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Nov/Dec 2011

2012 Raptor Calendar

Now Available!

See yellow insert for details.

Halloween Hike Adventure

Saturday, October 22

See back page for details.

Xtreme Raptor Day

Saturday, November 5

See back page for details.



Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

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Open 7 Days a Week

9:00am - 5:00pm

\$6 Adults, \$4 Children

Free Admission to Members

Hello from our New Executive Director

By Nathan Smallwood, Executive Director



Wow! This was my reaction when I first arrived at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. I was exhilarated by the wonderfully wild entrance drive, complete with a welcoming party of turkeys; the wildflower laden approach to the award-winning Dorothy K. Vallier Environmental Learning Center; the beautifully rustic Great Hall, and majestic views of Lake Michigan on a crisp late summer day. To borrow a line from John Denver, I felt as if I were "coming home to a place I'd never been before."

I am truly honored to serve as the new Executive Director of this special place. My wife, Julie, and our two sons, Jack (7) and Wolf (4), and two Collies are very excited to join your community. We hail from southwestern Ohio, near Cincinnati, where I most recently worked at the Taft Museum of Art. I am a lifelong birder and amateur naturalist with a career in nonprofit management, fundraising, and marketing. It is hard to imagine a better place for us.

Of course, the place is only one part of the amazing "ecosystem" that is Schlitz Audubon. The people have been incredibly welcoming and inspiring. From the Friends of Schlitz Audubon Board of Directors to the dedicated staff and volunteers, members and donors, and our affiliates at the National Audubon Society, what a great new family of friends. Special congratulations and thanks to outgoing Executive Director Buffy Cheek, who may be retiring but who we will never let go! I only hope to have as successful tenure and positive impact as she has had.

These people come together to create some of the highest quality environmental programming anywhere. My son Wolf is enrolled in the Nature Preschool –we are so excited to have him experience this unique and revolutionary program that cultivates tomorrow's scholars and conservationists. There are so many things to do here; there is truly something for everyone. Please check out this newsletter for all the latest programs and events at SANC.

The place, the people, the programs ...wow!

Please come in and say hello sometime soon. Thank you for your continued support of and involvement with the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. I look forward to getting to know you all, and to our future adventures in nature!

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Development Updates

By Debby Fulton, Director of Development

Please Consider a Gift to the Annual Fund Campaign

We live in a world where green open spaces are fast disappearing and too much of our children's time is spent in front of televisions, computers and video games. They have few opportunities to discover nature; some kids even grow up afraid of it. A personal connection with nature is an essential ingredient that inspires children to learn and care about the environment. It is through the generous support of our donors and supporters that we are able continue to provide environmental education programs to thousands of students each year.

Our sustainable award-winning building provides enriching activities for young and old. It also houses our nature preschool. Nature and kids are a natural combination, with new magical discoveries happening every day. By opening new eyes to nature at just the right age, we are able to inspire tomorrow's conservationists.

Our Annual Fund Campaign is our primary vehicle for receiving necessary operating expenses for the year. Support from our members and donors ensure that we will be able to fund our environmental education programs and maintain and preserve our 185 acre sanctuary.

Help us to continue to make a difference in the lives of children, teens and adults.

Holiday Gift Memberships

The perfect idea for those people on your holiday gift list is a Friends of Schlitz Audubon Nature Center membership.

This gift lasts for an entire year and offers free admittance to the Center and use of our trails for hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. It also includes the *Center Focus* newsletter, priority registration for the Nature Preschool and summer camps, and discounts on programs and events.



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Individual - \$50

Family - \$60

Individual +2 - \$65

Family + 2 - \$75

You may request the membership packet be sent to you for presentation in person, or we will send a membership packet to those you designate, and notify the recipient of your thoughtfulness. For more details and to place your gift membership orders, just call Leanne at 414-352-2880, ext.151 or visit us online at www.sanc.org.

New Board Member

Congratulations and "welcome" to Todd M. Herbert as the newest member of our FOSANC Board of Directors. Todd brings a strong background in organizational development to FOSANC.

Holiday Closings & Weather Cancellations

As we head into another holiday season, please remember that the Nature Center will be closed Thursday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday and Sunday, December 25 for Christmas. Incliment weather conditions may also lead to closings and/or program cancellations. We will do our best to keep you informed of these situations, should they occur.



News From the Raptors...

