

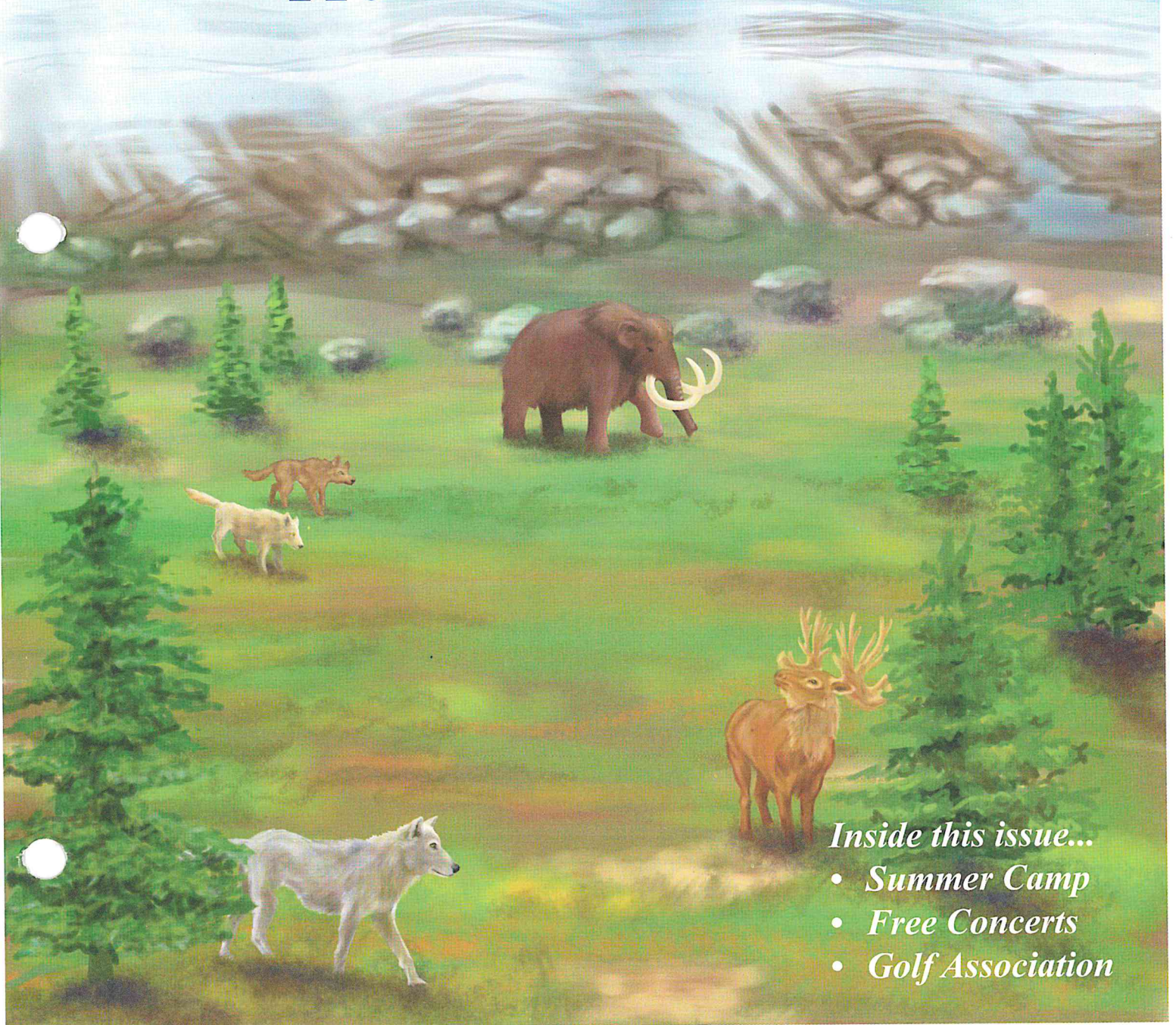
THE BLAZE



Byron Forest Preserve District

2010 Summer Issue

Happy 30th Anniversary!



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Happy 30th Anniversary!!

That's right, the Byron Forest Preserve is 30 years old this year! The District was formed in August of 1980. Recently, the staff decided to gather and record information regarding the District's history. Several staff members are long-time employees who have seen many things happen and change over the last 20 plus years. So, have you wondered how the Jarrett Prairie Center got its name? Or, maybe besides the main site, what other property does the Forest Preserve own? Here are some of those answers...

Jarrett Prairie Center &

Jarrett Prairie Preserve - Named after Dr. Robert M. Jarrett. Dr. Jarrett ("Doc" as many knew him) was a local veterinarian who had a passion for the prairie. When the opportunity arose to

form a Forest Preserve District, he made it happen! So, when the nature center was built and the prairie was dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve, it was decided to name both after him.

