



Fall at Pringle Nature Center

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It's starting to become that time of year again. Kid's are dreading back-to-school, parents ecstatic for it, and the days are getting cooler (not that this summer wasn't cool enough!)

This fall will be an exciting and fun time here at Pringle. We are slowly adding more adult classes out here. The two you can look forward to are a nature art class lead by local artist Rozanne Cifaldi and in spring, a beginning bird class lead by the Hoy Audubon Birding Club.

Also starting this fall, we are offering more Birthday Party options for your children. For the budding naturalist or outdoor enthusiast in your family, there are now seven more options to choose from, from Survival to Bugs and Slugs!

So come on out this season to Pringle Nature Center to see what we have to offer or just to



A sample of Rozanne Cifaldi's photography which will be on exhibit throughout the month of September

Migration, Hibernation, and Change

Plants and animals are extremely well suited for this coming winter, there's nothing they can't handle.

During the winter months, plants don't truly "die". Our broad leaf trees or deciduous trees, are slowly bringing the sap back down to their roots to store there in the winter. They are essentially starving the leaves of food to protect the roots from the harsh cold. Pine trees or coniferous trees, are suited very well for winter con-

ditions. Their leaves or needles are wax coated as to prevent too much moisture to enter, which would bring fungus. The tree is also shaped in such a way, that the branches are able to hold the weight of the snow.

Animals have a myriad of ways they brave winter. One way is migration. They follow the food and well, who doesn't want to be in warmer weather all the time.

In Wisconsin, we only have three true hibernators, they are

so deep of sleepers, it's almost impossible to wake them up. They are woodchucks, ground squirrels, and bats. They do wake up every few weeks to grab a bite to eat. The other group of sleepers go into torpor, and they are merely taking a long winter nap. They can be easily awoken and wake up to forage for food.

So keep your eye out for some winter wildlife, you never know what you may spot.

Fall Fun Fest and 5K Run/Hike

The leaves are beginning to change color and that could only mean one thing - it's time for Pringle Nature Center's annual Fun Fest and 5K Run/Hike.

New this year, we will have various local organizations having booths where you can learn about various environmental issues and what you can do to help as well as local artists selling their wares.

In the morning, there will be the 5K Run/Hike. To register to participate, fill out and return the registration form or go to www.signmeup.com/66164 to register online. Race day registration begins at 7:00 a.m. There will be awards to the top three participants in each age group. Medals will go to the first place overall male and female, with one award per finisher.

The Fall Fun Fest begins at 9:00 a.m. where there will be Bluegrass music, enjoy hayrides, nature crafts, a guided nature hike, as well as many other activities.

If you're a member, you will receive free tickets for the various Fall Fun Fest Activities. Not a member, join to receive your tickets as well.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Nature Center and helps to continue make our environmental education programs stronger.

Volunteers will be needed to make this day a success. If you are interested in set-up or clean-up, food service, craft activities, greeting or ticket sales please contact Kay Wikel at dwikel@wi.rr.com.

We look forward to seeing your family there!

Wish list

Pringle Nature Center is growing and with that, we are looking for help. Big or small, your donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance!

- Soil auger
- Cloth napkins
- Children's rain and winter coats
- Hangers
- Children's winter boots, hats, scarves, mittens
- Compasses & GPS's
- Binoculars
- Bandana's
- 2-3 Hula hoops
- 3-4 Large storage containers
- Toilet paper tubes
- WindowAlert Decals

Art Brings Bristol Woods Alive

Pringle Nature Center was contacted awhile back by Rozanne Cifaldi, a local artist. She had been hiking in Bristol Woods and while taking photographs of the woods, became inspired. She showed the photographs to her mother, Elizabeth Cifaldi, and asked her to translate them in to water color paintings. This project took about two years of time, from her original visit to Pringle, to working on the images, then translating the images into water color paintings.

Rozanne is an avid hiker and her photographs were taken at Bristol Woods. Rozanne currently lives in Wadsworth, Lake County, Illinois.