By Diane Visty, Raptor Manager

We Energies Provides Sky Hunters with New Digs at State Fair

Wow! Were we ever surprised when we rolled in with the birds to We Energies Park this year! They had redesigned our area of their State Fair Park. SANC'S Sky Hunters Birds of Prey had been given their own building and beautiful signage. The We Energies staff had moved the Peregrine Nest Box in beside us and used a colorful set of raptor silhouettes as the backdrop. Now we had all of our educational tools in the same place! All we needed was a TV camera, which Fox Channel 6 was kind enough to provide, to show off our big birds. The new digs made for some very lively and informational discussions. Our raptors and incredible volunteers presented 77 programs that reached over 13,204 state fair visitors with SANC's environmental message. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to visit our feathered friends!

Photo Credit: Ken Wardius



Bird Spotlight

By Ellen Schneiderman, Raptor Educator

The thing is, vultures get a bad rap. They are the butt of jokes, the subject of disdain, and they sort of freak us out. If only the naysayers could meet our Tallulah! Smart, fastidious, playful and, dare I say, drop-dead gorgeous, Tallulah is one singular sensation! Her style alone could stop traffic, but then there's her fantastic ability to soar for miles, her incredible sense of smell and her superhero-like ability to eliminate really nasty diseases lurking in our environment. The list of her attributes is as large as her personality!

To find out more amazing Tallulah trivia, visit her at Xtreme Raptor Day on Saturday, November 5! Or, prove you're as smart as she is and sign up to be her sponsor!

For more information about sponsoring our Raptors, please visit the 'Raptors' section on our Website, www.sanc.org or call us at 414-352-2880 for sponsorship information.

TALLULAH Turkey Vulture



Photo Credit: Bob Baillie

On the Ground

By Matt Smith, Land Manager

Saving Seed and the Future of our Forests

Schlitz was fortunate that Robert Karrfalt, Director of the National Seed Laboratory, came to help us with our Land Management response to the Emerald Ash Borer dilemma at a watershed time. Among other things, Karrfalt trained us to recognize the indicators of seed ripeness for the black, white and green ash that thrive on our property. The National Seed Lab is particularly interested in our location because we may have unique land races of these species adapted to the lake forest. It is important to preserve as much diversity in seed as possible to give this species a better chance to return in the future. We will begin harvesting seed this fall.



Figure 1. Robert Karrfalt highlighting indicators of seed ripeness to Land Manager Matt Smith and Volunteer Myra VanUxem.

The loss of ash in the U.S. is extensive and unprecedented. SANC's land management has taken a proactive approach using the best available information, through direct communication with university researcher specialists, on the Emerald Ash Borer. These include: urban foresters like Rebecca Lane – who manages the largest outbreak of EAB in WI; DNR regional forester Kim Sebastian; UW-Extension; National Seed Laboratory staff; local consulting arborists; and other



Figure 2. Robert Karrfalt revealing the small seed from the fruit of a green ash.

professional land managers who are in and out of areas infested with the EAB. Among these people, SANC has spearheaded a comprehensive approach to land management based on conservation principles. We are pleased that SANC has been able to take a leadership role in implementing forest conservation practices.

We know that there is nothing trivial or imaginary about the impact of Emerald Ash Borer. EAB is at our doorstep; our early start was timely, and has prepared us well. An article in the September 11, 2011 *Journal Sentinel* entitled, 'Ash tree recovery plan sprouts,' by Lee Bergquist, stated SANC, "is already cutting down healthy ash trees." That statement is misleading by itself because it doesn't take into account our forest plantings, restoration planning, and other forest management practices. Few trees have been removed to maintain safety through hazard reduction in consideration of SANC's public liability. In addition, our restoration and education missions have led us to remove selected ash trees to

establish grassland habitat connectivity and to release high quality forest regeneration.

We are delighted to begin banking Ash seed from SANC, as a backup to our Seed Tree Protection Program, in preservation of this species, and its possible reintroduction. It is important to remember that costly land management activities will be required in the intervening decades before the seed we are collecting returns to us.

For more information about this project or for questions relating to land management practices, please contact Matt Smith at 414-352-2880, ext. 244.



Figure 3. Matt Smith and Robert Karrfalt selecting seed trees to harvest in one of SANC's many ephemeral ponds.

NATURE STORE NECESSITIES

Members Receive 20% Store Discount in December!



