

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Nature News

July - September
Summer 2019 Edition



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Hours:

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

Holiday Closures:

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.

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**.

General Events

Night Wings

This program is a new twist on an old favorite. We will be capturing and learning about moths and nocturnal predators, bats! Come take a walk with us as we follow our batty friends and learn that the forest isn't so scary after dark. Pre-registration is highly encouraged as space is limited.

#132002-A5 8 PM-10 PM Sat, July 20 \$3 per person

Last Gasp Insect Collection

Do you love bugs? We certainly do. Come join our nature center staff as we collect and identify the bugs we have around our beautiful gardens and center. This might be the last chance to see some of them before winter so bring your nets and jars. Don't miss out.

#332441-A1 Noon-3 PM Sat, Aug. 31 Free

Sportsman Skill Day

Back again by popular demand, our Sportsman Skill Day is a fun-filled event for the whole family. Come try your hand at shooting a bow, using a compass and starting a fire. We'll discuss the basics of Dutch oven cooking and hunting in Michigan. Enjoy the end of the summer in style. Pre-registration is highly encouraged as space is limited.

#332440-A1 11 AM-3 PM Sat, Sept. 7 \$3 per person

Heritage Day

Take a step back in time with us to experience pioneer life. This festive event includes old-fashioned games, storytelling, crafts, cabin tours and some delicious food cooked up by our Dutch oven group. Call us to pre-register now so you don't miss out on the fun. This is a rain or shine event, though some program elements may be omitted or substituted. Sponsored by MOD Pizza and Del Taco.

#/575-01 Noon-4 PM Sat, Sept. 21 \$5 per person

Nature Tales

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

Date	10 AM - 11 AM	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
July 4	HOLIDAY RECESS	
July 18	#212220-K2	NONE
Aug. 1	#212220-L1	NONE
Aug. 15	#212220-L2	NONE
Sept. 5	#212220-A1	#212220-A3
Sept. 19	#212220-A2	#212220-A4

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Adult/ Teen Nature Education Classes

Come check out our new natural education classes geared toward 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.

Poisoning Prey – The most effective way to rid your neighborhood of rodents may surprise you. This program covers the dangers of rodenticides entering the food chain.

#112450-C9 5:30 PM Thu, July 18

Where Did All The Water Go? – Join us to discuss water conservation tips to help reduce your water use. Water efficiency can save energy and money.

#112450-D1 5:30 PM Thu, Aug 15

Take a Hike, Michigan!

#112450-B6 5:30 PM Thu, Sept. 19

Plan a Field Trip

The Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center welcomes individual scouting groups, school groups and organizations to schedule programs with us. All ages are welcome, and we are excited to plan an event suited to your wishes. We invite you to contact the nature center for a listing of topics ranging from STEM programs to traditional nature-based lessons to tailor a program to badge, classroom or other learning requirements. At least one adult leader is required for every six youths attending the program. Please contact the nature center for details and availability.

Cancellation/Booking Policy

All field trips, scout and school programs now require a \$30 non-refundable deposit to reserve your requested program date. This deposit is included as part of your total program fee.

Birthday parties and other building rental events must pay the full program fee at the time of booking to reserve a program date. If you need to cancel your birthday party or event, you will be refunded your booking deposit minus a \$25 administrative fee.

Outreach Programming

The Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center is hitting the road, and we want to stop by to see you. We are now offering a wide range of outreach topics. Our programs are designed for hands-on learning with living animals and mounted specimens for demonstrations. We also offer programs for events with large crowds. Please call us for additional information if you are interested in booking for a more festive event. Our programs cover various topics. We'll work with you to build a one-of-a-kind program to suit what you're looking for. **We do not offer outreach programs to private residences.**

Birthday Parties at the Nature Center

You can hold your child's next birthday party at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center. The party includes a chance to touch, hold and be photographed with some live animals. Weather permitting; it also includes our popular nature walk. Your reservation will include the use of our multi-purpose room for four hours. The room holds a maximum of 24 adults and children. Hosts are responsible for decorations, food, table covers, cake and party favors. Parties are available select days, typically Saturday or Sunday afternoons when nature center events don't conflict. The reservation is confirmed when payment is made. You can register in person at the nature center with cash, check or credit card. Call the nature center at **586-323-2478** or email naturecenter@shelbytwp.org for more details. **NEW! We now also provide sets of birthday gift bags. Let us put together your party favors for you.**

Fee: \$120 for Shelby Township and Utica residents and \$145 for nonresidents.

Volunteer at the Nature Center

If you love nature, learning and teaching others, consider volunteering here at the nature center. Give us a call or stop by to talk to the staff about joining our volunteer community. You'll learn how to care for our animals, help us put on our fun events and more.



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Merit Badge Days

The Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center is happy to present our new merit badge series. Our certified merit badge counselors will be available on select days to assist in acquiring the following merit badges:

Bird Study
Mammal Study
Reptile & Amphibian
Study
Insect Study
Environmental Study
Nature
Soil & Water
Conservation

Sustainability
Plant Science
Fish & Wildlife
Management
Forestry
Wilderness Survival
Citizenship in the
Community
Orienteering

Coming in October

Scout groups or individual scouts (accompanied by a parent or leader) are welcome to register for this program. Call the nature center for details and to set up your appointment. Dates available:

Oct. 5, 2019
Jan. 18, 2020
March 28, 2020

Pre-registration is **required** for this program. Pricing is based on the chosen badge and its requirements.