PrairieView Golf Club - A naming contest was actually held to name the golf course. Once all of the entries were received and after much deliberation, the board decided on an entry made by Mr. Willis Strub, "PrairieView Golf Course." It seemed very appropriate. Along with the honor of naming the course, Mr. Strub was also one of the first to tee off at PrairieView when it opened in 1991. Then, just a few years ago, the name was changed to "club" instead of "course."

Weiskopf Observatory - Donated by and named after Dr. Jerome Weiskopf of Rockford, Illinois.

Keller Education Center - Newest addition. **Grand opening program scheduled for May 8th, 10am-2pm. Please plan to attend this event.** This building is named after Tim Keller, a local soil conservationist who found pasque flowers on the main site. He told Dr. Jarrett about it which led to the board purchasing the main site where the Jarrett Prairie Center, picnic shelters, and maintenance center are located.

Don Hamer Recreational Path - Named after Don Hamer who contributed financially to the portion of the bike path that leads from the top of the hill near the Jarrett Prairie Center to the entrance of the Forest Preserve.

Heritage Farm Museum - This was simply named because of its historical significance.

Stone Quarry Recreation Park - This was named by a group of high school students and adults who saw a need in the community then worked very hard on gathering information, presenting proposals to the board, and following through with projects.

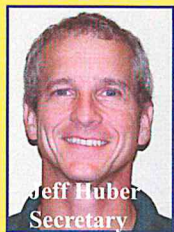
Nardi Hills Equine Prairie Preserve - This was donated by Mr. Stephen J. Nardi and his wife. It is being restored into prairie and **will be opened on May 8th for horseback riding.**

Ripplinger/Gouker Preserve, He-Leo Preserve, Etnyre Preserve - These were all named after the previous owners.

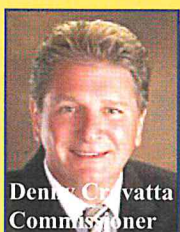
If you know some historical facts about the District and would like to share them, please call 815-234-8535 ext. 224.

Todd Tucker, Executive Director

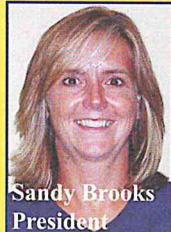
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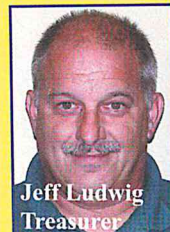
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President



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Treasurer



Dave Breen
Vice President

~ ~ Mission Statement ~ ~

Preservation ~ Education ~ Recreation

The mission of the Byron Forest Preserve District is to provide for Preservation of Open Space/Natural Resources, provide Education concerning our Natural Environment/Heritage, provide Recreational Opportunities and Enterprise Operations that are consistent with our Agency goals.

Jarrett Prairie Center Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri. 8am-4:30pm
Tues. & Thurs. 8am-8pm
Saturday 9am-4pm
Sunday 1-4pm

Jarrett Prairie Center is closed:

Memorial Day, May 31
Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 6

Administrative Offices are closed:

Memorial Day, May 31
Independence Day, July 5
Labor Day, September 6

Byron Forest Preserve District
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Board Meetings

The Byron Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Jarrett Prairie Center located at 7993 North River Road, Byron, Illinois.

Board of Commissioners

Sandy Brooks, President
Dave Breen, Vice President
Jeff Ludwig, Treasurer
Jeff Huber, Secretary
Denny Cravatta, Commissioner

Who to Contact: *General inquiries*
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Behavior Policy

To ensure safe and enjoyable programs and facilities for all residents, the Byron Forest Preserve District has developed the following Code of Conduct.

Participants in programs and those using facilities shall: (1) Show respect to all participants, staff, equipment, supplies, and facilities; (2) Refrain from using offensive or profane language; (3) Refrain from aggressive behavior that could cause bodily harm.

The Byron Forest Preserve District reserves the right to dismiss a participant from a program if his/her behavior or language is deemed inappropriate by staff.

The Byron Forest Preserve District applies a caring and positive approach to discipline. Our staff will work with parents when special accommodations are necessary due to a participant's disability.

The Byron Forest Preserve District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of others or causes property damage.

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Photographs and videos are periodically taken of participants during programs, special events, trips, or at the parks. Please be aware that these photographs may be used for Forest Preserve District publications and/or other media.

