Please note:** Registration is required by **May 1**, and cancellations must be made on that date in order to guarantee a full refund. Limited to 24 participants.

Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. (734)475-3170.

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays, 12 pm to 5 pm

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International Migratory Bird Day! Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. In honor of International Migratory Bird Day, learn to identify birds by shape, color, pattern and song. Learn to quick sketch birds, and go on a silhouette safari. Kids can make a fun Mother's Day gift to place in a special lady's bird viewing area. (734)475-3170. Cost: Free.

Quaking Bog Hike. Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. Take a guided hike to a most interesting wetland, with carnivorous plants, mysteriously moving ground, and a beautiful boardwalk to keep you from getting wet feet. Walk is approximately 1.5 miles round trip on uneven surfaces. Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn the traditional outdoor skill of Archery through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Edible, Medicinal, or Poisonous? Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Take a walk on the Discovery Center trails with Rowena Conahan, founder of the Nature Learning Community, and find out about useful and edible wild plants in our area. Learn how to recognize those that are good for you and those that are not. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170. **Limited to 30 people.** Cost: \$2 per person/\$5 per family.

Hook, Line and Sinker. Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. At Crooked Lake Fishing Pier. Learn to fish with the DNR. All ages welcome, 17 & up must have a Michigan fishing license to participate. Crooked Lake Fishing Pier is located off of Loveland Rd. Cost: Free.

Creekin' for Crayfish. Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m. At Mill Lake Outdoor Center. Catch crayfish and other interesting invertebrates. Wear water shoes. Park at the Mill Lake Outdoor Center on Bush Rd., 300 yards past the Discovery Center entrance. Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, May 27, 6 p.m. Portage Lake Campground. Learn the traditional outdoor skill of Archery through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Hook, Line and Sinker. Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. At Crooked Lake Fishing Pier. Learn to fish with the DNR. All ages welcome, 17 & up must have a Michigan fishing license to participate. Crooked Lake Fishing Pier is located off of Loveland Rd. Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn the traditional outdoor skill of Archery through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 7 and up. Cost: Free.

Rockhound Basics. Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover what you can learn about ancient Michigan from looking at a rock. Geologist Larry Bean will show you how to "read" the story told by rocks and help you to identify specimens at a local quarry. We will meet at the Discovery Center before driving to the quarry to do some collecting. Advance registration requested at 734-475-3170. Cost: \$2 per person/\$5 per family.

Arrows Away. Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn the traditional outdoor skill of Archery through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 7 and up. Cost: Free.

Turtlemania! Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Live turtles large and small, land-dwelling and water-loving, will be featured in this entertaining program by naturalist Paul McCormick. Find out what it's like to be a turtle as you observe and touch these unique animals from all over the world. Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Advanced registration requested at 734-475-3170.

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