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BCR RECEIVES MAYO HOMETOWN HEALTH GRANT

We are pleased to announce that Beaver Creek Reserve is the recipient of a \$25,000 Hometown Health Grant from Mayo Clinic Health System. This \$25,000 grant will allow for the first in a multi-stage plan to upgrade the current obstacle course on the north campus, integrate new interactive and interpretive trail signage and implement a new passport program aimed at increasing visitor’s activity levels while at Beaver Creek Reserve.

Many of the current obstacle course elements are more than 30 years old. The new professionally designed elements will incorporate natural themes and elements such as logs, frogs and rocks. The obstacle course is a favorite rotation activity for field trips and is also utilized by our many of our youth the camp renters. In all more than 20,000K children use them each year. The grant will allow for five of the ten elements to be replaced.

As we continue to improve visitor experience on our trails, Beaver Creek Reserve will be adding up to a dozen new interpretive signs to the existing trail system. Each sign is targeted to a variety of learning styles and will include activities designed to increase understanding while encouraging movement.

In order to further encourage families to hit the trails and be more active, Beaver Creek Reserve will be instituting a voluntary passport style program. Members and visitors will have the opportunity to win prizes by completing various activities at Beaver Creek Reserve.

While it will take several visits to complete all of the passport activities, prizes and incentives will be offered for even one-time, out of town visitors to take advantage of. Specially designed embossing stamps will be installed at each of the activity locations.

Beaver Creek Reserve is currently working with several companies to get final designs and pricing for the obstacle course elements and signage. The total to complete the 10 new obstacles and the 12 new signs will come to approximately \$129,000. Beaver Creek Reserve plans to apply for additional grants from Mayo Clinic Health System, 3M and others in order to complete the project. More information will be available as plans are finalized. See page 3 for sample ideas for the new obstacle course elements.

By Brianne Markin



Photo by Ruth Forsgren



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CSC Updates

UNIQUE BANDING DISCOVERY

American Kestrel 1783-89541 was banded on July 5, 2016 when it was still a baby in the nest. Judy Schwarzmeier, one of Beaver Creek Reserve's volunteer bird banders, put the band on the young bird's leg that day. At the time we could not tell whether 1783-89541 was a boy or a girl because it just had the downy white pin feathers of a baby, with no distinguishing adult feathers. It couldn't fly and needed both its mom and dad to bring food to it and its four siblings.

It grew up in one of several nest boxes along County Hwy D in eastern Eau Claire County that the BCR banders have been monitoring. Once 1783-89541 was able to fly and hunt for food on her own, she probably left our area and went south for the winter, perhaps to central or southern areas of the U.S.

Then two years later on May 21, 2018, when the kestrel banding crew was out doing their regular nest box check, one box had an adult female sitting on five eggs. She had a band on

her leg, which turned out to be 1783-89541! She was not in the same box where she grew up, but in a different one just a few miles down the road on County Hwy D from the one where she had hatched and fledged.

The kestrel crew was very excited when they looked back in the old banding records to see when and where the band with the number 1783-89541 had been used. It might not seem like a big deal, but this is the first time in all our years of monitoring kestrel nest boxes (about 12 years or more, during which we've banded hundreds of young kestrels), that one of our banded babies has returned as an adult in a subsequent year to make a home in one of our nest boxes and raise her own family.

Part of the reason for the rarity of such an event is that wild animals in general have a very high mortality rate in their first year of life. It's a tough world out there, and very few survive. And the American Kestrel as a species is in a general decline in the U.S. One reason might be that these days it is harder to find suitable

tree cavities in which to make their nests. Most trees with large holes get cut down. We hope that providing nest boxes may help to boost the survival of this species..

We will keep watching 1783-89541 for the rest of the 2018 nesting season to see if her five eggs hatch and perhaps we'll even band her babies before they fledge. We feel a bit like proud parents! As well, we have a sense of satisfaction that our efforts to learn about a small part of the natural world will contribute to its survival.



INTRODUCING THE CSC'S BIRD INTERN

The role of Beaver Creek Bird Intern is one that I thoroughly enjoy; it's difficult to not enjoy work when the word "bird" is literally in the job title. A biology class I took at UW- Eau Claire where we came and participated in bird banding for a few weeks was the catalyst for this amazing internship. It was those memorable moments with wildlife that affirmed I wanted to work with birds.