Wax Pottery Bowls

Enjoy a wonderful fragrance in your home without the flame of a candle! These Wax Pottery Bowls are handcrafted and available in many fragrances. As the ideal home décor accessory, it not only looks great, but will emit a wonderful aroma in your favorite room.



Animal Hats for Adults

These cute hats were so popular last year for kids that we are now featuring a line of hats exclusively for adults. Find your inner child with a fun and colorful animal hat!



Warblers of Eastern

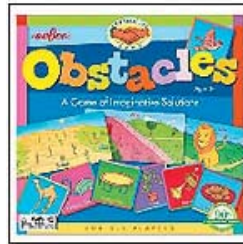
North America by David Allen Sibley

A new tri-fold, waterproof guide features 38 species that are both common and rare to eastern North America. Also be sure to check out Sibley's Owls of North America.



Woven Wool Scarves

These new hand-woven scarves from Ecuador are the perfect weight for the winter chills. Choose from many different striped patterns that will go well with any coat or jacket.



Obstacles

Take a journey through a series of hazards and barriers and use your imagination to get yourself home! Armed with sometimes unlikely tools, players will need to use their creativity to find innovative solutions for finding the end of this obstacle course.



Bumble-Ardy

by Maurice Sendak
Bumble-Ardy evolved from an animated segment for Sesame Street that aired in the early 1970's to a glorious picture book about a mischievous pig who, sadly, has never been given a birthday party. But everything changes when Bumble throws a party for himself and invites all his friends. Grab your copy today!



GREEN LIVING TIPS

E-Waste: What to do with Old Electronics

by John Hoff, Environmental Educator

Each year, millions of pounds of electronic waste (e-waste) enters our nation's landfills, yet America's appetite for electronics continues to grow. Hazardous and toxic materials contained in these electronics often contaminate the Earth and pose a human health threat unless they are recycled and handled properly. Many municipalities have made it illegal for residents to dispose of their electronic equipment as part of curbside trash. More and more, it's becoming the responsibility of residents to find responsible ways to dispose of their electronics.

But don't despair! Watch your paper and community calendars and you'll find recycling days specifically for these types of things. Grafton is offering this opportunity on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00am to noon and in Bayside, an electronic recycling day is slated for Saturday, October 29 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Call or check these municipal websites for more details. Some of these events are provided free to the respective communities, while others charge by the pound or device/size. On an ongoing basis, both Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties have sites and special events throughout the year.

For more information, visit the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Website at <http://v3.mmsd.com> or visit the Ozaukee County Website at <http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/hhw> to find out more about how to recycle and properly dispose of certain items. Do your part to protect the environment!

Early Childhood News

Preschool: The Best Job-Training Program

By Patti Bailie, Preschool Director

The title of this article comes from an NPR broadcast of *This American Life* (Planet Money Blog). In a time of high unemployment and in the shadow of President Obama's speech about creating jobs, we can look to the benefits of preschool as the training ground to learn the necessary skill set to hold down a job. Through his study of job training programs, James Heckman, Nobel prize-winning economist, reports that the set of skills that enable workers to learn new things are the most important in getting a job. He refers to these as 'soft skills' that include "being able to pay attention and focus, being curious and open to new experiences, and being able to control your temper and not get frustrated." Longitudinal studies, such as the Perry Preschool Project, suggest that these are the skills that you learn in preschool. Skills such as how to resolve conflicts, share, negotiate, and talk things out are best learned in a play-based setting and, in particular, a nature-based preschool.

Nature preschool provides opportunities for children to work together (building a fort or digging up a root), solve problems (figuring out how to plant a garden or understanding relationships between animals and plants), and practice self-control (staying on the trail or not picking flowers because the butterflies need them). These novel experiences in nature help children pay attention and focus and the natural world provides interesting things to talk about. Children are naturally curious and open to new experiences as they explore the nature center habitats.

Nature Preschool Registration

Preschool registration materials for the 2012-2013 school year will be available January 2, 2012. The preschool open house is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 from 9:30 to 11:30am for families who are interested in visiting the nature preschool. Priority registration for returning students is Monday, January 23. Priority registration for Nature Center members is Monday, January 30. Registration for the general public (non-members) is Monday, February 6. Please contact Laurie Lukaszewicz, preschool coordinator, at 414-352-2880 ext. 154 if you have any questions or to schedule a tour of the preschool.



