

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Nature News

April - June
Spring 2019 Edition



Special Note About Programming

Sometimes nature happens, and we have to adjust our programs and events last-minute for the safety of our guests and staff. If you have questions about any programs and the potential impact of extreme weather, call the nature center at **586-323-2478**.

Heron Festival

#132408-B1 10 AM Sat, May 4 \$3

Check out the great blue heron rookery at Holland Ponds and join the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center as we celebrate our annual Heron Festival until 3 p.m. We will have games, pond dipping, and guided walks around Holland Ponds to watch for wildlife and hopefully see these beautiful birds in and around their nests.

EGG-citing Easter

#232404-A1 1 PM Sun, April 14 \$6 per child (Ages 3+)

Join in the fun and have an EGG-citing time. Decorate eggs, an Easter bag, go on an egg hunt, hear about the legend of the Easter Bunny and even meet him in person. We'll have games and lots of fun activities that will keep you hopping with excitement. This three-hour event is sponsored by MOD Pizza/Del Taco.

Pre-registration for events is highly recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome, but we sometimes have limited seating. Walk-ins will be accepted on a first-come basis after our registered participants have checked in.

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Hours:

Wed - Sat: 10 AM – 6 PM
Sun: Noon – 5 PM
Mon - Tues: CLOSED

Holiday Closures:

Good Friday, April 19
Independence Day, July 4

Critter Adoptions at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Interested in adopting an animal? This is a great way to introduce your child to what it means to care for an animal. When you adopt a nature center animal, we encourage patrons to come in and hold that animal, help feed it, change its water, and assist with bedding changes. None of this is required, but it gives children a great opportunity to learn a little about the responsibility and care behind owning an animal.

Ask the nature center staff for more information.

Nature Tales

Preschoolers and parents are welcome to join us for a nature-related seasonal story and a snack along with a craft, critter time, or outdoor walk. Pre-registration is highly encouraged, **\$2 per child fee, Ages 3-5**

Date	10 AM - 11 AM	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
April 4	#212220-H1	#212220-H3
April 18	#212220-H2	#212220-H4
May 2	#212220-I1	#212220-I3
May 16	#212220-I2	#212220-I4
June 6	#212220-J1	#212220-J3
June 20	#212220-J2	#212220-J4
July 4	HOLIDAY RECESS	HOLIDAY RECESS
July 18	#212220-K2	NONE

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Home School Classes

Home school programs are available for any child age 4 and up and cover a variety of natural science, heritage and outdoor topics. Younger non-participating siblings are welcome. Pre-registration is encouraged. Classes are typically scheduled at 1:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, September through May. Classes run 90 minutes. Occasional date variations may occur. **Fee: \$3 per participating child.**

Spring Nature Walk – It's finally starting to feel like spring so let's go explore. Come join us as we enjoy an adventure on our trails looking for some of the earliest signs of spring. This program will be outside unless there is lightning. Please be sure to dress for the weather.

212845-H1 1:30 PM Wed, April 3

Pleasant Pollinators – The fear of bees and other buzzy insects is one of the most common phobias to have, but are they really so bad? For our last home school class of the season, we will explore our native and non-native pollinators and why they're so great to have around.

212845-I1 1:30 PM Wed., May 1

Adult/ Teen Nature Education Classes

Come check out our new natural education classes geared towards making nature education work with your home and lifestyle. These classes cover topics that can help make our homes, neighborhoods and lives a little greener. We also welcome topic suggestions to help answer any nature-inspired questions, comments or concerns you may have. Classes are held the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Occasional times may vary depending on holidays or pre-existing nature center events.

Creatures of the Night – Ever wonder what all those things that go bump in the night really are? Come take a look at nocturnal wildlife and whether it's really a cause for concern. We'll talk about coyotes, opossums, bats and anything else you've been wondering about.

#112450-C6 5:30 PM Thu, April 18

Hungry, hungry... Plants? – Have you ever heard of the Venus fly trap? No, it's not an alien fly-catching device, it's a plant. Carnivorous plants like the Venus fly trap have adapted to eat bugs, and we have some pretty amazing species living right here in Michigan. Come learn about where they live and what they do to survive.

#112450-C7 5:30 PM Thu, May 16

Coyote Blues – Coyotes are considered a pest animal but how much do you really know about them? Let's go over urban and suburban coyotes, how to identify them and how much of a threat they pose. We'll also talk about what to do if there's a coyote in your neighborhood.

#112450-C8 5:30 PM Thu, June 20

General Events

Spring is Springing

#132408-C2 1 PM Sat, April 6 Free

Wildflowers are blooming, insects are stirring and trees are blossoming to tell us spring is here. Bring your boots and come wander the trails with us in search of the signs of spring at the nature center. Over the course of this two-hour program, we'll show you how some of our local animals celebrate the end of winter.

The Call of the Wild

#132408-C1 7 PM Sat, April 27 \$2 (Ages 4+)

Listen to the call of the wild as the earliest sounds of spring start to emerge. We may even be able to lure some in by playing calls of our own. Come sit by the fire and learn to identify early insects, birds, and frogs, the unofficial heralds of spring. This program goes until 9 p.m.

Camp Sampler Day

#112609-B1 Noon Sat, May 18 \$3

Have you ever wondered what summer camp at the nature center would be like? Our four-hour Camp Sampler Day will have sample projects, activities, and mini topics that will give you and your kids an idea of how much fun they can expect to have at one of our awesome summer camps. Please register early as this program fills fast. The camps offered for the summer of 2019 include: *Beginning Archery, Intermediate Archery, Advanced Archery, Littles, Junior Explorers, Exploring Nature, Pioneer Camp, Outdoor Skills Camp, Art & Craft Camp*

River Day Celebration

#332451-A1 11 AM Sat, June 1 Free

Come join us for a three-hour celebration of the Clinton River. Learn about what makes this river so important to our township and what it means to be part of the Clinton River watershed. We will take a walk along the river to observe local plants and animals and learn about great ways that you and your friends can make a difference to the health of the Clinton River.

Pollinator Party

#332451-B1 Noon Sat, June 22 \$3

In honor of National Pollinator Week, we're throwing our pollinators a party, and you are invited. Come stroll through our beautiful gardens and learn about all the great things our pollinators do for us. We will be doing educational talks, walks, projects and maybe even learn some new dance moves from our buzzy friends while you're here. Don't miss out and don't forget to pre-register to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone. Event runs until 3 p.m.

Log Cabin Day

#332453-A1 1 PM Sun, June 23 Free

Come join us in celebrating International Log Cabin Day. This two-hour event features historic pictures and artifacts with a program about the lives of pioneers who would have lived in a one-room structure similar to our historic pioneer cabin.



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Some activities are weather dependent and may be substituted.

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