My responsibilities include both participating in and helping coordinate many of the Citizen Science Center projects. This includes Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS), the Bluebird Restoration Project, Beaver Creek Point Counts, and the Breeding Bird Atlas. It is through these projects that I have been immersed in the local avian populations, and am learning more of what I can do to aid them. In addition to the CSC's projects, I am also spearheading some research using the copious amount of data that Beaver Creek has collected over the years. Having the opportunity to work with the bird banding volunteers for this research is an enlightening lesson in both collaboration and scientific thinking. Though everyone in the banding crew has different career backgrounds, we are all there for one common goal: to help conserve the diverse wildlife of Wisconsin.

What makes this such a high impact internship is the unique and

up-close perspective on the local fauna. Banding a chickadee and feeling its feathers, or opening up a nest box to see 5 little bluebird chicks is unforgettable. Through the majority of the projects I take part in, I am able to view these animals closer than I dreamt was possible. Studying the bird's behavior and morphology at such close proximity helped develop an entirely new appreciation for animals I had seen around my neighborhood since I was young.

I have many thanks to give to the UW- Eau Claire Biology Department and Beaver Creek Reserve for creating this internship. I have gained awesome and valuable professional experience that I will take into my future scientific career (while also giving me good reason to keep birding!). Hope to see you on Beaver Creek Reserve's trails with a pair of binoculars soon!

Written by Brandon Polzin, BCR Bird Intern



Beaver Creek PLAY DAY!

RESCHEDULED

Saturday, September 29

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are rescheduling the
Beaver Creek Play Day.

More details to come in the next Issue of *Woodprints*

Updates to the new Family Nook generously funded by:



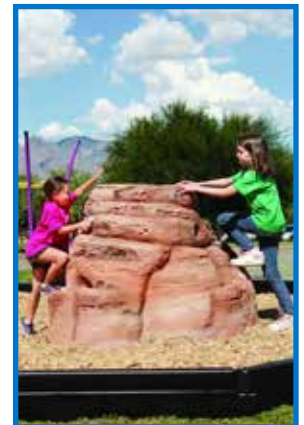
Sample Obstacle Course Elements

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MAYO CLINIC
HEALTH SYSTEM

Left: Two more examples of current obstacle course elements. Center: These two climbers are examples of elements that could be incorporated. The frog offers a chance to talk about the species in Wisconsin. While the fabricated climbers (also far right) are naturally-inspired and would compliment the forest and natural areas surrounding the obstacle courses.



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UPCOMING

programs



Gentle Yoga

Mondays, 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 to reduce stress, feel strong yet flexible in your body and increase positive energy. Spring session is led by Reserve member Karen Wise and will include instruction on how to do poses, breathing techniques and relaxation practice. Please dress in loose-fitting clothing, bring a yoga mat or blanket to lie on the floor and a water bottle.

Purchase a 10 session "punch card"
Friends \$80, Nonmembers \$100

Punch cards will be given out at first class attended. 1 punch per class.

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.

Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, July 20, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Citizen Science Center

Bird nesting season is here! Come join us for a Breeding Bird Atlas Blitz as we spend the morning searching Beaver Creek to record as many breeding birds as possible. The Breeding Bird Atlas is a five-year citizen science project that aims to map the distribution and abundance of all bird species breeding in WI. Along with contributing to a massive statewide citizen science project, you will have the exciting opportunity to learn how to recognize bird courtship, nesting behavior, and to watch the birds as they prepare for the arrival of their young. You will gain knowledge about bird behavior that will be sure to make each of your nature walks from that day forward even more fun and interesting! Open to ages 18+

Registration and full payment for July 10 session required by July 8. Registration and full payment for July 20 session required by July 17

Friends Free Nonmembers Free

2018 Beaver Creek Butterfly Count

Tuesday, July 10, 9:30 a.m.-?
Wise Nature Center

Join other butterfly enthusiasts for the annual Beaver Creek Reserve Butterfly count. Meet at the Wise Nature Center to review species likely to be seen; then get directions for the count and receive a route assignment. Most counters usually spend two to four hours counting, but you may count for as little as one hour or for most of the day if you wish. The results are forwarded to the North American Butterfly Association. Suitable for children 10 years and older, and adults.

Please register by Friday, July 6, so we can have enough materials on hand for counters.

No Fee

There is a suggested \$3 donation (not required) to cover BCR's cost, assessed by NABA, payable on the day of the count.



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Beaver Creek Play Day!

Saturday, July 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Summer Wild Edibles

Friday, July 27, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

AUGUST

Little Free Library Story Hour

Thursday August 2, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Butterfly Festival

Sunday, August 5, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day

Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Beaver Creek Play Day!