Aspiring Doctor?



Future Carpenter?



Kid's Quips

"I can see flowers as far as my eyes can see."

-- Annabel (Age 4)



PLANET VOLUNTEER

By Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator



Preschool and educational aides, admissions booth attendants, and mail crew are just a few of the many volunteer positions that help keep our Center running.



Join us as a volunteer for the Halloween Hikes or Xtreme Raptor Day - the birds won't be the only ones thankful for your help!

40 Years of Volunteers

We've been celebrating 40 Years of Volunteers this fall and inquired about old photos or memories that volunteers may have about the Nature Center. One of our longtime booth volunteers, Chris O'Brien, relayed stories about the use of the property as a scout camp from 1969-71, the Shore Acres Day Camp, before it was turned over to Audubon. Others have been bringing in memorabilia from past events, such as Strawberry Sunday and the Art Fair, as well as old SANC publications. Whether volunteers have been with us for decades or came once for a specific event, we rely on them to keep the Center running. Last year, volunteers put in around 20,000 hours and we are so thankful they are here!

Many people enjoy the variety of offerings for volunteering at the Center. For example, some like the drop-in atmosphere of the land stewardship program. They come when they have some free time. Others like coming for scheduled tasks, such as the front desk, admissions booth or preschool.

Our teachers need help with the three to five-year olds in the classroom and outside every day. The shifts are just one morning or afternoon a week from September until May. If you miss the grandkids, miss the classroom, or want to justify all the seasonal coats in your Wisconsin closet, this is your opportunity! You'll be amazed at what you and the kids discover every day, and you'll find yourself singing songs you hadn't thought about in decades. We're looking for virtual or homeschooled high schoolers, college students needing practical experience, and adults.

Halloween Hike

You might be just in time to snag a volunteer spot for our Halloween Hikes on Saturday, October 22 from 4-8pm. We use many students to lead families on the trails, as they stop at six stations, learning about Halloween and nature from our staff. These volunteers don't need to have previous experience here - just a willingness to pair up with another volunteer and take

families on a specific trail. (It's lit after dark that evening) Volunteers end the hike near the pavilion, where the preschool staff offers a carnival for the younger kids. This is also where s'mores are enjoyed by all. For those who prefer to stay indoors, we have crafts, merchandise to sell, and other tasks. Can't come that evening? Help us decorate in the early afternoon!

Xtreme Raptor Day

On Saturday, November 5, if you are ready to immerse yourself in raptors, come help us at our annual Xtreme Raptor Day. This one-day event needs help in a number of ways, including the registration table, bake sale, silent auction, and other various tasks. Contact me to claim your shift and we can discuss what positions are available.

For all volunteer information, please contact Laurie Haig, Volunteer Coordinator, at 414-352-2880 ext. 144 or lhaig@sanc.org.

New Members

Benjamin Adams
Nancy and Noel Adams
Samantha Adey
Matt Bartz
Gina Bertucci
Fred and Tess Beste
Charles Blackwell
Tabitha and
 Eric Boerschinger
Doug and Eva Borys
Becky Bradway
Sarah Brush
Anna Burrall
Mei Calabio
Chris Chiu
Linda Condash and
 Jennifer Fields
Cathy J. Cuppan
Liz Dupee and Tom Schafer
Sarah Eiles
Arlene Evans
Peter and Elizabeth Fetzer
Claire Fieber
Kristen Gagliano
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Dennis Goecke
Travis Good
David L. Hagman
Elizabeth and Chris Harned
Katrinia H. Hatton
Dani Hogan
Gregory and
 Katherine Jastromski
Mancy Keefe
Patrick Keller
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Carroll Kraus
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Patricia and Dave Lane
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Brent and Lauren Lewis
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 Michelle Lozoff
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 Kristina Snapp
Laurent Malherbe and
 Trang Vo
Mitchell Marks
Mary McCoy
Kevin McElroy and
 Wayne White
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David and Sarah Milia
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Alice Rorabeck
Craig and Mary Schanning
Tonnie Schmidt
Geri and Mike Schramm
Sarah and Jay Schramm
Ali Schwebel
Jeff Sehnert
Nicholas and
 Jessica Silvaggi
The Singh Family
Leandro Souza and
 Simone Tomelin
Mike Stenz
Tom and Chantelle Stocco
Julie Stoye
Tara Strong
Jason and Nicole Styles
Jessica Teich
Paula Termuhlen
Ann Van Dunk
Lisa Van Hyle
Benjamin, Rachel and
 Ella Wagner
Karl Wallick and
 Miranda Mote
Brian Wattenbach
Jamie and BJ Westfahl
Ryan Weston
Jim, Liza, Justin and
 Ezra Wiemer
Kent Wranovsky

Honorariums

Elizabeth "Buffy" Cheek

Tom and Bette Drought
Joe and Lorna Hilyard
Laurie Kennedy
Diane K. O'Connor and
 Richard S. Sachs, Jr.

