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BEAVER CREEK AWARDED \$10,000

We are excited to announce that Beaver Creek Reserve has been awarded \$10,000 from Markquart Motors as part of the Markquart Gives Back program! This money is going to be a big help to our organization; for Beaver Creek, this money is the equivalent of 250 new members (at \$40 per family)

which is a 22% increase in that income source.

Annually, it costs Beaver Creek Reserve \$2,600 to feed all of our live animals in the Nature Center, such as the fish, snakes and turtles on display there, as well as our two educational birds, Luna the Barred Owl, and Aurora the American Kestrel. Thanks to this incredible gift, Beaver Creek will use \$2,600 of it to feed our animals for an entire year! The remaining \$7,400 will cover our annual budget for environmental program expenses. More money for environmental program expenses will allow us to offer more free programs or make many of our programs free for children.

Beaver Creek Reserve was founded by members of the Chippewa Valley more than 70 years ago. Those founding members knew the importance of providing environmental education to children and families. This is still true today. Beaver Creek Reserve reaches more than 30,000 people annually between

school field trips, programs, summer camps, special events, camp rental attendance, outreach and daily visitors. Many children are victims of “nature-deficit disorder” as described by Richard Louv. Funds from this donation will help us create and provide additional

ways in which children in the Chippewa Valley can overcome this nature deficit and connect with nature.

We are so grateful to everyone who voted for us and we are looking forward to all the wonderful opportunities this money will create in assisting us in our mission of *connecting people with nature*.

*Brianne Markin, Marketing & Development Coord.
 and Kenzie Schultz, Writing Intern*



Left to right: John Markquart, Erik Keisler, Brianne Markin, and Friends Board President, John Kleven.



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 Save the Date



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 Returns to BCR in 2019!



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 Save the date for ECASD Camps



Citizen Science Center: Bird School 2019

For the 3rd year in a row, Beaver Creek will host the popular Bird School program!

Bird School

What? A fun introduction to the world of birds

Where? Beaver Creek Reserve; Fall Creek, WI

When? Thursday, May 30 – Saturday, June 1, 2019

Who? Anyone interested in birds especially novice birders, students, backyard birdwatchers, hunters, farmers, landowners, early career natural resource professionals.



This fun and engaging course has been designed specifically for beginners who want to learn more about birds and take the next step in birding. This 2-½ day course will combine classroom lectures, field trips, group lessons and hands-on activities to give you a full learning experience. Knowledgeable birders will help you learn the basics of bird behavior, migration, identification, and reproduction. We'll explain how to identify birds using size, shape, plumage, and other field marks. We'll teach you how to find birds in different habitats. We'll teach you to listen to birds and how to identify their songs. We'll discuss how you can help birds and protect the places they depend on.

Email bcr@beavercreekreserve.org to be notified when registration is open.



WI Master Naturalists

Save the Date June 3-8

Beaver Creek Reserve

email volunteer@beavercreekreserv.org

WISCONSIN
Master Naturalist



Modeled after successful Master Naturalist programs in more than 25 states, the Wisconsin Master Naturalist (WIMN) program provides education, training, and service opportunities for adult volunteers who are passionate about conserving the state's natural resources.

Program participants receive 40 hours of coursework in natural history, education, interpretation, conservation stewardship, and resource monitoring. Courses combine classroom instruction with field experiences and are taught by WIMN instructors trained to deliver the Volunteer Training Course. Training opportunities are hosted by organizations such as nature centers, state parks, and museums across the state.



Celebrating a Colorful Milestone

Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists Celebrate 25 Years

The Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists began as a result of Janet Carson's on-location watercolor class the summer of 1993. Two members of the class, Joyce Aaker and Bette Wahl, began discussing the possibility of continuing to paint together. After finding others that would be interested in being a part of this painting group, a name for the group was chosen, and in 1994, Beaver Creek Reserve became home to the Watercolor Artists. Nine artists from the group exhibited their first works in December of that year, showcasing 28 pieces in total.

Artists are reflective beings, they create because they must. They experience the joys as well as the frustrations. And they also experience the desire to share, not only what they have created, but also to share ideas and techniques with other artists, which is just what this group offers.

Over the years many members have come and gone. There are currently about 30 members who come together to paint. Each member brings their own work to do and problems to solve. While there is no instruction, they learn new methods from each other during critiques. Everyone is expected to show their "in progress" work during the critiques as well as offering suggestions regarding technique, procedures, etc. Each year we also invite a guest artist in for a two day workshop. This past year we had, in addition to the annual Beaver Creek show, shows at the Heyde Center, the L.E.

Phillips Library and various venues in the area.

As this year marks 25 years since our group came together, there will be a 25th Anniversary Show and Sale on view from March 6 - April 2 at Beaver Creek Reserve. An opening reception will be on March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in conjunction with Beaver Creek's French Toast Breakfast. There will also be a children's paint and take table, as well as cards for sale. A portion of all sales will go to Beaver Creek.

