

**MARCH
& APRIL
AT A
GLANCE**



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER



**CELEBRATING SPRING
SPECIAL WEEKEND PROGRAM
OFFERINGS AT THE
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER**

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March is
Reading Month
Visiting Author Series

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Live Animals Showcase:
Cold Blood Creatures
Warm Up To Spring

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Upland Hills Farm visit

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Just a reminder we will be closed on Sunday March 27.

Come celebrate the change of seasons at the Outdoor Adventure Center as we greet Spring!

Spring is in the air and we will be showcasing signs of Spring,. With live animal presentations, a great movie and special presentations throughout the month. March is also Reading Month so we will be hosting two local authors. Expanded archery offerings will include "Try It" archery opportunities and our first formal classes. Family Game Day and Wetlands Spring Cleanup will be included in your admission.

Park of the Month Waterloo Recreation Area

Each month we will be highlighting a great place to explore. Waterloo Recreation Area is the largest park in the Lower Peninsula. At more than 20,000 acres, the park boasts two modern campgrounds, a rustic campground, an equestrian campground, a swimming beach, several picnic sites, 11 excellent fishing lakes, eight boat launches, 12 miles of interpretive nature trails, 47 miles of hiking trails, three rustic cabins, numerous equestrian trails and the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center.

The Eddy Discovery Center, at the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea, introduces visitors to the fascinating world of geology and to the diverse natural habitats that are found today within Waterloo's 20,000-plus acres.



Waterloo Recreation Area Links

General Information

Detailed Information

Meet Marge and Vito (Bill) Delia



The Delia's became our very first, family membership holders – on July 20, 2015., after having tracked the progress of our facility for over a year!

Marge is a retired educator from the Utica School District and Bill is a retired educator from Van Dyke Schools. This terrific couple love spending time in and around Detroit. They visit the Outdoor Adventure Center regularly. Both Marge and Bill are retired educators who are always on the go. Bill still volunteers with the middle school wrestling program and Marge is a tutor at Utica schools and works with the blind at the Macomb Library. They are the proud parents of 5 great kids and the proud grandparents of 2 exceptional grandchildren

One of their favorite adventures is walking around Detroit. They are anxious for the weather to break so that they can get out on the RiverWalk. They love all the activities at the OAC, and love seeing the families enjoying it together. Bill and Marge enjoy sharing all the great things that are going on in the "D", and tell their friends about all the great stuff that is happening. The Delia's have brought many guests to enjoy our exhibits. This dynamic duo has already offered to become the first members of our volunteer corps. We will have more on that in October 2016.

Thank you Bill and Marge for your enthusiasm and support. We are glad to have you as founding members of the OAC family!

Field Trips for School, Camp and Church Programs

Plan a day of adventure and fun. Groups of every age will be inspired by the richness of Michigan's natural resources. All school educational programs align with Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations. General admission for groups is \$2 per person (both children and adults), available for groups of 20 or more.

NEW IN APRIL

Pre and post test handouts for teachers, for many of our classes. Team Building Class options for adults and children.

**COMING SOON:
classes just for adults and senior citizens**

- **Information to help prepare for your group trip**
- **Field Trip Application for Groups**

For more information please contact us at DNR-OAC@michigan.gov or by calling 844-622-6367.

Highlights from February

On Wednesday, February 24 we hosted our first Natural Resources Career Fair, sponsored by the US Forest Service. Despite inclement weather, over 20 professionals shared information on goal setting, post-high school education options, real life experiences with commuter and residential college and specific information on careers with a host of nature based organizations and universities. Over 150 students attended before the ice and snow closed us down for the day. We can't wait to expand this event, next year!

Scout Badge Workshops

All badge workshops are by appointment for troops. Open workshops are by pre-registration only. There are a limited number of spots available – please sign up early. Upon the completion of the session, the Scout will have earned the badge described (actual badges awarded by your troop at a later date). Scouts will also be given a special Outdoor Adventure Center patch for their brag vests. Cost is \$10 per Scout and includes all-day admission to the Outdoor Adventure Center. Must have a minimum of eight Scouts to reserve a badge workshop.

NEW in April: Girls Scout, Cadette Archery Badge Workshop.

Please submit the Scout Badge Workshop Application form to register.

