



Pringle's Future Secured

The Pringle Nature Center (PNC) has achieved two major goals this year. Both of them provide for the future of the center.

Over the summer we incorporated as our own 501(c)(3). We are now a federally recognized not-for-profit organization. For the past several years we functioned under the auspices of the Hoy Audubon Society. We are very grateful for their assistance as we worked towards independence.

The hard work and achievements of the PNC were recognized by Kenosha County. They have agreed to assist us in funding our naturalist position. This ensures that we will continue to provide quality education to our school children into the future.

Thank you to all of those who helped us to come this far. Your efforts made a difference!



Children playing outside the Pringle Nature Center.

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No Child Left Inside Spring Break Programs

Don't leave your child inside this spring break. The PNC has three days of activities designed to get your child outside and exploring nature.

On Wednesday April 15 we will have an open mic—microscope that is. Seven microscopes will be set up and you can bring whatever you want to look at under mega magnification. Go out into the woods and find even more things to examine. We will also have some of our own slides set up for your perusal.

Thursday is all about recycling. Make new paper out of old newspaper. Go on a hike to discover how nature recycles its waste. Create a take home experiment to see what types of things red worms will and will not recycle and get information on vermiculture.

Our Friday program is all about the hunt—treasure hunting. We will have both a traditional treasure hunt as well as a geocaching course set up. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover some things that you

may have missed on your hikes through the woods.

All of our Ni Child Left Inside programs are free walk-in programs. Families are welcome to come whenever they wish and to stay for as long as they like. Enjoying the great outdoors is a tradition in Wisconsin, come be a part of that tradition!

Thank You to Our Sponsors

In the past year several organizations have sponsored major projects at Pringle. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of them.

The Chrysler Foundation sponsored 1000 students from Title 1 schools to visit the nature center. We are working with the district to invite the schools to have their programs here.

We Energies Foundation and **Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB)** co-sponsored a pro-

ject to bring forestry education to every student at Frank Elementary. The students received field trips and in-class lessons. The teachers will have a forestry in-service to help them put what they learned to use

Root-Pike WIN sponsored our Wisconsin Ephemeral Ponds Project which we did in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources.

The **Town of Bristol** supports the PNC every year with a generous grant that supports our ongoing work.

Wild Ones sponsored the expansion of our prairie restoration. Several scout groups helped get it started.

The following people and companies sponsored our Fall Festival and 5K Run/Hike:

Brightonwood Orchard, Jockey, Rogan Shoes, Super Sports, Rick Teklics and Ken Nelson.

If you are interested in sponsoring a project at Pringle please contact us at pnc@clsurf.org.

Seeking New Naturalist

We are looking for someone who can help us to reach our new goals while continuing with the great work that has already been

After two years working at Pringle Nature Center our naturalist, Christine Reardon, will be leaving to pursue a career in education. That leaves an opening for a new naturalist..

Pringle has come a long way in the past two years. Our programs to school and scout groups have increased. We have expanded our prairie. We have partnered with the DNR

to improve on public understanding of ephemeral ponds.

But there is still a long way to go. We would like to offer workshops to adults. Bristol Woods needs a master conservation plan. Pringle needs to increase its visibility within the community.

We are looking for someone who can help us to reach our new goals while continuing

with the great work that has already been accomplished.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping Pringle reach its goal please send a resume to pnc@clsurf.com or mail it to Pringle Nature Center / 9800 160th Ave / Bristol, WI 53104.

Time To Renew Your Membership

Each year Pringle Nature Center asks you to join us in the work we do and become a member.

As a member you become a partner in bringing environmental education to Kenosha.

You also participate in protecting important habitat in the area.

As a concerned citizen you know how important these things are to the future of our planet. We ask you to consider

this when you decide how much to give.

By becoming a member you get our newsletter 3x each year. Members are honored in the summer issue. You will also receive discounts to classes and

workshops.

If you joined the PNC at our Fall Fun Fest, we thank you. We encourage the rest of you to follow their example.

For those of you who want to be more directly involved in the work that we do, there is also the option of being a volunteer. For more information on volunteer opportunities call

Family Story Time Hike

Families with young children are invited to join us for a seasonal story. We will then go on an age appropriate hike. Hot chocolate will be served after the hike in the winter. Program runs from 10 to 11 am.

Jan 3 Feb 7 Mar 7
Apr 4 May 2 June 6

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 14th noon to 3:00 pm

Assist the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Ornithology Lab by participating in this annual bird count. Help keep track of how many and what species of birds visit the nations bird feeders. Get information on bird watching and attracting various species.

Spring Break Programs

April 15th-17th 10:00am to 3:00 pm

Open Mic—Look at the wonders of nature under our microscopes.

Recycling—Projects that help you reduce the amount of waste in your own home.

Treasure Hunt—Our treasure hunt will introduce you to things you might never have thought to look at before.

Earth Day Prairie Program

Last spring we seeded a new area of prairie. Join us in pulling out crabgrass and other undesirable plants to help it grow into a healthy habitat.

Webelos Geologist Badge

Jan 31st 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Identify minerals, rocks, and the role they play in earth formation.

**Webelos Naturalist Badge**

Apr 25th 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Learn about food webs, explore the nature center and take home a project.

**Home School Science Class**

Elementary classes run from 1:30 to 3:30 pm and cost \$3.50 per child.

Kindergarten through Second Grade

January 13th—Animals in Winter

February 10th—Insects

March 10th—Weather

April 7th—Soils

May 12th—Green Planet

Third through Fifth Grade

January 13th—Astronomy

February 10th—Rocks and Minerals

March 10th—Orienteering

April 7th—Predator and Prey

May 12th—Water Everywhere

Middle school classes run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and cost \$6.00 per child.

Sixth through Eighth Grade

January 16th—Astronomy

March 20th—Orienteering & Geocaching

May 15th—Soil and Water Science

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Putting People In Touch With Nature

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Happenings at Pringle

- Jan 3**—Storytime Hike 10 am to 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Jan 13**—Home School Elementary 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Jan 16**—Home School Junior High 10 am to 3 pm
- Jan 17**—Board Meeting 9 am
- Jan 31**—Webelos Geologist Badge 1 to 3 pm
- Feb 7**—Storytime Hike 10 am to 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Feb 10**—Home School Elementary 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Feb 14**—Board Meeting 9 am
- Feb 14**—Great Backyard Bird Count 12 to 3 pm
- Mar 7**—Storytime Hike 10 am to 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Mar 10**—Home School Elementary 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Mar 14**—Board Meeting 9 am
- Mar 20**—Home School Junior High 10 am to 3 pm
- Apr 4**—Storytime Hike 10 am to 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Apr 7**—Home School Elementary 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Apr 11**—Board Meeting 9 am
- Apr 15**—Spring Break Open Mic 10 am to 3 pm
- Apr 16**—Spring Break Recycling 10 am to 3 pm
- Apr 17**—Spring Break Treasure Hunt 10 am to 3 pm
- Apr 25**—Earth Day Prairie Restoration 9 am to 12 pm
- Apr 25**—Webelos Naturalist Badge 1 to 3 pm
- May 2**—Storytime Hike 10 am to 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- May 9**—Board Meeting 9 am
- May 12**—Home School Elementary 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- May 15**—Home School Junior High 10 am to 3 pm
- June 6**—Storytime Hike 10 am to 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- June 13**—Board Meeting 9 am