Saturday, July 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

Calling all families of young children! Come out to Beaver Creek Reserve for a full FREE day of play. At 10:00 Latitude 44 Yoga will have a free parent-child yoga class. First come, first serve. Check out our Nature Nooks and learn about the plans for our new Family Nook, the Butterfly house will be open from 11 am - 3:00 pm, there will also be guided hikes, crafts free snacks and more! Pack a lunch and spend the day with us. While the event is geared to families with toddler to early elementary age children, all are welcome. This event is made possible thanks to a grant from Nordson Corporation.

Summer Wild Edibles

Friday, July 27, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

Join a Beaver Creek naturalist for a taste of some summer's wild edibles. We'll look at a slide presentation of plants to eat throughout the year, then take a hike and look for some common, easily-identified, wild edible plants. We'll nibble a few things as we hike, and then sample some cooked greens and a wild beverage or two! A list of some plants to try and their use will be provided. Come and join us for a taste of summer from the wild!

Registration and payment required by July 20.

Friends \$6 Nonmembers \$9



SEPTEMBER

Tiffany Train Ride

Saturday, September 8, 7:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Weekly Bird Banding

Wednesdays & Thursdays, September - May, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Fall Banding Demo

Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding Training

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and
Thursday, Sept. 20, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Little Free Library Story Hour

Thursday, August 2, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Wise Nature Center

Kids, do you have a favorite book that you would like to share with others? Bring a book that will be read during story hour and then donate it to the Little Free Library to share with others. Dress for the weather as we will read outside. In instance of inclement weather, program will be held indoors. Donation of a book to the Little Free Library is not required but appreciated.

Registration and full payment required by August 5

Free if donating a book
\$5 if just coming for the story, no book donation

Butterfly Festival

Sunday, August 5, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Wise Nature Center

Come out to Beaver Creek Reserve for a full day celebrating the magic of butterflies. There will be short presentations for children and adults, tours of the butterfly house and caterpillar lab, crafts, ice cream sundaes and more!

Advance Tickets

Friends Adult \$4, Friends Child \$2
Nonmember Adult \$5, Nonmember Child \$3 (age 2-15, no charge for children under age 2)

Day of Event

Adults \$6, Kids \$4

Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day

Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Wissota Lafayette Landing across from The View on Hwy X

AIS Snapshot Day is a one-day event where volunteers gather at local rendezvous points around the state to receive training on species identification and monitoring techniques. After the training, volunteers go to nearby lake and river access sites, notate species presence, and then return to their rendezvous site to verify findings with a local coordinator. This is a great event for people of all ages, including families and small groups who are interested in learning more about their local water resources.

Registration required by July 31.

Tiffany Train Ride

Saturday September 8, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tiffany Wildlife Area

Ride the rails through the Tiffany Wetland Bottoms with the Citizen Science staff from Beaver Creek Reserve. Spend the morning on an open-air, antique train while exploring the wetlands. The round-trip ride, approximately 14 miles, will let you see what makes these wetlands so unique and important to our plant and wildlife habitat. Be sure to pack a cooler with snacks and refreshments for the day while we tour and hike the trails, 0.25 - 0.5 miles each. Participants should dress for the weather and possibly wet terrain. Bring binoculars and any wanted field guides. Rain or shine, don't miss this exciting event!

Directions: The parking area is on State Hwy. 25 about 4 miles south of Durand. Parking will be on the right (west side) across from Thibodeau Road. There will be yellow signs about 200 yards from the parking area along the right of way stating "CAUTION AHEAD - CARS TURNING". Crossing guards on the shoulder of the road will help guide cars into the parking lot. Drive across the railroad tracks, go down a small hill and turn right. Follow the directions of the parking attendant.

Registration and full payment required by September 3.

Friends \$25 Nonmembers \$35

Fall Banding Demo

Saturday, September 22,
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wise Nature Center

Spend the morning with Beaver Creek Bird Banders. Learn about bird identification, bird behavior, and why we band them. This is a great opportunity to see some of the birds that visit your feeders up close and personal. Learn about bird identification, bird behavior, what to feed birds, and why we band them. Join us.

Registration required by September 19.

No required fee, donations appreciated



BREAKING THE BOTTLE HABIT

This month Beaver Creek Reserve made a pledge to stop selling bottled water in the Nature Store. Instead we are partnering with Scheels to offer affordable reusable water bottles for sale in the store.

\$1.00 for members

\$2.00 for nonmembers



BCR WISH LIST

Seasoned Stumps to use as stepping stools in the Nature Center

Aluminum Canoes



THE BUTTERFLY BLUES

When you think about butterflies, the majestic Monarch is probably one of the first species to come to mind. For years, efforts to educate the public on the protection and of Monarchs have been successful, especially here at Beaver Creek Reserve. Each year we raise between 400-1000 monarchs from eggs in our caterpillar lab. However there is still much work to be done. Despite a surge in population growth from 2013 - 2016, the population has declined again in the past two years. For more information relating to the Monarch visit JourneyNorth.org or visit the Butterfly House at Beaver Creek Reserve which opens July 5th.