For more information, please contact us at 844-OAC-MDNR (844-622-6367) or DNR-OAC@michigan.gov.

- **Scout Badge Workshop Application Form**

Meetings and Events



Kyla Dorsey Photography and Franklin-Wright Settlements, Inc. Gala in the Riverview Loft at the OAC. a gala, we have a fun and unique place to host it.

For more information, call 844-OAC-MDNR (844-622-6367) or email DNR-OAC@michigan.gov.

Family Memberships Annual Family Membership

The cost of an annual family membership to the Outdoor Adventure Center is \$50. For the purposes of the OAC annual family membership, a family is defined as up to five adults and/or children residing in the same household. Additional family members and/or guests will pay individual rates for the admission and/or activity.

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SATURDAY

2:00pm Wild Signs

Our 2nd "Try It" of the month. As we prepare for spring, we can learn about some of the animals who live in our Milliken wetland. They may still be hiding for the winter, but we can look for their signs! We will learn how to identify some tracks, scat, and other evidence of local wildlife. Dress for the weather. You must sign up on site and present a ticket to join the fun. Limited number of spots available. This experience is only for guests who are attending on the date and is included free, with the price of admission.

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SUNDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm Live Animals Showcase: "Springtime on the Farm"

Presented by Upland Hills Farm. Come and learn about Michigan's farm animals and greet Spring's newest farm babies. Presentations are included in the price of admission.

1:30pm -2:30pm Exploring Archery Class

This one hour class will teach the basics. Topics include range safety, rules, equipment the 11 steps to shooting, and arrow retrieval. All equipment is provided. Children, adults, and families are welcome. Children must be over of the ages of 8 to participate and present a signed parent/guardian waiver. You must pre-register.

Class minimum is 8 participants.

Class maximum: 12 participants.

Ages: 8 years old and up.

FEE: \$12

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SATURDAY

2:00pm Wetlands Walkabout

The first "Try It" of the month. Wetlands are an important ecosystem. Our own Milliken State Park is a great place to learn about how wetlands work and which plants and animals live there. On the way to the wetlands enjoy the magnificent views of the Detroit River, Windsor and Downtown Detroit while walking on the RiverWalk. Dress for the weather. You must sign up on site and present a ticket to join the fun. Limited number of spots available. This experience is only for guests who are attending on the date and is included free, with the price of admission.



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Our 3rd "Try It" opportunity to learn about archery. Four different sessions. Must be 8 years old and up. Included in the price of admission. Limited to 10 children each half hour. You must sign up on site and present a ticket to access the range.

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THURSDAY

It's time for the "wearing o' the green"

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we'll be highlighting rainbows and shamrocks.

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SATURDAY

12:00pm March is Reading Month Visiting Author Series

Meet Jamie (Ruthenberg) Miller, a certified teacher and professional writer, has published a children's book, Miles and the Sneaky Squirrels, a story about how to resolve conflict, the virtue of generosity and the comfort of family. Jamie has been sketching Miles since she was a small child. She has developed a series of books about this character, who treats others with love and respect, even during challenging circumstances. Ms. Jamie will do a reading and meet and greet. Books will be available for purchase.

10:00am Snowshoeing in the "D"

Presented by the Riverside Kayak Connection Staff. Join RKC staff as we snowshoe the Dequindre Cut leaving from the OAC. Back to the OAC to have a cup of hot chocolate and cookie! Weather permitting. Find out more at: www.riversidekayak.com

1:00pm Cold Water Clinic

Want to try something new? Join Riverside Kayak Connection's own Dr. Patrick Van DeHey to learn more about cold weather while on the water and how to prepare. Find out more at: www.riversidekayak.com .

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SUNDAY

1:00pm and 3:00pm Live Animals Showcase: Cold Blood Creature Warm Up To Spring
Presented by Kensington Metro Parks Mobile Learning Lab. Learning about Michigan's reptiles and amphibians and see them up close. This opportunity is included in the price of admission.

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SATURDAY

12:00pm March is Reading Month Visiting Author Series

March is Reading Month Visiting Author Series - Meet T. G. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence's Tuffy is an adventurous little turtle who believes in building friendships through the art of sharing. Everyday adventures are explored in this series of children's books to help them understand the value of having fun while building healthy relationships. Mr. Lawrence have worked for over 25 years with children, young Tuffy is an adventurous little turtle who believes in building friendships through the art of sharing. Everyday adventures are explored in this series of children's books to help them understand the value of having fun while building healthy relationships. Mr. Lawrence will do a reading and meet and greet. Books will be available for purchase.

