

## 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](http://www.woodburyparks.com)

All events are free of charge unless noted.

**Thursday, February 16: *Snowshoe Hike***, Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Dress for the weather & learn how to snowshoe. Snow boots are required. There must be a minimum of 4 inches of snow on the ground for this event to take place. Space is limited to 17 people. Pre-register.

**February 17-20: Great Backyard Bird Count.** For information on how to participate go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>. If you don't have access to the internet and would like to participate please contact the nature center.

**Sunday, February 19: *Great Backyard Bird Count and Local Birds***, 2:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join naturalist Jim Henning as he shares more about our local bird population, the backyard bird count and view birds at our feeding stations.

**Saturday, February 25: *Woodbury County Chapter Pheasants Forever Banquet***. For tickets contact Scott at 712-277-2263.

**February 27, 28, 29: *Hunter Education Class***, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., each night. Must attend all sessions to be certified. Free. All attendees MUST pre-register online only at: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/training> and selecting the Woodbury County/Sioux City class. If you have any problems registering contact Stacey Sisco at 712-301-6735. Participants must be at least 11 years of age.

**Wednesday, February 29: *Leap Day Snowshoe Hike***, 2:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Dress for the weather & learn how to snowshoe on Leap Day. Snow boots are required. There must be a minimum of 4 inches of snow on the ground for this event to take place. Space is limited to 17 people. Pre-register.

**Saturday, March 3: *Prairie Plant Preventatives for Cold & Flu***, 10-11 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Amanda Husmann will share her knowledge on how prairie plants and herbs can be used to help prevent colds & flu. Cost: \$5 per person for supplies to make & take herbal samples. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 712-258-0838. A featured program of the Tallgrass Prairie Exhibit.

**Wednesday, March 7: *O.W.L.S.—Older, Wiser, Livelier Souls***. 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Armchair Adventure to the Galapagos Islands with Dr. Ted Wilson from Briar Cliff University. Ted will share the recent trip taken by BCU college students.

**Thursday, March 8: *Teacher Open House***, 4-7 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Educators of all grade levels and schools are welcome to drop in and tour our exhibits, meet the naturalists, enjoy some refreshments and learn about field trip and program opportunities for your students.

**Thursday, March 8: *Live Animal Feeding***, 4:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join us every second Thursday of the month at this time to view us feed the snakes and salamanders. Learn more about these amazing animals and their adaptations.

**Saturday, March 10: *Build a Bluebird Box***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. We will provide the materials, you provide the labor! Pre-register for this program so we have enough materials. Cost: \$10 per bluebird box. Limited registration: 20 people.

**Saturday, March 10: *Loess Hills Longbeards Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet***. For tickets contact Ralph at 712-239-4531.

**Tuesday, March 13: *Nature Tales***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Turtles. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@sioux-city.org](mailto:tkruid@sioux-city.org).

**Thursday, March 22: *Make & Take Nature Crafts***, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Kids, on your day out of school visit the nature center and make some cool crafts. Free!

**Friday, March 23: *Animal Meet & Treat***, 1:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Another chance for kids to come out and meet our live animals—snakes, turtles and salamanders. Then, enjoy a neat treat—we will make a special snack shaped like an animal and created by you. Pre-registration is appreciated. Cost: \$1.

**Thursday, March 29: *Volunteer Banquet***. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Volunteers, mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of great food and volunteer recognition.

**Tuesday, April 10: *Nature Tales***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Spring. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@sioux-city.org](mailto:tkruid@sioux-city.org).

**Thursday, April 12: *Early Day Camp Registration Begins*** for Woodbury County Conservation Foundation members only.

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**Thursday, April 19: *General Day Camp Registration Open***

**Saturday, April 21: *Prairie Rescue***, 10 a.m. – Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Meet at the Nature Center. Help us remove woody vegetation from our prairie. Bring your own hand tools such as loppers and bow saws. Gloves and sturdy walking shoes recommended. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling 712-258-0838.

**Saturday, April 28: *E-Recycling Event***, Long Lines Parking lot, Sioux City. For more info contact Derek at 712-279-6349 or [dcarmona@sioux-city.org](mailto:dcarmona@sioux-city.org).

**Saturday, April 28: *Bag It The Movie: Is Your Life Too Plastic?*** at the Orpheum Theatre, Sioux City, 4:30 p.m. View this free, acclaimed film that has garnered awards at film festivals across the nation. What started as a documentary about plastic bags evolved into a wholesale investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and even our bodies. Join the Bag It movement and decide for yourself how plastic your life will be. Co-sponsored by the Sioux City Environmental Advisory Board and Woodbury County Conservation Board. Special thanks to the Siouxland Film Festival. For more on the movie visit: <http://www.bagitmovie.com/>

**May 1: *Woodbury County Parks and Campgrounds officially open for the season.***

**May 4-6: Free Camping to all Woodbury County Residents in any Woodbury County Conservation Board Campground.** Includes Snyder Bend Park, Brown's Lake/Bigelow Park, Little Sioux Park and Southwood Conservation Area. For more on our parks visit [www.woodburyparks.com](http://www.woodburyparks.com).

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