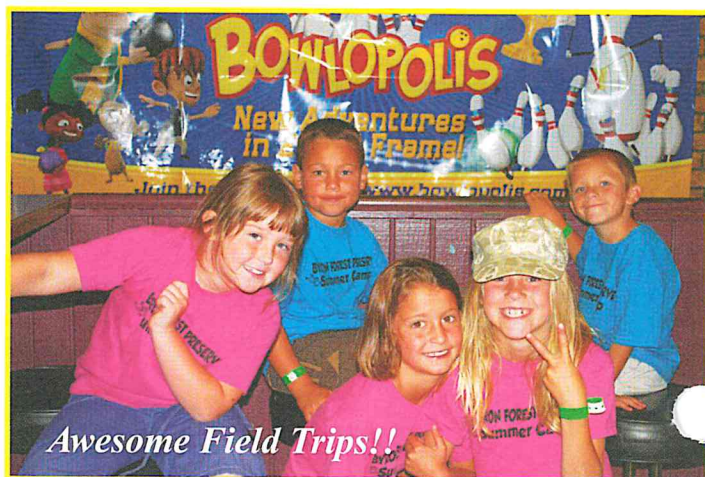
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Summer Camp

May 31 - August 13

Time: 9 am - 4 pm
 Ages: 6 - 12
 Cost: \$105 / week & \$95 / sibling
 Latchkey: \$10 / week - 7-9 am
 \$10 / week - 4-6 pm
 Daily Rate: \$25 / day
 \$30 / day on Thursdays (field trip days)

Week One - May 31 - June 4
 Week Two - June 7 - June 11
 Week Three - June 14 - June 18
 Week Four - June 21 - June 25
 Week Five - June 28 - July 2
 Week Six - July 5 - July 9
 Week Seven - July 12 - July 16
 Week Eight - July 19 - July 23
 Week Nine - July 26 - July 31
 Week Ten - August 2 - August 6
 Week Eleven - August 9 - August 13



Campouts

Monday, May 31 and Monday, July 5, camp will begin at 5 pm and will be an overnight campout. The kids will wake up for camp the next day. Both of these weeks are regular price, no additional cost.

Plus... for every week paid in advance by May 31st, each child enrolled will receive a free \$10 punch card for the Stone Quarry Food Factory.

Gerke's Lawn Care

Byron, Illinois

Mowing ~ Landscaping
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Don't be a turkey, call Gerke!

Great Field Trips This Year!

Build a Bear ~ Krape Park ~ Lena Splashland
 Nickelworld ~ Hershey Chocolate Factory
 Jelly Belly Factory ~ White Pines Roller Rink
 Burpee Museum/Discovery Center
 Madison Zoo ~ Medieval Times



Summer Fun!

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Adventure Club

Fun for 3-6 year olds!!

This summer program is geared toward preschool age children. Each two-week session has a theme, and will include games, crafts, stories, and outdoor play. Children are provided a fun, safe, and comfortable environment with our caring staff. Call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 200 to register today!

Session #1 - June 7 - 17

Weather Warriors

We will learn about the different types of weather and characteristics of each type. We will make crafts related to the weather and observe the weather outdoors if permitted.

Session #2 - June 21 - July 1

Bubbles in the Sky

We will make bubbles. We will use different tools to create many shapes and sizes of bubbles!

Session #3 - July 6 - 15

Float Like a Butterfly

We will discuss butterflies and make some butterfly crafts. We will go outside, weather permitting, and try to catch some butterflies with our nets!

Session #4

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We will learn about recycling and why it is important. We will make crafts using recyclables and discuss the things that can and cannot be recycled.



Cost:

\$35 / Session

\$26 / Mon-Wed

Session #3

(No class on July 5th)

When:

Monday & Wednesday

Tuesday & Thursday

Time:

9 - 11 am

Ages:

3 - 6 year olds

Min.:

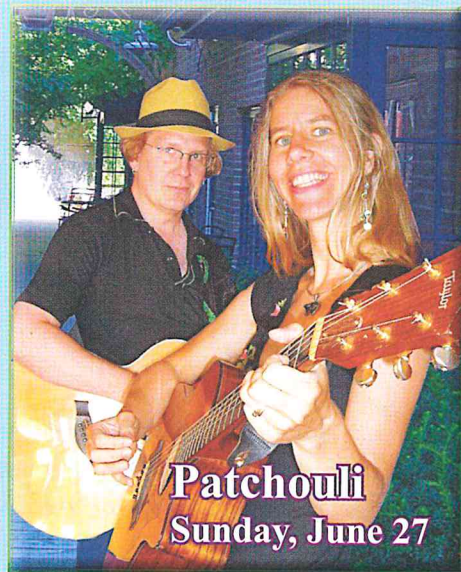
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Max.:

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**FREE Summer
Concerts**
Heritage Farm Stage ~ 7 pm



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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Canoeing the Rock

All equipment provided on this fun outing. Pre-registration required.

