

December 2011

Volunteer Connection

Volunteer at Winter NatureFest

If you were around 100+ years ago, what would you have done during the winter to pass the time? Join us for some down-to-earth fun from the past, both indoors and out.

It's time to start planning for our annual winter festival, which will be Saturday, **February 18, 2012, 10:00 - 4:00**. This is a busy and fun day to help out. Check the activities below to see what you'd like to do. Then call me at 414-527-0232 or email me at judy.klippel@wi.gov.

During the festival

Crafts - Inside

- Spinning tops
- Thaumatrope (optical illusion spinner)
- Chicken scratch samplers (uses needle & thread)
- Corn husk dolls
- Corn cob donkeys

Crafts - In a heated garage

- Wood and string puzzles
- Corn cob darts (make & throw)

Craft - Outside

- Candle dipping

Activities - Inside

- Old-fashioned games
- Snowshoe checkout

Activities - Outside

- 2-person saw
- Games (hoops, graces, snow snake)
- Campfire
- Horse & wagon

Before the Festival

- Help prepare crafts.
- Help with building set-up.
- Bake cookies for the Friends' food sales. Let me know by February 6.
- Distribute festival publicity.

Winter PastTimes



- Donate an item for the Friends' silent auction (for example: hand-made items, gift certificates, bird feeding supplies, children's books, field-guides, etc.) Please, no rummage-sale items.

There are lots of other confirmed and tentative activities, including:

- horse-drawn wagon rides
- wildlife woodcarving demo
- spinning and quilting demos
- maple sugaring character
- naturalist-led hikes
- Havenwoods' history program
- Milwaukee mounted police visit

Updates

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Havenwoods this year. Your work helps to ensure the future of this land and to enrich all those who will come after us to learn from the land and enjoy it.

Holiday hours: The nature center will be closed Saturdays, December 24 and 31. Otherwise, normal hours will be observed throughout the month. *I have not enclosed a calendar this month*, because most of the volunteer projects are dormant now!

Document your hours: Please report the rest of your 2011 volunteer hours by **December 20**. Call Havenwoods at 414-527-0232 or email me at judy.klippel@wi.gov. We need to submit a record of all our volunteer hours to the Parks Bureau in mid-January.

When it snows, you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels. (author unknown)




You can snowshoe, too! Come over when we're open (M-F 7:45-4:30, Sa 9-2:00) to borrow snowshoes to use at Havenwoods.

Deer management: Shortly after the first good snowfall, we'll be hearing helicopter wings overhead. During a 20-minute flyover, there will be a count of the deer on the property. Using that number and anecdotal information about sightings, we'll set a goal for deer removal this winter. The sharpshooting will likely take place the week of January 23. Watch for more details next month.

Find us at:

friendsofhavenwoods.org and

 www.facebook.com/HavenwoodsStateForest

From all of us, may your holidays be rich with family time, warm memories, thanksgiving, and and sharing with others.