1:30pm MOVIE: Disney's Wings of Life

Narrated by Meryl Strep, A stunning celebration of life, showcasing the unsung heroes of our planet - butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and bats. Including Wings of Life Gardening Tips. Run time:77 minutes. This showing is included in the price of admission.

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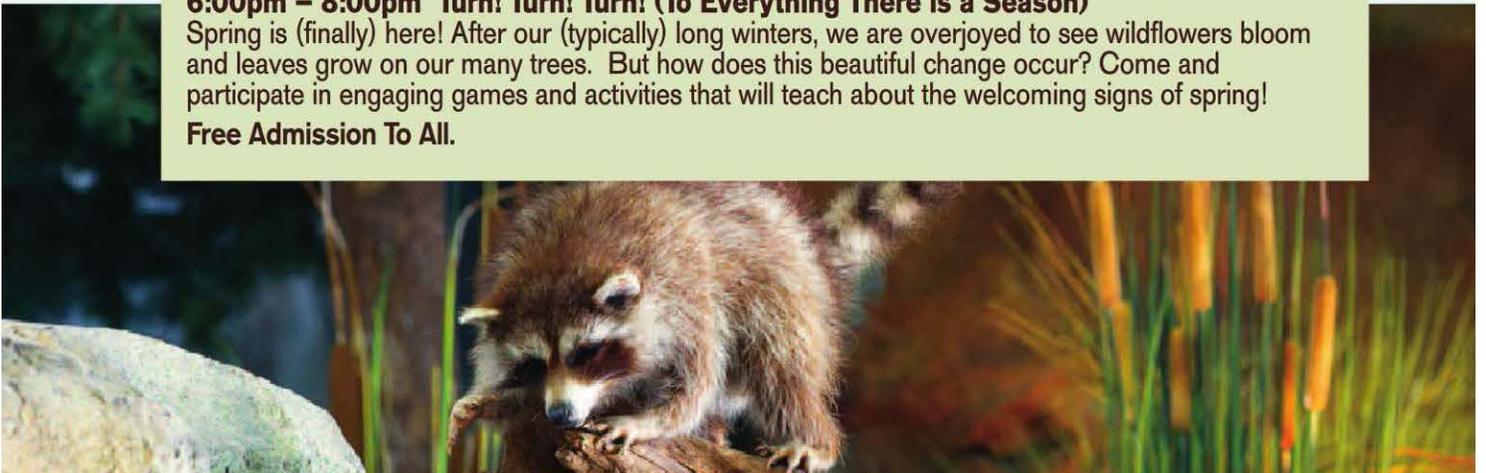
WEDNESDAY

WOW wild over Wednesday

6:00pm – 8:00pm Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There is a Season)

Spring is (finally) here! After our (typically) long winters, we are overjoyed to see wildflowers bloom and leaves grow on our many trees. But how does this beautiful change occur? Come and participate in engaging games and activities that will teach about the welcoming signs of spring!

Free Admission To All.



APRIL AT A GLANCE



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SATURDAY

1:00pm and 3:00pm The Environmental Awareness Show with Guy Lewis



The show starts with some exploration of Native American music and culture, as Native Americans live very close to the natural world. This segment includes opportunities for student volunteers to use some authentic Native American shakers to assist in some songs and telling of a traditional story about how all things are connected in the environmental world.

The performer then ties the Native American views on the environment into what the students are putting in the practice as part of their Green School initiatives. Students get a chance to sing, dance, and share their own ideas for caring for the environment. The audience also learns two interactive songs, "The Earth is Our Mother", and the "Garden Song".

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FRIDAY

Opening Day in the "D"

Go get 'em Tigers! We'll be wearing our Detroit Tiger gear - we hope you will, too. Join us for day of hometown fun.

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SATURDAY

Family Game Day at 3:00pm

In this action packed hour-long adventure, families will compete in a series of challenges. Bring your team spirit and get ready to cheer. Groups and individuals are welcome to come out and play. We will be outside, weather permitting or inside the Outdoor Adventure Center. This activity is included with the price of admission for they day.

