

SUNDAY SPECIALS

No pre-registration; offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Members and non-members check in at the front desk.

A Taste of the Tropics—Live Animal Show Limit 100

See bats, macaws, tortoises, and more! Learn about these magnificent creatures and support the Friends of Wood Lake while enjoying refreshments.

Sunday 1:00-2:00 pm
March 7 \$5/person, free for members

Marvelous Maples Limit 30

Discover the natural and cultural history of maple syruping. Identify and tap trees, collect sap, and enjoy a maple treat!

Sundays 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
March 14, 21 \$3/person, free for members

Signs of Spring Limit 25

No matter what it looks like outside, spring is here! Look for signs of spring like owl nests, bird flocks, and squirrel behavior.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
March 28 \$3/person, free for members

Bird House Building Limit 25

Build a recycled cedar wren house and help these beneficial birds. Learn tips about birdhouse placement and maintenance.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
April 11 \$3/person, free for members + &7/birdhouse

Earth Day Every Day!

Participate in an earth-friendly scavenger hunt (complete with prizes) that will help clean all corners of the park!

Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm
April 18 Free

Wild Greens Taste Great! Limit 25

Learn and bring home recipes to prepare healthy, budget-friendly meals using stinging nettles and other wild edibles.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
April 25 \$3/person, free for members

Incredible Insects Limit 25

From honeybees to dragonflies, discover the amazing attributes of insects while using sweep nets to search for these beauties.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
May 2 \$3/person, free for members

Turtle Sundaes Limit 25

Investigate these prehistoric creatures up close and in the marsh. Listen to stories and enjoy a delicious ice cream treat.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
May 9 \$3/person, free for members

Take a Dip in the Marsh Limit 25

An afternoon aquatic adventure awaits. Dip in the marsh with nets and cups to see what critters are emerging in the spring.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
May 16 \$3/person, free for members

Wildflowers, Honey, and Ice Cream Limit 20

Spend the afternoon exploring Wood Lake's wildflowers, visiting a honey bee colony, and making homemade honey ice cream.

Sunday 1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
May 23 \$3/person, free for members

Summer Camps for Kids

Pre-registration and prepayment required; call 612-861-9365. Healthy snacks provided with all camps. Registration begins March 1 for Richfield residents and Friends of Wood Lake members, March 8 for non-residents.

Preschool Day Camps (ages 4-6)

Resident Fee: \$37 Non-resident Fee: \$45
Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am

Totally Terrific Turtles #5677 June 15-17

Delight in learning about these wonderful creatures known for their slow walk and hard shells. Go on a turtle hike, play turtle inspired games, make turtle shells, and meet and feed Wood Lake's resident turtles.

Magical Mud #5678 June 29-July 1

Put on boots and play clothes and get ready for some muddy fun. Discover the amazing sights, smells, and sounds of this squishy stuff while learning all about the many uses of mud.

Tadpoles & Toads #5679 July 27-29

Through games, demonstrations, crafts and live animals, learn how these amazing creatures magically transform. Each day will be a hopping new adventure!

Birds, Bees & Bunnies #5680 August 10-12

Fly, buzz, and hop while exploring bird nests, a live bee hive, and the furry mammals that call Wood Lake home. Make a natural bird feeder, eat healthy honey snacks, and play games that will keep everyone hopping!

Dino-Mite! #5681 August 17-19

Have a roaring good time uncovering dinosaur eggs and bones like paleontologists! Create a dinosaur skeleton, dig for fossils, and encounter live dinosaur relatives.

Kindergarten Graduate Day Camps

Resident Fee: \$37 Non-resident Fee: \$45
Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am

Marsh Explorers #5648 June 22-24

Come on a magical adventure to the wet and muddy marsh of Wood Lake! Uncover its many inhabitants through hikes, experiments, crafts, and games. Get your hands wet and encounter creatures big and small.

Where the Wild Things Are #5649 July 6-8

Discover the amazing animals and plants that live in the wild of Wood Lake Nature Center. Explore how species from the marsh, prairie, and forest survive. Get ready for a wild week of hikes, games, snacks, and stories!

While You Were Sleeping #5650 July 20-22

While kids are tucked in their beds, the deer, bats and owls at Wood Lake are just waking up. Enjoy hikes and seek out the hiding places of nocturnal animals that will inspire the day's art projects and snacks!

Snake Safari #5651 August 10-12

Seek out slithering snakes in the wilds of Wood Lake! Discover the amazing adaptations these scaly reptiles display through crafts, games and



First-Second Grade Graduate Day Camps

Resident Fee: \$65 Non-resident Fee: \$75
Mondays-Fridays, 9:00-11:30 am

Fantastic Forts

Session I #5652 June 14-18

Session II #5653 August 16-20

Work in groups to build forts from fallen sticks, logs, and tarps. These uniquely-designed hideouts are home base for snacks, activities, and games. Parents can visit the fort on Friday.