Davin Dacio

Lisa Lennon

John McGregor

Charles and Mary Sprague

Frank and Edna Riemer

Tom and Barbara Muth

Memorials

Howard Bailer

Virginia Capper

Mel Miller

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Rachel Salmon

Carolyn J. Carothers-Hackett

Michael Semler

Dr. Robert Becker
Kathleen Brodell

Warren Van Gelderen

The Daniel Fransee Family

Betsy Wolf

Joe and Lorna Hilyard

Thank You

Harold and Sandy Anderson

10 Edwin Knowles china plates

Marilyn Hauer

Postage for fundraising mailings

Tim and Sue Kase

2 fanny packs for first aid

Richard and Sherry Lundell

10 yards of Red-tailed hawk fabric

Mr. Randy R. Powers

50 Plant Plugs

William Towner

2 fanny packs for first aid

Raptor Sponsorships

RT

Lindsey Scribner
Megan and Jack Sullivan
(Proceeds from Lemonade Stand)

CALENDAR

November & December 2011

Hatha Yoga for Health and Wellness

Reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and enrich your sense of well-being. The first trial class is free!



DATES: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays
TIME: 9:15–10:30am or 5:45–7:00pm
 Monday, 5:45–7:00pm Thursday, 10:00–11:15am Saturday
*****FEE:** For program fees, please call (414) 352-2880 ext. 0
LEVEL: Families

Sky Hunters: Word with a Bird**

Get a beak-to-beak view of one of SANC's feathered ambassadors. A raptor handler will be showcasing one of our many birds of prey. SANC's falcons, hawks, owls, vulture, and an eagle will appear on a rotating basis. Stop by each weekend to check them out.

DATES: Every Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00pm
FEE: Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families



Nature Preschool Study Tour (For Early Childhood Educators)

Learn how to make the most of nature as a teaching partner. Tour the SANC Preschool classrooms and outdoor play areas, hike on the Nature Center grounds, and learn why nature is such a wonderful teacher. Discover the "Top Ten Ways" nature helps to develop young brains. Learn. Share. Experience.

DATE: Friday, October 28
TIME: 9:00am – 3:30pm
*****FEE:** \$95; Lunch Included
LEVEL: Adult

Geology of Northern Kettle Moraine

This natural treasure is world-renowned for its demonstration of ice age features. Join Jim Rosenbaum on an exploration of the many forms the ice sheet left on the landscape. At the Ice Age Center we will take advantage of various resources that will help you understand the dynamic genesis of these glacial relics. This program requires the physical ability to hike up steep hills. Transportation, interpretation, and fees provided. Bring a bag lunch.

DATE: Tuesday, November 1
TIME: 9:00am – 4:30pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$60; NM: Adult \$69
LEVEL: Adult



Boomers & Beyond

In November, we will tour our research area to visit the most popular deer area at the most active time of the year. December's class will primarily be indoors using a model Solar System to view the reasons for the seasons. If clouds permit, we will head out to take a telescopic look at the sun to look for sun spots and also measure the movement of the earth.

DATES: Thursday, November 3
 Thursday, December 1
TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 am
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$15;
 NM: Adult \$17
LEVEL: Adult



Schlitz Audubon Bird Club

Remember, the November Bird Club meeting will be our Holiday Party as we do not have a December meeting. Bring along any good stories or pictures to share with everyone.

DATE: Wednesday, November 9
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30pm
FEE: Free to Members & Volunteers
LEVEL: Adult & Teen



HAND-IN-HAND

Explore nature with your little one! We will hike, play, do art activities and listen to a story. Dress for the weather because, best of all, we explore outdoors rain or shine. Choose from two programs:

Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

We will learn about our turkey friends and maybe even see one on the trails.

