

Volunteer Connection

Volunteer Recognition

You have just about a week left to respond to our invitation! Please call, leave a voice mail, or email Judy right away to let us know whether or not you will attend the volunteer dinner on November 15. We still need a few desserts, too. Let us know if you are interested in bringing one.

To our Havenwoods' volunteers:

The staff invites you and your guest to our volunteer recognition dinner and program on Tuesday, November 15.

5:30 gathering & appetizers
6:00 dinner
6:45 property update & look at 2012
7:00 program


Please call Judy at Havenwoods (414-527-0232) by 4:30 on November 7 to provide your acceptance or regrets and choice of entrée (shredded pork/chicken or eggplant parmesan).

Updates

Holiday hours: The nature center will be closed Thanksgiving weekend, November 24 - 27. It will be closed again the Saturdays of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Otherwise, we will maintain normal Monday-through-Saturday building hours for the rest of the year. As always, the grounds will be open daily 6 am to 8 pm.



Help us spread the word about Havenwoods!
Go to www.facebook.com/HavenwoodsStateForest



Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium: While you're online, check out SEWISC's new website. This site has lots of current information on invasive species control and links to helpful resources. <http://sewisc.org/>

Havenwoods partners with SEWISC in its work to educate people about invasive species. In spring, a grant received by SEWISC paid for the development of a small prairie site just south of the parking lot. Within the next few weeks, a new sign about the prairie and invasives control will be installed at the site.

New Sign Recognizes Key Events in Havenwoods' Past: Last year in the midst of some communications with the National Park Service, I found out that we are required to display a sign informing the public about how the state acquired this land.

Somehow, the development and installation of that sign slipped through the cracks for 30+ years. I am happy to announce that a sign is now in place, mounted just to the left of the main entrance doors.



Playtime is Over, for Now



We could not have asked for a more beautiful day in early October or for a more enjoyable scene of kids playing in nature in the city. Thank you to all who helped make it possible.

Here are some of the highlights. A giant spider chased squealing little insects around a huge web, trying to catch them. In a kiddie pool nearby, kids mixed soil, sand, and water to make some great mud pies and muffins.

Out in the woods, parents marveled at their kids' fort-making interest and ability, especially if they'd never done it before. Smaller kids built smaller forts and castles from blocks of wood and sawed off branches.

Many of the kids visited the archery and casting stations over and over



again to test their skills. Others raced veggie characters on mini-cars down the race track and onto the sidewalk.

A child-sized campsite provided a good place to crawl into a tent, pretend to go fishing and cook over a fire, and play a slightly out-

of-tune guitar. In the nature center, kids created art with seeds, leaves, and twigs.

And, of course, the smell of FOH burgers and hot dogs was everywhere. What a great day!

Feedback from families was very positive. This event will go in our rotation of fall festivals, following after Snake Fest (2012) and Explore the Outdoors (2013).

Dates to remember

Mapping - Winter Birds: Sat., November 12, 10:00 - 11:30 am. Join Beth to learn how to collect data for several Citizen Science programs: Project Feeder Watch, Celebrate Urban Birds, eBird, and NatureMapping. We'll also prepare to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count in February. We'll spend some time outside watching birds, too, so dress for the weather! After the program, you will know how to report your bird observations to these citizen science programs. Free, no registration needed.



It's ba-ack! Last winter we got so much cleaning done at our first nature center workday that we've decided to schedule it again. Mark it on your calendar for the morning of Saturday, January 28, 9:00 - 12 noon. We'll provide all the cleaning supplies. You just bring lots of energy and muscle power.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.
Melody Beattie, author



November 2011 – Havenwoods’ Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Open 7:45 - 4:30	2 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 3:30	3 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	4 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	5 Open 9:00 - 2:00 Larry 7:45 - 4:30 Volunteer – Judy D
6	7 Open 7:45 - 4:30	8 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry out am, HW pm	9 Open 7:45 – 4:30	10 Open 7:45—4:30 Larry 7:45-4:30	11 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	12 Open 9:00 - 2:00 Volunteers - Siemsens Nature Mapping program 10:00 - 11:30
13	14 Open 7:45 – 4:30	15 Open Larry 11:15 – 8:00 Volunteer dinner	16 Open 7:45 – 4:30 SE Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium Symposium 1:00 - 4:00	17 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	18 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45-4:30	19 Open 9 – 2:00 Volunteer – Gattfords
20	21 Open 7:45 – 4:30	22 Open 7:45 – 4:30	23 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	24 Closed for Thanksgiving	25 Closed	26 Closed
27	28 Open 7:45 – 4:30	29 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	30 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30			