Where: Meet at Heritage Farm
When: Sunday, June 20
Sunday, July 18
Sunday, August 15
Time: 1 - 4 pm
Cost: \$20/canoe
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 2 canoes/12 canoes
Register by noon on 6/18, 7/16, 8/13.

Owl Prowl

Join us as we learn about the owls in the museum then head outside.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
When: Thursdays
June 24 & August 5
Time: 8 - 10 pm
Cost: \$2/person
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 40
Register by noon on 6/23 & 8/4.

Ogle County Bird Count

Join the rest of the state in conducting this annual count.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
When: Saturday, May 8
Time: 7 am - ?
Cost: Free
Ages: All
Min./Max.: None
Register by noon on May 7.

Midnight Fishing

Let's catch some fish on the golf course pond. Bring your own gear.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
When: Fridays, June 25,
July 30, August 27
Time: 10 pm - Midnight
Cost: \$5/person
Ages: 10 and up
Min./Max.: 5 / 50
Register by noon on 6/23, 7/28, 8/25.

Animal Archery

Learn how to shoot a bow at our life-like targets. Use our bow or bring your own.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
When: Tuesdays, June 8,
July 13, August 10
Time: 6 - 8 pm
Cost: \$5/person
Ages: 8 and up
Min./Max.: 5 / 20
Register by noon on 6/7, 7/12, 8/9.

Wildflower Walkabout

We're going to the Nardi Equine Prairie Preserve to see this amazing place.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
When: Wednesday, June 9
Time: 6 - 8 pm
Cost: Free
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 12
Register by noon on 6/8.

Spring Wildflower Hike

Join us on this easy walk through the woods.

Where: Meet at Maint. Area
When: Saturday, May 15
Time: 9 am
Cost: Free
Ages: 5 / none
Min./Max.: 5 / 30
Register by noon on May 14.



Hunter Education

This 3-day class covers ethics, firearms, and archery.

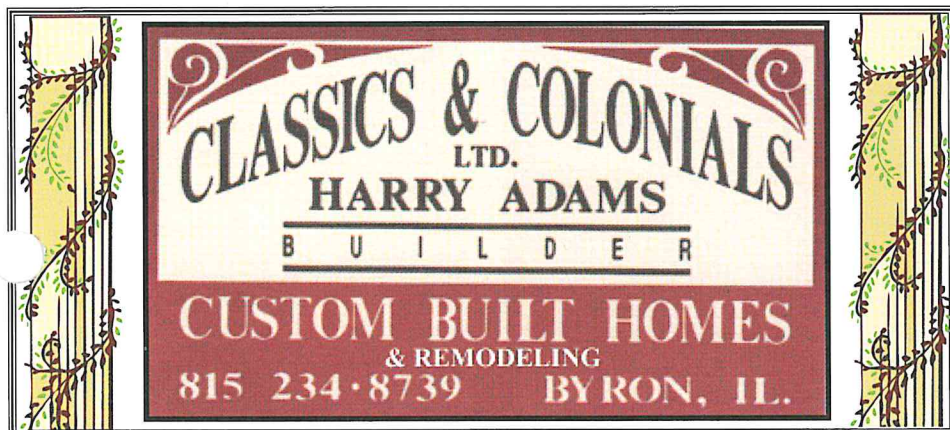
Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
When: Mon., Wed., Fri.
June 28, 30, July 2
Aug. 30, Sept. 1 & 3
Time: 6 - 9 pm (M & W)
6 - 10 pm (Fri.)
Cost: FREE
Ages: All
(must be able to pass a written test)
Min./Max.: 5 / 80
Register by noon on 6/27 & 8/29.

Beekeeping Workshops

Learn techniques and tools of the trade.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
When: Sundays,
May 16*, June 13*
July 11*, August 8*
Time: 2 - 4 pm
Cost: \$2 / person
Ages: 3 and up
Min./Max.: 5 / 25
*Denotes outdoor workshop, bring your bee suits!

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Preschool - Sign Up Now!

Get your kids ready for kindergarten by enrolling them in our structured preschool classes. The Tuesday/Thursday classes are geared toward 3-year-olds and younger 4-year-olds. The Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes are geared toward older 4-year-olds and younger 5-year-olds. Children must be at least 4 years old to attend the three-day class. They must be at least 3 years old to attend the two-day class. Children must be potty trained. Immunization records are required. You may register your child at anytime throughout the year if your child's birthday is later in the year. Please call 815-234-8535 ext. 200 for more information. Registration is ongoing all year.



Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
 Ages: 3-5 years
 When: Mon/Wed/Fri or Tues/Thurs
 Time: 9-11:30 am or 1-3:30 pm
 Min/Max: 6 / 20 - M/W/F &
 6 / 14 - TU/TH
 Cost: \$90/month-M/W/F &
 \$75/month-TU/TH

Meet the Teachers ~ August 18 ~ 5:30 - 7 pm

Students and parents enrolled in our preschool program are encouraged to come and have treats and become familiar with the teachers and the classroom.

Parent Orientation ~ August 26 ~ 6 pm

Parents come and learn all about policies, procedures, and other facts about our preschool. Parents only please.

Sunflower in the Sky

We'll discover the secrets of the sun then take a hike to the prairie to see the blooming yellow flowers.

Where: Weiskopf
 Observatory
 When: Sunday, August 8
 Time: 10 am - Noon
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: Families
 Min./Max.: 5 / 25

Register by noon on 8/6.



Perseid Meteor Campout/Viewing

Relax under the night skies and watch this annual shower. Stay overnight for smores and hot dogs if you choose.

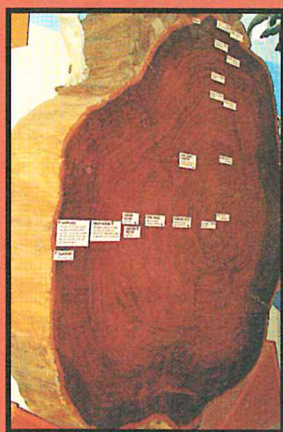
Where: Weiskopf
 Observatory
 When: Friday, Aug. 13
 Time: 6 pm - 9 am
 Cost: Free if viewing only.
 \$40/our tents & \$15/your own tent
 Ages: Families
 Min./Max.: 3 / 6 tents (ours)
 Unlimited for those bringing tents.
Register by noon on 8/6.

Chicagoland's Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show

We'll head to Wheaton for this awesome show on the county fairgrounds. There's lots to see and do including fossil and jewelry exhibits and gem cutting demos, a children's area, and many activities and crafts.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
 When: Saturday, May 29
 Time: 9 am - 7 pm
 Cost: \$20/person &
 \$50/family (inc. entry fee to show)
 Ages: Families
 Min./Max.: 5 / 14

Register by noon on May 21.



Redwood Anniversary

Join us for cake and punch as we celebrate 20 years since the Redwood exhibit came from the Museum of Science and Industry.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
 When: Tuesday, May 11
 Times: 11 am
 Cost: Free

Brownie Try-Its

Numbers & Shapes

Make tangrams, fold origami, and make a variety of puzzles to earn this badge. Lots of fun stuff to take home. Cost includes patch.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
When: Thursday, May 13
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$7/Brownie
Ages: Brownies
Min./Max.: 8/20

Register by noon on May 10.

Earth and Sky

Dig in the soil, make a rock, and observe the birds to earn this badge. Dress to be outdoors! Cost includes patch.

Where: Keller Education Ctr
When: Saturday, June 5
Time: 11:30 am - 2 pm
Cost: \$7/Brownie
Ages: Brownies
Min./Max.: 8/25

Register by noon on June 2.

Puppets, Dolls, & Plays



Make finger puppets, marionettes, yard dolls, and other crafts to earn this badge. Cost includes patch.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
When: Tuesday, May 18
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Cost: \$7/Brownie
Ages: Brownies
Min./Max.: 8/20

Register by noon on May 14.

Jr. Girl Scout Badges

See the Stars

Juniors and Brownies!

Juniors and Brownies are invited to the observatory for an evening of stories, crafts, and stargazing. Everyone will earn most of the requirements for the Sky Search or Space Explorer badge (there may be one activity to do on your own) and will go home with a patch for your sash. A good night to make some new friends!

Where: Weiskopf Observatory
When: Friday, May 21
Time: 7:30-9:30 pm
Cost: \$7/scout
Ages: Juniors/Brownies
Min./Max.: 8/28

Register by noon on May 19.



Finding Your Way

Learn how to read maps, use a compass, and mark trail signs while earning this badge. We will be out hiking the trails, so please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather!

Where: Keller Education Ctr
When: Saturday, May 15
Time: Noon - 4 pm
Cost: \$7/scout
Ages: Junior Girl Scouts
Min./Max.: 8/25

Register by noon on May 12.

Wildlife

Learn about how animals and plants are classified into different groups, spend some time observing life in the wild, and try your hand at drawing some creatures close up! Please dress to be outdoors.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Ctr
When: Saturday, May 22
Time: 11:30 am - 3 pm
Cost: \$7/scout
Ages: Junior Girl Scouts
Min./Max.: 8/20

Register by noon on May 19.