Elizabeth is an accomplished award-winning watercolorist. Elizabeth now resides in Cudahy, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Both were originally from South Milwaukee, WI, and graduated from South Milwaukee High School. Their art is a mother, daughter joint expression and appreciation of the beauty of Wisconsin.

Throughout the month of September, Rozanne and Elizabeth's art will be showcased here at Pringle Nature Center. The public can stop in during business hours to view this pairs artwork.

Rozanne will also be teaching a class on September 19th at Pringle Nature Center, hoping that all artists from all backgrounds come out and be inspired by nature, to see what's out there, and where you will have a chance to create your own artwork.

Become a Fan!

If you have a Facebook™ page, become a fan of Pringle Nature Center! There you will be able to have event reminders sent to your mailbox, look at and submit your own photographs, and meet other people who enjoy Pringle just as much as you do!

The Green Goats

Healing the landscape one bite at a time - that's what Kim Hunter's goats do. They are apart of a new tool to help combat invasive plant species.

An invasive species is a plant or animal that has been brought into an area where it is not native and its natural predators are not there. Many were brought from Europe as reminders of home, others hitchhiked their way across the Atlantic and Pacific in the

cargo or bilge water of ships.

Prescribed grazing is gaining a stronger hold in the battle of ridding invasive plants. In nature, many habitats maintain their balance through grazing, plants have adapted to grow an off-shoot if it has been nibbled off.

Although livestock grazing is often blamed for promoting plant invasions, it can also enhance desirable plant

communities and help control invasive plant populations.

Pringle is applying for a grant to be able to employ Kim's goats. They will help restore a small section of the Oak Savannah, which is an endangered ecosystem, right next to the nature center. For more information about prescribed grazing go to Kim's website www.thegreengoats.com or go to www.fws.gov and search "prescribed grazing".



Kim Hunter with Monkey and William

Fall Calendar



Saturday Night Campfire Talks

Saturdays, September 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Come sit by the campfire ring in front of the nature center and learn about nature. Topics are different each week including Monarchs, where we'll tag and release our Monarchs and Wild Edibles. Check out our website for a complete list of the topics and times.

Friends: Free/General Public: \$2.00



Webelos Scout Badges

Saturday, September 19th, October 17th, and November 21st, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September – Forester Badge. Learn the important role that forests play in nature and in our lives.

October – Geologist Badge. Identify minerals, rocks, and the role they play in earth formation.

November – Naturalist Badge. Learn about food webs, explore the nature center and take home a project.

Pre-registration is required! \$3.50 per scout

Pringle Plein Air – OR Write, Sketch, Play, Snap

Saturday, September 19th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Capture your first impressions of nature – Rozanne Gifaldi will facilitate a plein air (outdoor) experience at PNC where you will explore the nature center and capture the essence of the outdoors. Express yourself – focusing on the artistic side of you. Dress for the outdoors. Bring your own supplies. Some suggestions: sketch book, journal, pencil, colored pencils, pastels, ink pens, markers, camera, musical instruments. Each of us in our own way will uncover and reveal the beauty we see in nature.

Friends: \$3/General Public: \$5

Day of Service with Chicago Wilderness

Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Chicago Wilderness Corporate Council will hold a Day of Service on National Public Lands Day to encourage thousands of volunteers to participate in restoration workdays throughout the CW region. Come to the Pringle site and help us get rid of invasive plants.

Free

LNCI Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, September 27th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

You're invited to bring your camera and your imagination for nature photography – scavenging style! We'll provide fun outdoor photography activities that can be enjoyed by every age and skill level.

Free



Fall Fun Fest & 5K Run/Hike

Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a great time for the entire family. Come and enjoy live music, go on hayrides through our beautiful trails, make crafts from autumnal materials, or listen to people speak about local efforts in conservation. There is something for every member of the family to enjoy. Become a Friend of Pringle and get free tickets for the festival!

