



Fall Fun Fest and 5K Run/Hike

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The apples are ripening on the trees, the leaves are beginning to change color, and the temperatures are beginning to drop and that could only mean one thing - it's time for Pringle's major fundraisers!

For a second year in a row, Pringle has been working with the County Parks, the Kenosha Public Museums, the City of Kenosha, and Hoy Audubon to plan this year's Fall Fun Fest/International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) Celebration for our Bird City Status. This year's theme is "Restore Habitat/Restore Birds".

The Fall Fun Fest/IMBD Celebration will be held Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have activities focused on bird conservation as well as pumpkin decorating and hay rides.

If you're a Friend of Pringle, renew your membership that day to receive five (5) free tickets for the various Fall Fun Fest Activities. Your membership renewal will be good for the rest of 2015 and the entire year of 2016. If you are not a Friend, join that day to receive your tickets as well and enjoy many other benefits of being a member including discounts on public programs, free snowshoe rental (availability may vary), and other benefits.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Nature Center and will help to continue making our environmental education programs stronger. Volunteers will be needed to make this day a success. If you are interested in helping please contact Kay Wikel at dwikel@wi.rr.com.

On November 7 will be the Pringle Prairie and Woods 5K Run/Hike. To register to participate, fill out and return the registration form found on the Pringle website or register online at <http://www.signmeup.com/109017>. Race day registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the race begins at 10:00 a.m. There will be awards to the top participants in each age group as well as to the first place overall male and female, with one award per finisher.



Ed Foster will return with his birds of prey.

Photo courtesy of Stephen Gifford

Tentative Schedule of Events (subject to change)

On-going Activities

- ◇ Hayrides
- ◇ Food
- ◇ Green Exhibitors
- ◇ Temporary Tattoos
- ◇ Falconer (by campfire stage)
- ◇ Kids Crafts

Scheduled Activities

- ◇ 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pond Safari
- ◇ 12:00 p.m. Bird Hike
- ◇ 1:00 p.m. Monarch tagging
- ◇ 1:00 p.m. Bird Hike
- ◇ 2:00 p.m. Prairie & Bird Hike

Green & Healthy Schools Provider

This past June, Pringle's naturalist went to the MacKenzie Center in Poynette to be a part of a new network of Provider organizations to Wisconsin's Green & Healthy Schools (GHS) program.

The GHS program was created to help provide recognition for schools who reduce environmental impact, improve health and wellness for students and the larger school community,

and prepare students who are environmentally literate, STEM-strong, ready to understand the sustainability challenges ahead. Anyone in the school community can get their school started. The state wanted to create a support system for schools to help retain their GHS status, so they approached green organizations to become Providers.

Members of the provider net-

work support one or many focus areas within GHS Wisconsin. Providers may coach schools through the entire process or provide professional development or curriculum resources for one or two aspects.

As a Provider, Pringle hopes to support and encourage schools through the GHS application process as well as to boost those that already are.

To learn more about GHS or to start your schools application visit GHSWisconsin.org.

Mighty Acorns New Curriculum

Over the past two years, the Mighty Acorns partnership worked to create a new curriculum that was better aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core. The curriculum was also twenty years old and needed a fresh, new look.

Last school year, a few of the partner locations tested the new curriculum to help work

out the bugs of the program.

The basic format of the program has remained the same - three visits to the site with a pre- and post-lesson plan for the classroom teacher to do with each visit, an on-site activity, free exploration, and a stewardship activity. The lessons are also now grouped into two themed tracks for teachers to choose from.

Starting with this school year, Mighty Acorns will be open to

third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. Many of the partners felt it was hard to get and retain the sixth grade since many of the students were now going off to different schools.

If you would like your child's class to be a part of this wonderful program, please contact the nature center so we can set up a meeting with their teacher.