DATE: Thursday, November 10
TIME: Session I: Nov. 10 at 9:00 – 10:15am
 Session II: Nov. 10 at 10:30 – 11:45am
*****FEE:** M: \$12/pair; NM: \$15/pair
LEVEL: 2-4 year olds (Each child must be accompanied by an adult.)



Best Nests – Warm Winter Homes

We will learn about how animals get ready for winter and will look for animal homes on our hike.

DATE: Thursday, December 8
TIME: Session I: Dec. 8 at 9:00 – 10:15am
 Session II: Dec. 8 at 10:30 – 11:45am
*****FEE:** M: \$12/pair; NM: \$15/pair
LEVEL: 2-4 year olds (Each child must be accompanied by an adult.)

Discovery Nature Hike

We will walk along the meadows, woods, wetlands, and lakeshore of the Center while Don Quintenz leads us to the seasonal events that stir our sense of beauty or imagination and helps answer the questions that nature evokes in us. The entire program is taught on the trail. Physically you need to be able to walk any of the loop trails at the Center taking short, but frequent stops.

DATES: Thursday, November 17
Thursday, December 15
TIME: 1:30 – 3:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$5; NM: Adult \$7
LEVEL: Adult

Animal Movie Night**

Wow! It's getting cold outside. Warm-up with s'mores by the fire starting at 6:00pm. At 6:30pm Jim will bring out his cuddly friends like snake, frogs, and turtles for some show and tell. At 7:00pm we'll turn out the lights for a movie on the Auditorium's big screen. Bring a blanket and whatever else you need to get comfy for a good time at the Audubon Center. November's program will feature *Rio* on the big screen and in December we'll be watching *Kung Fu Panda 2*.

DATES: Friday, November 18 (Rio)
Friday, Dec. 16 (Kung Fu Panda 2)
TIME: 6:00 – 9:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$8, Child \$5
NM: Adult \$10, Child \$7
LEVEL: Families



Starry Nights of Winter

Do you enjoy seeking out stars, planets and constellations? Then join us for a fun evening of stargazing as we search the heavens from the trails and the top of our 60 foot tower. You'll feel like you can actually touch the sky! Winter is a wonderful time to see favorite constellations such as Orion the Hunter, the Big Dipper and Taurus the Bull. This is a great program for first-timers and those who just need a little help getting oriented to the night sky. The program begins inside the building and then it's time to hike outside. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and binoculars, if you have them. In case of cloudy skies, an all-indoor program on the solar system will be presented. This program will be offered twice.

DATES: Monday November 21
Monday, December 12
TIME: 6:30 – 8:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Adult \$7; Child \$5 (per program)
NM: Adult \$9, Child \$7 (per program)
LEVEL: Families

Raptor Saturday**

How does a Turkey Vulture keep her bald head warm in the freezing cold? How do owls find prey in the deep winter snow? Learn the answers to these questions and hear about other interesting raptor winter survival techniques and adaptations at Decembers' Raptor Saturday. Remember to join us on Saturday, November 5 for Xtreme Raptor Day (Rain or Shine)!

DATE: Saturday, December 3
TIME: 1:00 – 2:00pm
FEE: Free with Center Admission
LEVEL: Families

Sponsored by  Wisconsin Energy Foundation

Repamphibiantile Sunday**

Brrr! It's too cold for me and my friends. We're going to hang out inside the building. Meet frogs, snakes, turtles, and salamanders. While you're having fun, your folks can shop in our Nature Store. See you there!

DATE: Sunday, December 4
TIME: 12:00 – 1:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Free; NM: Adult \$6, Child \$4
LEVEL: Families



Fun in the Winter Sun

Hey kids, are you looking for something to do over winter break? Parents, do you need a few moments for yourself during this hectic time of year? Then bring the kids to the Center to spend the morning or afternoon hanging out with us! You'll see some great mammal furs and skulls, make an animal track to take home and meet a live animal friend. Of course, we'll also head outside for a trail hike to see who is awake and active this time of year. Hot chocolate to follow! The program is the same each time.

DATES: Wednesday, December 28
Thursday, December 29
TIME: 9:00 – 11:30am or 12:30 – 3:00pm
*****FEE:** M: Child \$12; NM: Child \$16
LEVEL: Children age 6-12

Cancellation by participants up to 14 days before a program will be refunded less a \$10.00 fee. After that time, no refunds will be given. Upon SANC cancellation of a program, a full refund will be given.