The Watercolor Artists meet the first Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Nature Center. All artists, beginning through advanced are invited to join us. For more information, call Jan at 715-874-6870 or email her at kippenjp@wwt.net.

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Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists

25th Anniversary Show and Sale

Show and Sale March 6 - April 2
Artist's Reception March 9th, 9 am - 2 pm



UPCOMING

programs



Gentle Yoga

**Mondays Starting January 7,
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.**

Wise Nature Center

Gentle Yoga provides all the benefits of the yoga experience at a slower and steadier pace. It helps you reduce stress, feel strong yet flexible in your body and increase positive energy. Participants purchase 10 classes at a time, which they can use during the fall, winter and spring yoga class sessions. Class dates Winter Session will start Monday, January 7.

Purchase of the 10-class pack can be done at any time during the session.

**Friends \$80, Nonmembers \$100.
At the door \$10 Members,
\$12 Nonmembers**



Register Today

Online:

www.beavercreekreserve.org

In Person: at the Wise Nature Center. See cover for hours.

By Mail: Please call to reserve a spot, and checks must be received by the registration deadline.

We accept cash, check, and credit or debit cards.

Cancellations require 48-hour notice prior to the program date, and are refundable, less a 10% admin fee. Tickets for special events are non-refundable.

Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

**Two Sessions: Friday, January 11,
AND Friday, February 15**

**Two shifts: Early - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.,
Late - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Candles and moonlight will illuminate the way as you explore the trails on snowshoes. A warm campfire awaits you as you finish the trail. Please note that rental equipment is limited and may sell out. Prices for snowshoes and program are per person. *Registration and full payment due by January 9.*

**Snowshoe rental: \$3 per set
Friends \$3 Nonmembers \$5**



Introduction to Snowshoeing

**Saturday, January 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Wise Nature Center**

Have you ever wanted to try snowshoeing but weren't sure where to begin? Come to Beaver Creek and learn about the snowshoe's history, the different styles of snowshoes, and how and where to use them. After a brief classroom time inside, we'll take to the trails for a snowshoe hike.

Registration and full payment required by January 9.

Friends \$6, Nonmembers \$9



JANUARY

Gentle Yoga

Mondays Starting January 7,
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Snowshoe Hike for Experienced Explorers 55 and Older

Thursday, January 10, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

Friday, January 11

Two shifts:

Early - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Late - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Introduction to Snowshoeing

Saturday, January 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Frosty Frolic

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Snowshoe Hike for Experienced Explorers 55 and older

Thursday, February 14, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

Friday, February 15, Two shifts:

Early - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



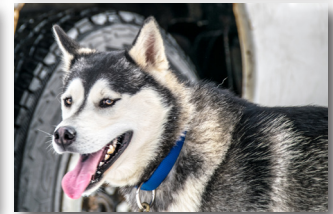
Frosty Frolic

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Back for a third year, the Frosty Frolic encompasses everything we love about winter -- snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, dog sledding and more! Again this year we will offer 1K and 2K snowshoe hikes. Receive a prize for finishing your loop. Bring your own lunch or purchase lunch during the event. We will have chili, soup, rolls/bread and desserts available to purchase. Dog sled rides have sold out every year. We recommend reserving a spot in advance. Each Dog sled ride can accommodate two adults, or one adult and two children. We do reserve spots for walk-ins and will try to accommodate as many rides as we can during the day, but we cannot guarantee that everyone will receive a ride. We will also have snowshoes and skis to use and rental is included in the registration price, as well as the other activities (except the dogsledding).

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Dog sledding has sold out the last two years. We will reserve a few dog sled rides for walk-ins, but the best way to be guaranteed a spot is to pre-register.

**Friends Adult \$8, Kids \$4,
Nonmembers \$10, Kids \$6,
Dogsledding \$25 per 1/4 loop**



Bye-Bye Winter Blues!

Sunday, February 17, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Wise Nature Center

Come out to Beaver Creek for an afternoon of chasing away the winter blues! The program will start with a 45-minute yoga session designed to relax and renew. Then experience some herbal teas, sample tinctures for mood support, herbal foot soaks and chair massages. Dress in comfortable clothes and be ready to chase away those winter blues. Herbal preparations by Kerri Keirnan of River Prairie Apothecary.

Registration and full payment required by February 13.

**\$25 Members
\$30 Nonmembers**



Late - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Bye-Bye Winter Blues

Sunday, February 17, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.

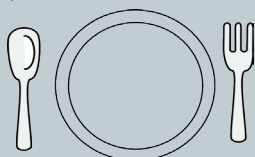
SAVE THE DATES

Bee Keeping 101 - Learn the Art of Beekeeping

Saturday, March 2, 8:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

French Toast Breakfast

Saturday, March 9, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m



FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 9

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



All-you-can-eat French Toast
Bird Banding Demonstration
Tours of Maple Sugar Bush
Maple Tree Tapping
Kids Activities
CV Watercolor Artists Reception and Sale
Presale Tickets; Adults \$7, Kids (age 2-15) \$4
At the Door: Adults \$8, Kids (age 2-15) \$5



Below is a list of the 2019 Summer Camps that will be offered through our partnership with the Eau Claire Area School District. While anyone can register to attend these camps, they are **FREE** to children of residents in the Eau Claire Area School District.