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SATURDAY

Wetland Spring Cleaning at 2:30pm

Join us for a walk across the street to Milliken State Park to learn about our beautiful wetland and the plants and animals that live there. Then, in celebration of Earth Day, please lend us a hand to clean up the wetland so that it stays beautiful and continues to provide a clean, safe habitat for our local wildlife. Prizes will be awarded for the highest number of trash items accumulated. Dress for the weather. Gloves and bags will be provided



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SUNDAY

12:00pm – 3:00pm Upland Hills Farm visit

Farming is the original sustainable living model. Nothing is ever wasted on a Michigan Farm. Upland Hills Farm will be visiting with their animals from their working farm. You can get up close with the friendly farm animals.

This is included with the price of admission.

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SATURDAY

1:30pm Movie: The Lorax

Discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect nature in his world. The original, 1972 cartoon. Run time 25 minutes. Friends. Come participate in hands-on activities to learn about the birds that nest in our area or migrate through. We will also have information available about the best birding locations around, and how the DNR contribute.

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WEDNESDAY

WOW wild over Wednesday

6:00pm – 8:00pm Feathered Friends

Bird migration season is right upon us, this month's WOW activities will focus on our feathered friends. Come participate in hands-on activities to learn about the birds that nest in our area or migrate through. We will also have information available about the best birding locations around, and how the DNR contributes to bird research and conservation.

Free with the price of admission.

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SATURDAY

1:00pm and 3:00pm Birds of Prey

This presentation discusses the different types of birds of prey, their characteristics, and importance to the environment. We will bring live hawks, owls, falcons, and vultures to this program.

Free with the price of admission.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE OAC

The Talent of OAC



The Michigan DNR has a host of talented people in its ranks. Many significant pieces of furniture were made by some of those talented DNR team members. The 16 foot long white pine table in the Lodge, the Ines benches, throughout the building, the bunk bed and tables in chairs in the Yurt area are all the work of a talented group from Interlochen State Park. Chris Stark and Paul Struvenant.

“Up North, Downtown”



John Hill

“Months before the Outdoor Adventure Center opened, we offered tours to interested guests. Thea White and John Hill came from for a tour from Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

It was on this tour, when the building was virtually empty that Mr. Hill exclaimed, “Do you know what you have here?” “Up North, Right Downtown.”

This description captures the Michigan DNR Outdoor adventure Center so perfectly. With John’s permission we use this slogan – every day. Thank you John and Thea, for your enthusiasm and support!



Thea White

Employee Spotlight – MARCH



Natalie Ray Cypher

Natalie Ray Cypher grew up in the Downriver area and have lived in the metro area her entire life.

She attended Trenton High School, then University of Michigan-Dearborn for my B.S. in Environmental Studies and Biology, and again now for my MA in Education. Mrs. Cypher has worked as an interpreter/educator for almost 8 years, including three summers at Milliken State Park.

Natalie’s favorite outdoor adventure is birding, and she has compiled a life list of over 500 species, so far. She loves sharing the activity of birding with others, sparking their interest and helping them get started.

Natalie is celebrating her first year of marriage. She and husband Paul make their home in the metro area and their family includes one kitty cat named Herbie.

Natalie began working of the Outdoor Adventure almost a year before it opened. She assisted with some outreach programs done outside the center in the summer of 2014 and helped provide the first outline of our curriculum in the Fall of 2014. Natalie is a knowledgeable and passionate educator. She is always trying to learn more, reach students more effectively and to share her love of the outdoors in a positive fashion. She is a dynamic, leader among our teaching staff.

Employee Spotlight – APRIL



Corene Sneed

Corene Sneed is 80 years young. She is the proud mother of awesome children (two are deceased), four wonderful grandchildren and three beautiful great, grandchildren. Corene worked for Sears for 28 years, retiring in 1999.

Corene’s favorite outdoor adventure is walking the RiverWalk where she puts in 5 miles/5 days a week. She loves to travel, is active in her church and as a volunteer with several local groups. She loves to spend time with friends.

Corene feels truly blessed by God and loves that her job at the Outdoor Adventure Center allows her the chance to interact with children and her co-workers. Corene has been with us since we opened. She spends hours each week greeting and helping guests. She is a tireless team member. We all benefit from spending time with her.

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