While the Monarch is a butterfly species of concern, it is not the only one. The Karner Blue (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) is another, even more threatened species for us to monitor and protect. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, over the past 100 years the Karner blue population has declined by nearly 99%. Most drastically, 90% of the total population decline was seen in the **last 15 years**. The Karner blue has been on the endangered species list since 1992 after a sharp increase in the

destruction of their habitats by agricultural, residential, and commercial development.

Similar to the Monarch butterfly, Karner blue caterpillars have a specific host plant. This means that there is only one plant that the caterpillars will feed on. For monarchs this is milk weed. For the Karner blue this is Lupine. Wild lupine, which blooms prevalently at Beaver Creek Reserve, is most often found in open prairies, savannas, and barrens. These areas have been highly affected by development. Without the host plant, the caterpillars cannot survive.

The Karner blue is a small butterfly, — only about the size of a nickel. They show varying shades of blue, silver, and brown on top of their wings, and characteristic orange crescents spot the underside of their fore- and hind- wings. See picture -

However, in Wisconsin, we are lucky enough to have the largest population of Karner Blue than anywhere else in the world. With that privilege comes a responsibility to invest in their continuation and encourage their growth. Across Central and Northwestern Wisconsin, recovery properties have been created to preserve habitats and monitor the Karner blue

populations. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service created a recovery plan for the Karner blue that has set a goals to reclassify the Karner blue from endangered to threatened, but increasing the species populations. The individual states that are home to the dwindling Karner populations, including Wisconsin, each have individual plans and goals to grow and protect the populations.

So what can you do? Similar to the work being done to bolster the Monarch populations, there are many citizen science projects operating across Wisconsin. Visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Endangeredresources/karner/volunteer.html> for more information. One important step would be to protect and plant Wild Lupine. Beaver Creek Reserve sells Lupine at our annual Native Plant Sale, which is always the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. When shopping for Lupine beware of invasive hybrids online and in retail greenhouses. You can also attend a Karner blue survey training. More information is available at the link above.
By Christy Thomas and Brianne Markin

(The Karner Blue's actual size, is about the same as a nickel!)



Karner Blue Female



Karner Blue Male



Photo by Ruth Forsgren

Wild Lupine

Director's Report



It can often be said, that the only thing constant, is change. And that has definitely been the theme here at Beaver Creek Reserve lately. Since my last update in May, the flower beds around the front of the nature center have all been planted thanks to volunteers from Jamf, United Healthcare (see page 8) and our Master Gardener volunteers. It really looks great and we are all excited about the educational opportunities that the native flower beds will provide as well as the aesthetic.

We continue to move forward with plans on the new Family Nook and Butterfly Pavilion across from the Butterfly House. The board has approved the initial funding for the structure. We are working on the additional fundraising and sponsorships that will be needed to accomplish the entire structure and butterflies. More updates will be available as we finalize pricing and designs.

As you probably read on the cover, we are really excited about being awarded our first Mayo Clinic Health System Hometown Health Grant. The obstacle course is really in need of updates, and is a favorite station during field trips. BCR Naturalist, Ruth Forsgren spent time researching new structures that contained naturally inspired elements that are safer, and require much less maintenance than our current structures. We plan to slowly phase these in as time and funding allow.

The other big change is occurring on the North Campus. I am excited for everyone to see the progress that has been made in the Main Lodge. Mark Wise spent hours and hours refinishing

the floors in the Main Lodge. Using a floor grinder he sanded and polished the aggregate concrete floor. He then took out the drop ceiling and added new, more efficient LED lighting, which has made the lodge brighter and more welcoming. Our early season camp renters had good things to say about the changes. In addition Beaver Creek Reserve received a large donation that allowed us to install



Dunn County 4H was one of the first groups to utilize the Main Lodge updates. Photo Courtesy of Dunn County 4H

air conditioning in the Main Lodge and each of the cabins. Renters will be given the choice to pay an additional fee for the air conditioning if they would like to use it. As part of our sustainability plan, the goal is to convert as much of our energy consumption to electrical, which is then produced by our solar panels. To further this goal a new boiler and heat pump were installed in the Main Lodge. This will ensure that our camp renters do not run out of hot water to wash dishes, and that we do not either during French Toast Breakfast! There is still some cosmetic

work to be completed in the Main Lodge, we will be redecorating with artwork, restaining the walls and fixing the fireplace mantel.