SANC's Second Annual Winter Carnival Sunday, January 22, 2012

Join Audubon Educators for an afternoon of winter fun and games. There will be snowshoeing for people age 12 and up and animal tracking hikes for the younger folks. We'll have exciting sessions all about snow crystals and how mammals keep warm. There will also be guided hikes down to the lakefront to observe beautiful ice formations. If conditions are right, you can ice skate on Mystery Lake - but don't forget to bring your own skates. With both indoor and outdoor activities, this event will go on regardless of the weather conditions. So dress for whatever nature throws our way and come celebrate winter with us!

TIME: NOON – 4:00PM
FEE: \$5/CAR



The Spiritual World of Nature**

This series seeks to help us all connect more intimately with nature by getting in touch with the powerful spiritual side of the natural world. Pre-registration is encouraged and all programs are geared for adults. Light snacks & refreshments provided for all classes.

*****FEE:** M: Adult \$10; NM Adult \$12

THE BAHAI FAITH: A FIVE PART SERIES

In October, we began series with an introduction to Baha'i Faith. Join us as we continue our five-part weekly series.

October 31: Doug Jordan will present "Spiritual and Physical Observations of a Biology Teacher". A quote from the sacred Baha'i writings indicates Doug's focus: "By nature is meant those inherent properties and necessary relations derived from the realities of things. And these realities of things, though in the utmost diversity, are yet intimately connected one with the other."

November 7: Architect Tom Kubala will present "Spiritual Expression for a Baha'i Architect." Tom's presentation will attempt a description of an architectural practice that manifests a spiritual worldview.

November 14: Don Quintenz will present "A New World Order that Brings Environmental Harmony." This discussion will answer questions about the series as a whole and tie in our previous presentations

DATE: Monday's October 31 – November 14

TIME: 10:00 – 11:30am

SUPPORTING THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

Montessori teacher and passionate early childhood educator Deborah Schein will examine the spiritual development of young children beginning at birth without making reference to God or religion. The talk will describe what spiritual development looks like at the beginning of human life, how it unfolds during childhood, and how parents, grandparents, teachers, and caregivers might best nurture it for a lifetime.

DATE: Thursday, November 10

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm

AN INTRO TO NATIVE AMERICAN CEREMONY: MOVING FROM THE PHYSICAL TO THE SPIRITUAL

Native American Spirituality always moves from what we perceive with our senses in nature to the unseen in the world of the "spirits." Using metaphors and symbols from the natural world, Dennis Hawk will introduce the group to ceremonies that are designed to bring us to health. These are ceremonies for the body, emotions, mind, and the spirit, and include: Wipe Downs, Buffalo Medicine, Buffalo Robe Healings & Affirmations, Truth Telling, Stone Medicine, and Smudging.

DATE: Tuesday, December 13

TIME: 1:30 – 3:00pm

AN INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN DRUMMING & SINGING

In this full participation workshop, Dennis Hawk will teach Native American spiritual songs in both Ojibwe and Lakota language. Dennis will focus on the Directional songs that can be found on Dennis' CD, Lodge Songs Vol. I., which is available on iTunes and through Dennis' website at www.dennishawk.com for those who would like to work on the songs in advance. Don't think that you have to be a great singer to participate in this workshop. All of our voices are honorable to Creator. This will be fun!



DATE: Tuesday, December 13

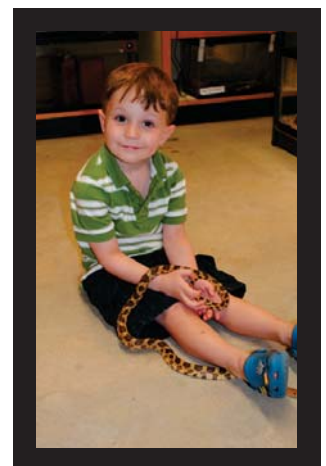
TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF OUR SNAKE NAMING CONTEST!

Congratulations to 4-year old Milo Patz for choosing the winning name for our 3-year-old, female Fox Snake. The Fox Snake was donated to the Center back in the summer and Secondary Education Manager Jim Hyatt (and spokesman for the names) proposed a Snake Naming Contest to title our scaly friend. Several interesting entries were received, including Vixen, Sly, Foxy, Guru, and Slytherin' - just to name a few. But the winning entry was received by Milo with his suggestion of Cooper!