Entry fees for 5K Run/Hike: On or Before October 1: \$15/Race Day: \$18

LNCI Teacher's Convention Day Camp

Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day

Instead of having your kids cooped up all day, send them to Pringle where we'll have day long activities out in nature for them. On October 29th, children will get ready for winter like the animals do. Forage for food and build shelters in the woods. On October 30th, children will learn what is lurking out in the nature center's woods and discover not all that's in the woods is scary. Children should bring a bag lunch and be dressed appropriately for the weather. **Pre-registration is required!**

Friends: \$8.00 per day/General Public: \$10 per day

Halloween Night Hike

Saturday, October 17th and Saturday, October 31st, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Don't let the ghouls and goblins scare you from coming out! Come dressed in your best Halloween costume for these Halloween hikes as we learn about how animals hide at night and see if our nocturnal friends will give us a treat or trick us. On the 17th will be a haunted hike and you can come anytime in between. A family friendly night hike will be offered on the 31st. **Pre-registration is required for the October 31st hike!**

Friends: \$3.00/General Public: \$5.00



Geocaching

Saturday, November 14th

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Whether you're an expert or novice, come on out to see if you can find our hidden cache's. There will be a short informational session at 1:00 and 2:00 before heading out to search for the cache's. Bring your own GPS or check out one of ours.

Friends: \$3.00/General Public: \$5.00

Geminids Meteor Shower

Sunday, December 13th

8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Come join us for the greatest show seen from Earth. The Geminids is one of the best meteor showers of the year with. Join us for an informal talk about the night skies and then with mugs of hot chocolate, we go out and view the skies. Dress warmly for the weather.

Pre-registration is required!

Friends: \$3.00/General Public: \$5.00

LNCI Candlelight Blue Moon Night Hike

Wednesday, December 30th

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

It only happens once in a Blue Moon...it's a Blue Moon! Come join us for this infrequent occurrence as we talk about the mythology of the moon and go out for a hike in the candle and moon lit snow. Later, we'll warm up with mugs of hot cocoa!

Pre-registration is required!

Friends: \$3.00/General Public: \$5.00

Friends of Pringle Nature Center Membership

The Pringle Nature Center, located in the heart of Bristol Woods County Park, is a treasure to Kenosha County. Our programs bring nature education to area students, youth groups, and families. Our trails are often hailed by hikers and skiers as some of the best in the area. As someone who appreciates nature, you know how important a place like this is to the community.

By becoming a Friend of Pringle you support environmental education and a unique community resource.

To become a Friend, or renew your membership, send your donation and the attached form to Pringle Nature Center.

Yes, I want to be a Friend of Pringle

Membership Levels

- Individual \$20
- Family \$35
- Prairie \$50
- Wetland \$100
- Savannah \$250
- Life Time \$500
- Additional Gift \$ _____

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Phone

Date

Happenings at Pringle

September 5th – Nature Story Time Hike: [A Diary of a Worm](#)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 12th – PNC Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

September 19th – Pringle Plein Air
10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

September 19th – Webelos Forester Badge
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 19th – Saturday Campfire Talk: Monarchs
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

September 26th – Invasive Species Workday/Chicago Wilderness Day of Service
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

September 26th – Saturday Campfire Talk: Beavers & Muskrats
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

September 27th – LNCI Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 3rd – Nature Story Time Hike: [The Other Way to Listen](#)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 3rd – Saturday Campfire Talk: Owls
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 10th – Pringle 5K Run/Hike and Fall Fun Fest
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

October 10th – Saturday Campfire Talk: Wild Edibles
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 17th – Webelos Geologist Badge
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 17th – Saturday Campfire Talk: Composting
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 17th – Haunted Halloween Hike
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

October 24th – Invasive Species Workday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 24th – Saturday Campfire Talk: Emerald Ash Borer & Gypsy Moth
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 29th & 30th – LNCI Teacher's Convention Days
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 31st – Family Friendly Halloween Night Hike
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

November – Hoy Audubon Beginning Bird Class
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 7th – Nature Story Time Hike: [When Winter Comes](#)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

November 14th – PNC Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

November 14th – Geocaching
1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

November 21st – Webelos Naturalist Badge
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 5th – Nature Story Time Hike: [Snow Tracks](#)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

December 12th – PNC Board Meeting
9:00 a.m.

December 13th – Geminids Meteor Shower
8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

December 30th – LNCI Blue Moon Candlelit Night Hike
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*Tuesday through Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

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