Overnight Campout

We will cook our dinner over a fire, go on a night hike, do some stargazing in our observatory, and sleep outdoors in tents. Food and tents are provided; please bring sleeping bags and personal items. These activities fulfill partial requirements of many badges including Outdoor Creativity, Outdoor Fun, Camp Together, and Outdoor Cook.

Where: Keller Education Ctr
When: Sat.-Sun., June 5-6
Time: 3 pm - 10 am
Cost: \$20/scout
Ages: Junior Girl Scouts
Min./Max.: 5/20

Register by noon on June 2.



Boundary Waters Trip Ely, Minnesota

This wilderness trip will take us to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota. We will spend a night in Ely, the center of the canoe world, and then spend five days canoeing, fishing, tent camping, and relaxing on the lakes of the Boundary Waters. These lakes provide great opportunity to catch Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, and Bluegill. A previous trip landed two 40+ inch Northern! Bald Eagles and Loons are also common wildlife encountered in this area. Don't pass up this once in a lifetime trip. Let us guide you through one of the most pristine places on earth!

These trips are of moderate experience level. There will be paddling for several miles in a day, hiking between lakes, carrying packs, portaging canoes, setting up tents, and waters to navigate in various weather conditions.

The cost of the trip includes transportation to and from the Boundary Waters, one or two nights lodging, canoes, paddles, packs, map, camp food, tent, guide, and permit. Fishing license, meals on the road, and meals at Ely are to be paid by participants.

For more information and any questions, please call Russell Brunner at 815-234-8535 ext. 219.

Where: Meet at Steward Building in Maintenance Area
When: June 7 - June 13
Min./Max.: 4 / 8
Cost: \$400 / person = \$100 due at registration
\$300 balance due by 6/1/10

Itinerary: May 18 Registration deadline.
June 1 Pre-trip meeting at 7pm at JPC.
June 7 Leave Forest Preserve at 7am. Arrive at Ely, MN late afternoon. Will stay at outfitters bunkhouse that evening.
June 8 Canoes on the water.
June 12 Canoe out in the morning. Return to Ely to spend the night at the bunkhouse or return home, depending on group decision.
June 13 Leave Ely by 8am. Arrive at Forest Preserve by mid-afternoon.

Feelin' Lucky?!

Well, here's your opportunity to capitalize on it! We will be taking a charter bus and heading to Diamond Jo Casino in Dubuque, Iowa for a fun-filled day of pulling slots, rolling dice, or whatever floats your boat. The Diamond Jo buffet lunch is included in your cost.



Where: Stone Quarry
When: Saturday, May 22
Time: 8:30 am
Cost: \$20 / person
Ages: 21 and up
Min./Max.: 40 / 55

Register and pay by May 5.

Starved Rock

We'll arrive Thursday just before dinner and have free time to enjoy the hot tub and pool. Friday, we'll have a buffet lunch and take a trolley tour to the IM Canal Visitor's Center, then take a mule-pulled canal boat ride complete with period-dressed interpreters! We'll have enough time left to hike for a while along their gorgeous trails before heading home. Cost includes room, buffet lunch, & tour.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
When: Thursday-Friday, June 10-11
Time: Depart at 2 pm on Thursday. Return at 8 pm on Friday.
Cost: \$180/single & \$240/couple
Ages: Adults
Min./Max.: 5 / 12
Register by May 26.

“Free” Fishing Day Trip

Free...meaning, no license required for this day. Go with us to Shabon-na State Park to do some fishing. Bring your own equipment.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Friday, June 12
Time: 7 am - Noon
Cost: \$5 / person
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 10

Register by noon on June 9.

Prairie Villa Rendezvous

Headed to Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin to discover the past. We'll learn about the fur trade in 1840. Cost includes hotel and transportation.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Center
When: Friday-Saturday, June 18-19
Time: Depart at 10 am
Cost: \$225 / room
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 12

Register by noon on June 4.

Angelic Organics

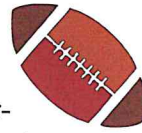
Save the date!

Saturday, October 9th
\$25 / person

You will learn green gardening practices from the experts. Tour Farmer John's fields, pick some veggies, milk a goat, and add some of it to your sack lunch! Then you'll learn about the farm animals, composting, and how the farm works. A wonderful experience for families!

College Football Hall of Fame and Notre Dame

We're going to South Bend, Indiana, to visit this unique museum and campus. Transportation and hotel included in cost. Admission is not included.



Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Thursday-Saturday July 22 - 24
Time: Depart at 10 am
Cost: \$350 / room
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 12

Register by noon on July 9.



EEAI Share-A-Thon

Learn more about area environmental organizations by coming to this meeting at Lockwood Park. We will car pool.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Tuesday, May 18
Time: Meet at 3pm
Cost: Free
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 12

Register by noon on May 17.