Wish list

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

- Children's rain and winter coats
- Children's winter boots, hats, scarves, mittens
- Binoculars
- Digital SLR Camera
- 2-3 Hula hoops
- 3-4 Large storage containers
- Turtle food and tank filters
- Votive candles for candlelight hikes
- Bean bag chairs for library
- Copy paper
- Ink (Hp 950 & 951)
- Thermal laminating pouches
- Postage stamps
- Bird seed

EE in Wisconsin Update

Now that Wisconsin's state budget has been signed, here is a summary of results for environmental education:

- Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (WCEE) mandate restored
- Department of Public Instruction environmental education consultant position and authority restored
- Alternative teacher licensure proposal failed - Wisconsin's EE mandate for pre-service teachers remains in effect.
- Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB) eliminated a year later than originally planned (June 30, 2017 now) thanks to last minute action by Joint Committee on Finance. WEEB is offering one more grant program for projects in 2016 (general EE grants and forestry education/school forest grants - RFP expected by September 1 with deadline of October 31 and projects running Jan 2016-Dec 2016.)
- WDNR natural resources educator positions have been eliminated, individuals in those positions have been moved to other positions within the department. The WAEE is working with the WDNR to identify educational programs remaining and where and how to move educational resources and programs with no home.
- Specific cuts within UW-Extension (UWEX) are still being determined. The WAEE says that this is the largest cut in UWEX history and estimates currently project

an equivalent reduction of approximately 60-80 positions. UWEX is considering combining services so that personnel may no longer exist in every county. For example, county extension agents in the future may span multiple counties instead of an agent in each county.

We will continue to keep you informed about statewide environmental education impacts as we know more from the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education. In the meantime, thank you for those of you who spoke out to help save as much as we did in this budget cycle.

Fall Calendar

To register for programs, please call the nature center or go to <http://ow.ly/oq8qp> to register online.

Teacher Naturalist Volunteer Training

Are you interested in nature and would love to share that curiosity with the next generation? Pringle Nature Center is offering training sessions for the classes we offer to school groups. Come for some or all of the sessions. Check out our website for the educational programs we offer that might interest you.

Tuesday, September 15th: Kindergarten Programs 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; First Grade 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16th: Second Grade 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Third Grade 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 17th: Fourth Grade 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Fifth Grade 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.



Girl Scout Brownie and Junior Badges

Juniors – Saturday, October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th, 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Brownies – Saturday, October 17th, November 21st, and December 19th, 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

October – Flowers (Juniors) and Bugs (Brownies)

November – Animal Habitats (Juniors) and Senses (Brownies)

December – Geocacher (Juniors) and Hiker (Brownies)

Pre-registration is required! Registration form and payment are due the Thursday before the program. \$4.00/scout

Webelos Scout Badges

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

October – Into the Woods Badge. Learn the important role that forests play in nature and in our lives.

November – Earth Rocks! Badge. Identify minerals, rocks, and the role they play in earth formation.

December – Into the Wild Badge. Learn about food webs, explore the nature center and take home a project.

Pre-registration is required! Registration form and payment are due the Thursday before the program. \$4.00/scout

Leave No Child Inside Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 12th, 1:00 p.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. Come and leave when you like. *Free*

Fall Fun Fest/International Migratory Bird Day Celebration & 5K Trail Run/Hike

Saturday, September 19th, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Fun Fest) and Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Run)

Join us for a great time for the entire family. Come and go on hayrides through our beautiful trails, see a falconer, or listen to people speak about local efforts in conservation. Become a Friend of Pringle and get free tickets for the festival!

