



# 2009 Summer Evening Programs



Sponsored by The Fort Wilkins Natural History Association



All evening programs are held indoors at the Fort Wilkins West Barracks, Copper Harbor, MI  
Commencing at 7:30 PM EDST (Unless Indicated Otherwise)

Admission: Daily or Annual Motor Vehicle Permits



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## JULY

- 4 Saturday..... **SPECIAL EVENT: Parade at 10am (goes through campgrounds) & Fireworks over Copper Harbor at dark**
- 6 Monday..... “Keweenaw Native Orchids & Special Plants” – Harvey Desnick, Wildflower Enthusiast & Author, Photographer
- 7 Tuesday..... “Geological History of Keweenaw & Isle Royale” - Jordan Kibat, National Park Service, Isle Royale
- 8 Wednesday..... “Discovering Agates” - Joe Mitchell, Rock Hound \*Meet at Lighthouse Overlook at 6:30pm
- 9 Thursday..... “Recycled Art” - Samantha Lucchesi, Artist
- 10 Friday..... “Delaware Mine” - Tom & Lani Poynter, Owners of Mine
- 11 Saturday..... **SPECIAL EVENT: KEWEENAW TRAIL RUNNING FESTIVAL** (see description below)
- 11 Saturday..... “Weather Safety” - Matthew Zika, Meteorologist, National Weather Service
- 13 Monday..... “True Bear Tales” - David Young, Author of the book *True Bear Tales*
- 14 Tuesday..... “Mining History of the Keweenaw” - Jordan Kibat, National Park Service
- 15 Wednesday.... “Geology of the Keweenaw: Shoreline Pebble Identification” - Susan Robinson, Author of *Is This An Agate?*
- 17 Friday..... “The Finns in Michigan” - Gary Kaunonen, Finnish American Heritage Center

- 18 Saturday..... “Creatures of the Night: Owls and Bats” - Tim Burke, DNR of Michigan, Former Alaska Biologist  
 19 Sunday..... “Isle Royale, by the Captains Who Take You There” - Captain Ben Kilpela, Isle Royale Queen IV  
 21 Tuesday..... “Geological History of Keweenaw & Isle Royale” - Jordan Kibat, National Park Service, Isle Royale  
 22 Wednesday.... “Lighthouse Optics” - Kurt Fosburg, V.P. Marquette Maritime Museum; Cptn. of Lighthouse Tours; Metals & Lens Expert  
 23 Thursday..... “Keweenaw Native Orchids & Special Plants” – Harvey Desnick, Wildflower Enthusiast & Author, Photographer  
 24 – 30..... **SPECIAL EVENT: BATTERY D** (see description below)  
 24 Friday..... “Music and Memories of the Civil War” – Mel Jones, Trumpet Player and Great Grandson of A Civil War Veteran  
                   \*This program is held at the picnic shelter not the West Barracks\*  
 27 Monday..... “History of Weather Forecasting” – Matthew Zika, Meteorologist, National Weather Service  
 28 Tuesday..... “Bears” – Doug Wagner, Wildlife Biologist, MI DNR  
 29 Wednesday.... “Sea Kayaking On Lake Superior” – Sam Raymond, Keweenaw Adventure Company  
 30 Thursday..... “Living In and Loving Sandhills Lighthouse” – Mary Matthews & Bill Frabotta, Owners\Inn Keepers  
 31 Friday..... “Forest Ecosystem Conservation & Restoration at Seney & Kirtland’s Warbler Wildlife Area” – Dr. Greg Corace III, Ph.D.

## Special Events

**July 11<sup>th</sup> Keweenaw Trail Running Festival** – Saturday events include: 8:00am 10K run from Fort Wilkins Historic State Park to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, 9:00am Kid’s 2K beginning and ending at the Lodge, 6:00pm 915 foot vertical 6K from the beach in Eagle Harbor to the summit of Mt. Lookout. Sunday there will be a 25K race at 7:00am starting and finishing at the Lodge. An all organic and local breakfast will follow from 9:00am – 11:00am at the Lodge Conference Room. Breakfast tickets may be purchased for \$10 on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 9:00pm at the Mountain Lodge. For more info access [geatlakesendurance.com](http://geatlakesendurance.com) or phone (715)460-0426.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Battery D** – History comes alive at Fort Wilkins. Battery D, 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Light Artillery, a Civil War era living history group returns to Fort Wilkins for a weekend encampment. The weekend commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event and will be open to park visitors from 8:00am – 8:00pm. Battery D will interpret army life of the period, demonstrating artillery and small arms drills, period cooking and soldiers’ pastimes.

## Daily Programs

**Living History Program.** Costumed interpreters act as members of the military garrison. Leave the present and join them in the year 1870 9:30-4:00 6/20-8/21

**Lighthouse Boat Tour.** Departs Copper Harbor Marina every 2 hours 10:00 – 4:00 and evening ‘Sunset Cruise’.

**Fort Wilkins Natural History Association Park Store.** Open seven days a week 10:00-9:00.