Door County

We'll explore this amazing tourist paradise in Wisconsin. Cost includes transportation and hotel.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Friday - Sunday July 9 - 11
Time: Depart at 10 am
Cost: \$350 / room
Ages: Adults
Min./Max.: 5 / 12

Register by noon on June 25.

Walleye Trip to Lake Erie

Going to the walleye capital of the world for a first class charter experience. Charter and room included.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Tuesday - Thursday June 1 - 3
Time: Depart at 9 am
Cost: \$275 / person
Ages: Adults
Min./Max.: 5 / 11

Register by noon on May 19.

International Bog Day

Come and see this unique and diverse ecosystem at Volo Bog State Park.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Friday, June 25
Time: 8 am - 4 pm
Cost: \$10 / person
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 12

Register by noon on June 21.



Hummingbird Festival

Come and learn all about these amazing creatures at Starved Rock State Park.

Where: Meet at Jarrett Ctr
When: Sunday, August 22
Time: 10 am - 3 pm
Cost: \$10 / person
Ages: All
Min./Max.: 5 / 12

Register by noon on August 20.

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Stone Quarry Hours

Thru April 30

Mon/Wed/Fri~4-7pm
Tuesdays/Thursdays~4-8pm
Saturdays~11am-5pm
Sundays~1-5pm

May 1 - May 23

Monday - Friday~4-8pm
Saturday~11am-7pm
Sunday~Noon-5pm

Summer Hours

May 24 - August 27

Monday-Saturday~10am-9pm
Sunday~11am-6pm

All hours are subject to
change due to
weather related conditions or
low attendance.

Tumbling Class



Are you interested in learning the art of tumbling? Tumbling for beginners through advanced, ages 6 and up. We will open a tot class for ages 3-5 with adequate interest. We offer small class sizes to ensure quality mat time and instructions. We strive to build strength while instilling self confidence. All year round

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Tues. & Thurs.
Time: 4 - 9 pm
Cost: \$12/hour,
\$48/mo. (4 classes)
\$60/mo. (5 classes)
\$10/2nd class/week
\$10/sibling

Ages: 6 and up
Instructor: Mary Wright Sheker
Registration, call 815-391-3999.

Stunt and Cheer Class

This class is for individuals interested in learning and advancing their cheering and stunt skills. You must be currently enrolled in an All The Wright Moves tumbling class in order to take this class. All year round.



Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Wednesdays
Time: 4 - 9 pm
Cost: \$10 / week
Ages: 7 and up
Instructor: Mary Wright Sheker
Registration, call 815-391-3999.

Mother's Day at the Park

On May 10th, from noon-5 pm, every mom who comes to Stone Quarry Park with her family gets free park admission and a free ice cream cone!

Father's Day at the Park

On June 15th, from noon-5 pm, every dad who comes to Stone Quarry Park with his family gets free park admission and a free ice cream cone!

Birthday Parties & Shelter Rentals

Come and host your group party, family reunion, or company picnic at Stone Quarry Park. We have 3 shelters and a large party room available for your next group outing. We also offer paintball parties for groups of all ages! Please call to reserve your date today!

New at Stone Quarry!

Stone Quarry has a few new features along with a new admission fee. There is now a \$3 admission fee per person to access the park. This fee **includes the use of all park amenities**, including mini-golf, batting cages, skate park, splash pad, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts and playground. These activities are **unlimited** throughout your day at the park, so come out and play all you want!!! The batting cages can still be rented per hour or half hour, and those prices are the same. Please make sure you call ahead to make reservations.

For each shelter rental, the group will receive 10 complimentary wristbands and for each party room rental, the group will receive 25 complimentary wristbands for access to the park. All other guests will have to pay a \$2 admission fee.

Middle School Dances

Mark these dates on your calendar and join your friends, DJ Ryan from Sound Productions and the Stone Quarry Crew for some fun! There are only two dances in May. The summer dances are replaced with Midnight Madness!!

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Fridays
May 7 & 21
Time: 7-10 pm
Cost: \$5/person
Ages: Middle School ONLY



Twisted Tie Dyes

Are your kids looking to add some color to their wardrobe? Tired of looking at the same old boring, gray, stained t-shirts? Well, bring your kids out to the park for some fun tie dying t-shirts! We will be our own fashion designers, and will be making all different colored t-shirts from scratch. T-shirts will be provided for each participant.

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Sundays,
June 6, July 11,
August 8
Times: Noon - 2 pm
Cost: \$10/person
Ages: 6 and up
Min/Max: 5 / 20

Register by noon on the Wednesday before the program.