Fall Festival: Free admission; prices vary with activity. Entry fees for 5K Run/Hike: \$15 (same day registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

Beginning Geocaching

Saturday, October 10th, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Whether you've just started or are curious about geocaching, come on out to see if you can find our hidden cache's. There will be a short informational session at 1:00 and 2:30 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

Leave No Child Inside: Halloween Night Hike

Friday, October 16th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Don't let the ghouls and goblins scare you from coming out! Come dressed in your best Halloween costume for this safe alternative Halloween hikes. We will talk about the moon, the animals associated with Halloween, and let the moon light guide us. We'll warm up with hot chocolate afterwards. Please leave your flashlights at home as they will spoil the experience. **Pre-registration is required!**

Friends: \$4.50/General Public: \$6.00

Halloween Candlelight Night Hike

Friday, October 30th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Come out if you dare to see if the ghouls really do come out at night. Come dressed in your best Halloween costume! The trails will be lit by candles. You might hear things that go bump in the night in the woods. Come and leave when you like. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

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

Project Learning Tree PreK-8 Workshop Saturday, October 31st

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Spend a fun and activity-filled day getting hands-on experience with the award-winning environmental education program, Project Learning Tree. Registration is required by October 20th in order to ensure enough curriculum guides *\$25.00/person*

Leave No Child Inside: A Bug's Home Saturday, November 14th

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

What makes a bug's home special? Is it where it sleeps? How warm does it need to be? Does it live in a "mansion" or an "apartment"? Learn what makes a bug's home and see if you can create your own.

Friends: \$4.50/General Public: \$6.00

Geminids Meteor Shower

Saturday, December 12th

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 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

Leave No Child Inside: Winter Discovery Hike

Saturday, December 12th

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Just because we can't see it, doesn't mean there's nothing out there in the winter time! Join us as we discover tracks, learn about camouflage, and see what animals we can spot.

Friends: \$4.50/General Public: \$6.00

Candlelight Night Hike & Winter Solstice Celebration

Tuesday, December 22nd

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Bring the family out to celebrate the Winter Solstice as we learn about the Solstice and burn a Yule log. We will also go out for a hike in the candle and moon lit snow. Later, we'll warm up with mugs of hot cocoa! Please leave your flashlights at home as they will spoil the experience.

Pre-registration is required!

Friends: Free/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. Members receive this newsletter seasonally as well as fee reductions on programs.

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: The Day the Sun Danced
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 12th – United Way Day of Service 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

September 12th – Leave No Child Inside: Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 15th – Teacher Naturalist Volunteer Training: Kindergarten, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./First Grade, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 16th – Teacher Naturalist Volunteer Training: Second Grade, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./Third Grade, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

September 17th – Teacher Naturalist Volunteer Training: Fourth Grade, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./Fifth Grade, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

September 19th – Pringle Fall Fun Fest/IMBD Celebration 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 26th – Invasive Species Workday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 3rd – Nature Story Time Hike: Fall Leaves 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 3rd – Junior Girl Scouts Flowers Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

October 10th – Beginning Geocaching 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

October 12th – PNC Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

October 16th – Leave No Child Inside: Halloween Full Moon Night Hike 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 17th – Brownies Girl Scout Bugs Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

October 17th – Webelos Into the Woods Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

October 30th – Halloween Candlelight Night Hike 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

October 31st – Project Learning Tree Workshop 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

November 7th – Pringle 5K Trail Run/Hike 10:00 a.m.

November 7th – Junior Girl Scouts Animal Homes Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

November 14th – Leave No Child Inside: A Bug's Home 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

November 21st – Brownies Girl Scout Senses Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

November 21st – Webelos Earth Rocks! Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 22nd – Invasive Species Work Day 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

November 26th/27th – Closed for Holiday

December 5th – Nature Story Time Hike: First Snow in the Woods 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

December 5th – Junior Girl Scouts Geocacher Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

December 14th – PNC Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

December 12th – Leave No Child Inside: Winter Discovery Hike 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

December 12th – Geminid Meteor Shower Viewing 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

December 19th – Brownie Girl Scouts Hiker Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

December 19th – Webelos Into the Wild Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 22nd – Kenosha County Christmas Bird Count All Day

December 22nd – Candlelight Night Hike & Winter Solstice Celebration 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

December 25th/26th – Closed for Holiday



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

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