Lastly, I have also been working with WisCorps to replace the bridges at Dienhammer Creek and on the Henke property. We have permits to move forward on the Henke Acres bridges. And have applied for permits for the new bridges over Deinhammer, which will natural rock bridges that protects vital fish habitat. We will also be removing old bridge components and culverts that were washed into the creek during some of our past large rain events.

So to say we have a few irons in the fire, may be an understatement! And while it may seem like there is nothing but change happening across the campus, all of this change is for the better. Our summer camp registrations are up, we have a new summer school contract that gives kids more opportunities to come to Beaver Creek Reserve than ever before, and our spring field trip numbers are up by 400 students - an increase of 20%! And amidst all the change (and occasional brief bouts of chaos), we are still providing exceptional environmental education opportunities to youth and families. Seeing the smiling faces and hearing the exclamations of the kids at camp this week remind us that, in fact, some things don't change. And it is nice to know that even while we have so many projects going on, that we can still accomplish our mission of connecting people with nature.

Erik Keisler, Executive Director

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thanks to some hard working volunteers from Jamf and United Healthcare, as well as some of our volunteers who help with the Native plant sale, the areas in front of the nature center and the stretch of gardens along the new walk way to North Campus have all been planted with native plants. Jamf volunteers spent 6.5 hours and United Healthcare volunteers spent 3.5 hours putting down mulch, planting, weeding and even trimming some trails. A HUGE thank you to both groups for braving the heat wave to help get the gardens ready for a busy summer season!

Cub Scout Pack 128 spent time at Beaver Creek Reserve Learning how to make Bluebird Houses and then donated their hard work, right back to us! We will be updating some houses that are in need of replacement along our trails.



Citizen Science Center Volunteer Opportunities

AIS EARLY DETECTORS

Explore your local waterways while learning about aquatic ecology and looking for early populations of new invasive species. Volunteers can join Citizen Science Center staff on the Chippewa River during surveys, or get trained by staff and conduct surveys independently on their favorite waterway.



ISLAND HOPPING

The Citizen Science Center is partnering with the Bureau of Land Management to survey islands on the Chippewa River owned by the BLM. Volunteers are needed help us assess the islands for invasive species and recreational infrastructure.

AIS SNAPSHOT DAY

Join volunteers across Minnesota and Wisconsin on Saturday, August 18th as we take a snapshot of the aquatic invasive species found here. The goal of this day is to get as many people out at the same time and see what a group can collectively find. The day will start with a training session, then volunteers will break into a few groups to check different lakes and rivers for AIS. Finally we'll gather together again and see what everyone found.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact AJ Leiden at aj@beavercreekreserve.org

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Quilting Club

**Second & Fourth 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

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Bird Club meets at BCR on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from September to May. The club is open to all bird lovers.

Store Sales

Save 15% off these
great items

JULY

- Jewelry
- Waterbottles
- Animal Books

AUGUST

- Puzzles
- Swedish Dish Towels
- Playing Cards

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.cvastro.org.

HOBBS OBSERVATORY HAPPENINGS

Come learn fascinating facts about the night sky from members of the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society (CVAS) as they host public programs on the third 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.cvastro.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 is also available on CLEAR Saturdays from May through October starting about an hour after sunset (as CVAS volunteer staffing permits).

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



NATURE CENTER HOST

Ongoing

Welcome visitors to the Nature Center, answer phones, and use the cash register. Volunteers are needed for various shifts throughout the week.

CATERPILLAR LAB

Through End of August

Help us feed the growing babies with milkweed, monitor the caterpillars, clean buckets and more.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Through Labor Day Weekend

Throughout the season we need volunteers to greet visitors and tend the gardens.

BUTTERFLY FEST

Sunday, August 5, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to help with presentations, check in, games and crafts, and serving ice cream sundaes.

If you are interested in these, or learning other ways to volunteer at Beaver Creek Reserve, please contact Maryl Fennie at volunteer@beavercreekreserve.org or 715-877-2212





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Butterflies

ABOUND AT

Butterfly Festival

Sunday, August 5th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m

PRESALE TICKETS

Friends	Nonmembers
Kids (age 2-15) \$2	Kids (age 2-15) \$3
Adults \$4	Adults \$5

AT THE DOOR

Kids (age 2-15) \$4
Adults \$6

Games, face painting, lab tours, sundaes & much more!

Butterfly House
 open
 July 5th - Sept 2nd

photo by Ruth Forsgren

Kids under age two FREE