Midnight Madness

Stone Quarry will be open until midnight, so come on out and partake in some late night skateboarding, biking, jam out some guitar hero, or challenge your friends on the Nintendo Wii. Be sure and bring extra money for the Food Factory and Arcade Games.

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Fridays
June 4 & 18
July 9 & 23
August 6 & 20
Time: 8 pm - Midnight
Cost: \$5/person
Ages: 6th-12th grade (11-18)

Mother/Daughter PJ Party

Looking for some special time with the girls only? Dress comfortably in your PJ's and slippers and come to a girls night "in." We'll be watching a chick flick (of course) while we prepare ourselves for a night on the red carpet! Girls, this is your chance to do Mom's hair, makeup, and nails! And, of course, we will take time for dessert! Please bring your own beauty supplies with you. **Registration is required by noon on Wednesday before the program.**

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Saturdays
June 19 & August 7
Time: 6 - 8 pm
Cost: \$10/couple
\$2/add'l daughter
Ages: All
Min/Max: 10 / 30

Paintball Play Days

Let's Get Dirty!

Stone Quarry is sponsoring Winstead Outdoors in an effort to provide affordable paintball opportunities for individuals of the Ogle County area! We have three awesome fields to choose from and will supply all the gear needed to play! Our price includes admission for two games, 200 rounds of paint, helmets with eye protectors, neck protectors, chest protectors, one tank of CO2, and a paintball marker (gun). Extra paint and CO2 are available for more games at a minimal fee. We also offer group rates for private parties and corporate outings.

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Sundays,
Apr. 18, June 6
& July 11
Saturdays,
May 1 & 22,
June 19, July 24,
& August 14
Time: 1 - 6 pm
Cost: \$15/ with your own equipment
\$25/ to use our equipment
Ages: 10 and up

Gift Cards will be available at Stone Quarry Park very soon!!

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Junk in the Trunk (Spring Cleaning Sales)

Tired of staring at all of that useless stuff cluttering up your garage? Is stuff falling out of your storage closets that you haven't used in years? How about your husband's old set of golf clubs that are ac-



cumulating more spider webs than double bogeys? Well, bring it all out to Stone Quarry

and see if someone else could find a use for it. We will be renting out parking stalls and tables for your convenience to try and sell all that STUFF!! You may bring your own tables for setup or rent some of ours. The concession kitchen will be open too!

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Saturday, May 8
Time: 7 - 11 am
Cost: \$10 / parking stall
\$5 / table
Ages: All

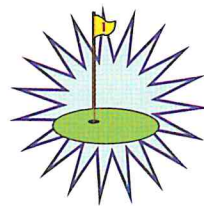
BMX Jam Session & Bike Contest

Grab your gear and come on out for Stone Quarry's Second Annual BMX contest and jame session! There are two classes available for entry, beginner and amateur. The contest is based on best run, which will be decided by a panel of judges. Each participant will have 45 seconds to complete their run. Following the contest will be a Best Freestyle Trick contest. When all the contests are complete, there will be an open jam session for all participants. Prizes will be awarded to best Freestyle Trick, and the best overall run. You must be registered by 12:30 pm the day of the competition!

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Saturday, August 14
Times: Regis.- 11:30am-12:30pm
Warm-up - 12:30-1pm
Contest - 1 pm sharp!
Cost: \$10 / person
Ages: 10 and up

Glow in the Dark Mini-Golf

Come and join us for real glow-in-the-dark miniature golf, featuring translucent golf balls with miniature glow sticks inside, glowing cups and sticks all throughout our 18-hole, outdoor course. We are offering this fun event one Saturday per month throughout the summer. When the park closes to the public at 9 pm, more fun begins. We will serve pizza and pop after golfing. Registration is required. Where:



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When: Saturdays
May 29, June 12
July 17, August 14
Time: 9 pm
Cost: \$8 / person
(inc. pizza and pop)
Ages: All
Registration required by noon on the Wednesday before.

Great American Backyard Family Campout

Join us for the 2010 National Wildlife Federation's Great American Backyard Campout. Yes, that's right, we are having a fun-filled family campout for the first time ever! Bring your tent and sleeping bag. At least one adult must be present in each tent. We will have fun frolicking through the park at night while enjoying all of the amenities that Stone Quarry Park has to offer. It's a night to turn off the tv and computer, and spend the night outside with family and friends. We will roast hot dogs by the fire, have a late-night treat of smores and breakfast will be provided in the morning. We are planning on this being a great success, so, we've scheduled two events! **Registration is required by noon on Wednesday before the program.**

Where: Stone Quarry Park
When: Saturdays
June 26 & July 31
Time: 9 pm - 7 am
Cost: \$40 / family of 4 w/tent
\$50 / family w/our tent
Ages: Families
Min/Max: 10 / 30

