

Calendar of Events

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road, Sioux City, Iowa 51109

Exit 151 I-29, Take State Road 12 North for 4 miles to the Nature Center.

To register for events or for more information call 712-258-0838 Or check our website – www.woodburyparks.com

All events are free of charge unless noted.

Saturday, February 13: *Winter Survival Skills*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 10:00 a.m. Learn some basic survival techniques for the cold weather. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

Wednesday, February 17: *Snowshoeing*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 10:00 a.m. Dress in layers for this fun outdoor activity. Snow boots are required. Class limit: 18. We will not be able to snowshoe unless there is a minimum of 4 inches of snow on the ground. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.



Sunday, February 21: *The All-America Concert Band performs the concert "What in the World?"* 3:00 p.m. at Eppley Auditorium. All of the proceeds will benefit the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation and Siouxland Blood Bank. Concert will include selections from around the world and features clarinetist Jay O'Leary. Tickets are \$10 each; students are free. Call for advance tickets at 712-258-0838 or tickets are available at the door.

Friday, February 26: *Snowshoeing*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 1:30 p.m. Dress in layers for this fun outdoor activity. Snow boots are required. Class limit: 18. We will not be able to snowshoe unless there is a minimum of 4 inches of snow on the ground. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

Wednesday, March 3: *OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Souls)*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 11 a.m. **Jill Titcomb**, O'Brien County Conservation Board Naturalist will present *Cultural Lifeways Investigations*. Participants will explore over 14 thousand years of people living in NW Iowa before Europeans arrived in North America! Learn their technologies, living conditions, animals they were hunting, and more. Gain hands-on investigative insights into the past. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

Wednesday, March 3: *Weaving and Basketry*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 6:30 p.m. **Jill Titcomb**, O'Brien County Conservation Board Naturalist will teach us about us how the earliest residents of NW IA made baskets and used weaving techniques to make the items necessary for survival. You'll have a chance to try your hand at using these techniques to make a woven basket or other helpful object. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

Sunday, March 7: *Woodbury County Conservation Foundation Annual meeting*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 1:30 p.m. WCCF members and members of the public are invited to attend this meeting. It will be held just prior to the Peregrine Falcon program and falcon release.

Sunday, March 7: *Peregrine Falcon Release*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 2:00 p.m. Kay Neumann of Saving Our Avian Resources (SOAR) will share about falcons and a wild peregrine falcon that was injured & has now recovered will be released back into the wild. Sponsored by the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation.



Tuesday, March 9: *Nature Tales*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 10 a.m. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special storytime about raccoons. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

Saturday, March 13: *Raptor and Colonial Waterbird Nesting workshop*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 10-4pm. Learn how to identify breeding raptors, herons, egrets; find nests and rookeries and report to Iowa DNR. For information on how to register and other details, please visit <http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/diversity/vwmp.html> or contact Stephanie Shepherd, 515-432-2823 x 102, stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov. Cost is \$5.00.

Sunday, March 14: *Frog and Toad Call Survey Training*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by sight and sound and report to Iowa DNR. For information on how to register and other details, please visit: <http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/diversity/vwmp.html> or contact Stephanie Shepherd, 515-432-2823 x 102, stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov. Cost is \$5.00.

Saturday, March 20: *Artist Open House*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., DPNC. This event will include local exhibiting artists that will share more about their art form and have special items for sale. In addition to the artists, the Nature Center's gift shop will host a variety of special discounted items.

Wednesday, April 7: *OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Souls)*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 11 a.m. Resource Naturalist Jim Henning will share more about *Methane Capture for Energy Recovery*.



Saturday, April 10: *Earthfest Celebration* at Morningside College at the Buhler Outdoor Performance Center. Noon to dark. Six outstanding popular contemporary bands and performers. Food and non-alcoholic beverages for purchase, or bring your own food and beverage. Info booths, door prizes and earth friendly demonstrations. Sorry, no pets allowed. Sponsored by NW Iowa Sierra Club, Loess Hills Audubon Society, Friends of Stone Park, Morningside College, Woodbury County Conservation, other environmental groups and KPTH-Fox 44.

Sunday, April 18: *Prairie Rescue*, 1:00-4:00 p.m, DPNC. Help us manage the prairie by cutting out woody invasive plants such as sumac & dogwood. Work gloves, sturdy shoes, handsaws and loppers are recommended.

Tuesday, April 13: *Nature Tales*, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 10 a.m. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special storytime. We'll learn about rabbits this month. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838.

Friday, April 30 – Saturday, May 1: *Woodbury County Parks, Campgrounds and Cabins open for the Season.* Camping Kickoff: receive a coupon for a free future night of camping at any Woodbury County Park when you camp at one of our parks during Camping Kickoff Weekend. Eligible campgrounds: Brown's Lake, Snyder Bend Park, Little Sioux Park, Southwood Conservation Area.

Saturday, May 1: *Papermaking and Natural Cards*, DPNC. 10:00 a.m., Looking for a unique Mother's Day gift? Make paper using recycled materials and wildflower seeds. You'll be able to plant your paper later to see what types of flowers will grow. Call 712-258-0838 to pre-register.

Saturday, May 8: *Open House at the Fowler Forest Shelter*, near Smithland. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Stop out for some refreshments and opportunities to learn more about Woodbury County Conservation Board. This is the first in a series of Open Houses to celebrate 50 years of conservation in Woodbury County.

Saturday, May 8: *Wildflower Walk*, Fowler Forest Preserve, near Smithland. 1:30 p.m. Join us in celebrating Iowa Wildflower Week by looking for Spring blooms on this walk.

June 4-6: *Loess Hills Prairie Conference* near Onawa, Iowa. For more information call 1-800-352-9040.