

Volunteer Connection

Volunteer at Winter NatureFest

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 10:00 - 4:00. *Winter PastTimes* is all about enjoying winter as people might have over 100 years ago, when games and toys were simpler and the pace of life was slower.

Festival is 6 weeks away, and we need about 60 more volunteers! Check the activities to see what you'd like to do. Then call 414-527-0232 or email me at judy.klippel@wi.gov.

During the festival

Crafts - Inside

- Spinning tops
- Thaumatrope (optical illusion toy)
- Chicken scratch samplers (uses needle & thread)
- Corn husk dolls
- Corn cob donkeys
- Whirligigs
- Spool racers
- Wooden triangle solitaire

Crafts - In a heated garage

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

Craft - Outside

- Candle dipping

Activities - Inside

- "Try-it" drop spindle
- "Try-it" knitting
- "Try-it" quilting patch
- Old-fashioned games
- Snowshoe checkout

Activities - Outside

- 2-person saw
- Games (hoops, graces, snow snake)
- Campfire
- Wagon ride host

Before the Festival

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

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- Distribute festival publicity.
- Donate an item for the Friends' silent auction (e.g., hand-made items, gift certificates, bird feeding supplies, kid's books, etc.) No rummage-sale items, please.
- Host (for volunteer sign-in, food set-up, etc.)

There are lots of other activities on our schedule, too, 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

Deer management: Without measurable snow so far, we haven't been able to do a helicopter survey of the deer. That count is essential in deciding how many deer to remove from the population. It's too late now for a January deer removal, so we will plan for it in March.

Nature center clean-up:

On Saturday, January 28, 9 am to noon, several staff members will be doing some deep cleaning in the center. We're looking for folks to join us for an hour or more to help out. We'll provide coffee, sweets, and all the cleaning supplies. No sign-up is needed.



Snowshoeing: We are still hoping to have snow this season. Join a naturalist to go snowshoeing Saturday, January 28, 1:00 - 2:00. It doesn't matter whether or not you've done it before, you'll learn quickly! We have plastic bearpaw snowshoes to lend you. If there isn't enough snow, we'll go on a hike instead.



January building schedule: We will maintain normal Monday - Saturday hours, except for Monday, January 16. The center will be closed that day for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



"In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand only what we are taught." Baba Dioum, Senegalese conservationist

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