MORE camps will be added. Check the March edition of Woodprints or www.beavercreekreserve.org for the full list of camps. **Registration opens March 1.**

Nature Nuts

Ages 5-6 years (must be 5 by first day of camp)

Sprouts

Ages 7-8 years

Earth Detectives

Ages 9-11 years

Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Friends: \$55 Nonmembers: \$65

R is for Reptiles

Ages 5-6 year

Tuesday, July 2, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friends \$20 Nonmembers \$30

The Nature of Photography

Ages 10-12 years

Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Members \$25 nonmembers \$35

Waterfalls and Butterflies

Ages 9-11 years

Tuesday, July 16 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Bus provided by ECASD leaves Boys and Girls Club at 9:00 a.m. returning at 4:00 p.m.)

Friends \$45 Nonmembers \$55

Kayaking and Geocaching

Ages Incoming 7 and 8 graders

Wednesday, July 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Bus provided by ECASD leaves Boys and Girls Club at 9:00 a.m. returning at 4:00 p.m.)

Friends \$75 Nonmembers \$85

Budding Butterflies

Ages 5-7 years (must be 5 by camp)

Thursday, August 1, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friends \$20 Nonmembers \$30



MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Quilting Club

2nd & 4th Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Quilting Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month to work on individual projects and to share ideas on quilting. Beginners to seasoned quilters are always welcome.

Beaver Creek Bird Club

The Bird Club meets monthly, March through November at various locations throughout the Chippewa Valley. Check the Beaver Creek website calendar for monthly details.



Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists

First Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All watercolorists welcome

The Chippewa Valley Watercolor Artists meet the first Wednesday of each month to paint, critique, and share information related to watercolor painting. All watercolor artists, beginning to advanced, are invited to participate. For information, contact Jan at 715-874-5870 or at kippenj@wwt.net

Beaver Creek Photo Club

Third Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome! The Beaver Creek Photo Club meets the third Thursday of the month from January through May and September through November. No December Meeting. Questions can be directed to: bcrpc@outlook.com

Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society

First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone welcome

The Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most meetings are at Hobbs Observatory, but are occasionally held off-site. The CVAS is open to anyone with an interest in astronomy. For more information, please contact the Reserve or check out the Club's web site at www.cvaastro.org.

HOBBS OBSERVATORY

Come learn about the night sky from members of the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) as they host public programs on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8 pm in the Hobbs Observatory. There will be a 45-60 minute presentation on astronomical related topics by CVAS members.

Go to www.cvaastro.org for a list of upcoming topics. If skies are clear and temperatures permit, the domes will be open for public observing following the program.

Public viewing on Saturday nights will resume in May!

For more information on these programs, please contact BCR at (715) 877-2212 or visit www.cvaastro.org or www.beavercreekreserve.org

Store Sales

Save 15% off these great items

JANUARY

- Cofee Mugs
- Bird Feeders & Accessories
- Children's Books

FEBRUARY

- Snow Related Books
- Science Kits
- Coloring Books

WINTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CANDLELIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKES

Friday, Jan. 11 and Feb. 15, 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Be a part of making a magical evening happen! You can help hikers choose and fit snowshoes, walk the trails to keep the candles glowing, and hand out hot chocolate to chilled bodies. If this is something you haven't done before, don't miss out!

FROSTY FROLIC

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Looking for awesome, friendly, hardworking volunteers to help out at our 3rd Annual

Frosty Frolic! Last year was a big success, so naturally, we're trying to top it! Volunteers are needed to serve food and beverages, fit snowshoes and skis, help with crafts, lead hikes, stoke fires and more!

SKI/SNOWSHOE GUIDES

Ongoing/When Trails are Open

Help visitors choose and fit skis/snowshoes and teach them how to use those goofy things you just strapped to their feet. Then you can send them out with good advice and directions to your favorite trail.

MAPLE TREE TAPPING AND SAP COOKING

In early spring we will start tapping trees and boiling sap to make our maple syrup. We need volunteers to help with both activities. We will even train you!

Interested in any of these oportunities?

**Contact Katie at
volunteer@beavercreekreserve.org
to learn more**



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WHAT'S UPSTREAM?

Candlelight Snowshoe Hikes

Friday, Jan. 11 & Friday, Feb. 15

Two Shifts/night: 6-7:30 pm & 7:30-9 pm

Friends \$3, Nonmembers \$5
Snowshoe rental \$3/pair



FROSTY FROLIC

Saturday, January 19, 10 am-4:30 pm

Friends \$8/Adult, \$4/Child (age 2-15)
Nonmembers \$10/adult, \$6/Child (age 2-15)
Dogsledding \$25/loop



DISCOVER. LEARN. EXPLORE

All winter long! Learn more at:
www.beavercreekreserve.org