Milo was given the opportunity to visit our animal care room, where he was able to meet Cooper and many of our other reptile and amphibian ambassadors.

To visit Cooper in person, along with our other animal ambassadors, join us for **Repamphibantle Sunday** on December 4th, where you'll have the opportunity to meet snakes, frogs, turtles, and salamanders. Join us for a fun-filled Sunday adventure!



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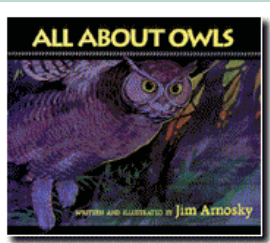
HALLOWEEN Hike Adventure

**Saturday, October 22
4:00 – 8:00pm**

Join us for our annual Halloween event. This year's theme will focus on books by Jim Amosky and his character "Crinkleroot."

Hikes will run at 10 minute intervals starting at 4:00pm. We will also have a Preschool Carnival, movies in the Auditorium, live raptors, and more!

**FEE: Adults \$8, Children \$6
CALL 414-352-2880 ext. 0 to register.**



XTREME RAPTOR DAY & TALON QUEST ADVENTURE HIKE

**DATE: Saturday, November 5
TIME: 10am – 4pm (Rain or Shine)**



Headlining our 4th Annual Xtreme Raptor Day will be one of our newest acquisitions, Mallary, a two-year old female American Kestrel. This pint-sized power house is dynamic in person. Be one of the first to meet and have your picture taken with her.

A new and challenging Talon Quest Adventure Hike will keep even the most experienced Questers on their toes... or should we say, "Talons?" The Xtreme talents of the Turkey Vulture have been incorporated into our hike. The race is on and you'll be able to go nose to nose with Tallulah. Using just your sense of smell, will you or Tallulah find one of her favorite foods (pumpkin) first? Indeed a Quest for the history books!

Additional activities include the Egg Smasher, Pellet Dissection, Xtreme Bake Sale, Xtreme Portraits with your favorite raptor, a Silent Auction and Pin the Tail on the Raptor.

There will also be Xtreme Raptor Day merchandise for sale, including long sleeve t-shirts that glow in the dark and our very own 2012 Sky Hunters Calendar. Join us for some fun!

FEE: Adults \$8 and Children \$6 (Members and Non-Members must pay fee.)

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| TIME: 10-10:30am | Meet Mallary, our newest raptor |
| 10am-4:00pm | Live raptors to visit and learn about, Pellet Dissection, Xtreme Portraits, Silent Auction and Pin the Tail on the Raptor, Egg Smasher Contest |
| 11am-4:00pm | Talon Quest Adventure Hike – Using your Xtreme Passport with a super secret map head out on our trails to find raptors in their natural habitats |
| 3:30-4:00pm | Flying Demonstration in the Auditorium |

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Schlitz Audubon Nature Center connects people with nature and inspires them to become responsible stewards of the natural world.

Reserve your Copy of the 2012 Sky Hunters Calendar!



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Reserve your very own copy of the 2012 Sky Hunters: Bird of Prey Calendar by completing the pre-order form below. The calendar will also be on sale at Xtreme Raptor Day, but supplies are limited, so get your copy today!



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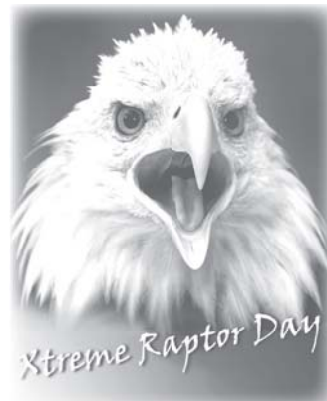
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (RAIN OR SHINE)

10:00AM - 4:00PM

FEE: ADULTS \$8.00 CHILDREN \$6.00

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- * LIVE RAPTORS * SCREECH OWL HOUSE *
- * XTREME BAKE SALE *
- * SILENT AUCTION * EGG SMASHER ACTIVITY *
- AND MUCH MORE!



PRE-ORDERS CAN BE PICKED UP AT SANC ON NOVEMBER 5 OR LATER.



2012 Sky Hunters Calendar Pre-Order Form

PRE-ORDER DEADLINE: October 24, 2011
(Price increases to \$14.95 on October 25.)

MAIL TO/DROP OFF: Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
Attn: Raptor Program
1111 E. Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217



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