Adventures in Art #5654 June 28-July 2

Kids don't have to be artists to join in on the fun. Create arts and craft projects; inspired by outdoor hiking and nature stories. Clear off the refrigerator to make room for all the artwork!

Marsh Mysteries #5655 July 26-30

What eats cattails? Who lives in mud? Answer these and other mysteries by exploring the marsh to see what creatures live below the surface. Catch and learn how to handle critters safely.

Nature's Not Too Yucky #5657 August 23-27

Toads that squirt blood, snakes that smell like garbage, it's all gross and it's all about survival. Discover some of nature's most amazing wonders through hikes, stories, games and activities.

Third-Sixth Grade Graduate Day Camps

Resident Fee: \$65 Non-resident Fee: \$75
Mondays-Fridays, 9:00-11:30 am

Fantastic Forts #5660 June 21-25

Work in groups to build forts from fallen sticks, logs, and tarps. These uniquely-designed hideouts are home base for snacks, activities, and games. Parents can visit the fort on Friday.

Outdoor Survival Skills #5661 June 28-July 2

Learn the skills needed to survive outdoors and become more aware of the natural world. Discover how to use a compass and read a map, build a shelter and fire, track animals, and identify edible plants. Use these new skills in the Survivor Challenge!

Intro to Animal Care #5662 July 19-23

Develop the skills needed to take care of many of Wood Lake's captive animals. Exercise and feed animals, clean cages, and design your own animal exhibit to go on display in the nature center about the care of your favorite critter!

CSI: Wood Lake #5663 August 9-13

Investigate the remains of fur, feathers and bone while exploring Wood Lake in search of clues to animal life. Learn the skills of a forensic naturalist by identifying bones, teeth, footprints, and scat to piece together the stories of life in the wild.

Bike Hike #5664 August 23-27

Review bike safety and maintenance, then pedal to a variety of fun destinations including playgrounds, an ice-cream shop, swimming, mini-golf, and Minnehaha Falls. Price includes all admission fees and a snack. **Class runs from 9:00-12:30 pm. \$85 for Richfield residents, \$95 for non-residents.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Environmental Book Club

Join other adults to discuss environmental books. Refreshments provided. \$5/person, free for members. 6:30-8:00 pm.

Tuesday, April 6: *An Unspoken Hunger*, by Terry Tempest Williams
Tuesday, May 11: *Wesley the Owl*, by Stacey O'Brien

Spring Bird Hikes

Enjoy a spring hike while identifying migrating and resident birds by sight and sound. Binoculars available for loan; call to register.

Mondays 6:00 pm-sunset
April 26, May 3 \$5/hike, free for members

Nordic Pole Walking

Burn calories and experience all the benefits of Nordic pole walking. Poles provided for class use and will also be available for purchase. Wear comfortable outdoor shoes; call to register.

Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm
May 20 \$19/person

Wood Lake Walks

Walk with an adult group for 30-60 minutes. Use Nordic walking poles, if you choose. Meet at gated entrance of Center. Building not open during evening session. Weather-permitting.

Begins March 20 Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
Saturdays, 9:30 am

Breeding Bird-a-thon

Birders will collect breeding bird information for Wood Lake's new bird kiosk. Event includes breakfast kick-off, birding by canoe, bird-friendly coffee, and speaker Ron Windingstad, MN Audubon Society. Enter to win a four-night stay at the Blue Tang Inn on Ambergris Caye in Belize. Call 612-861-9365 for more information or to register.

Saturdays, June 12, 19, & 26 6:30 am-10:30 pm
\$50/person; discounted admission for FOWL, Audubon, and MOU members.

ADULT/CHILD CAMPS

Nature Adventurers—Summer Edition

Investigate the natural world with your child (ages 3-5 years) through hands-on activities, crafts, and stories. 10-11:30 am; \$20 per session.

Mon & Wed	Tues & Thurs	Topic
June 21 & 23 #5665	June 22 & 24 #5669	Feathered Friends
July 12 & 14 #5666	July 13 & 15 #5670	Turtle Tales
July 26 & 28 #5667	July 27 & 29 #5671	Dino Digs
August 16 & 18 #5668	August 17 & 19 #5672	Bugs in the Mud

Camp Organic #5673 July 12-16

Explore the marsh, woods, and prairie through outdoor discovery, crafts, organic snacks, and sharing ideas about how families can help the earth. Appropriate for children ages 4-11 and their favorite adults. Mon-Fri, 9:30-11:30 am. \$65 for residents, \$75 for non-residents.

Junior Naturalists (4th-6th grade graduates)

Mondays and Wednesdays	Tuesdays and Thursdays
June 14-July 14 (off July 5)	June 15-July 15
#5658 1:00-3:00 pm	#5659 1:00-3:00 pm

Learn what it's like to be a naturalist. Receive hands-on animal care training, assist with prairie and forest management, and learn how to identify and survey plants, birds, insects, amphibians, mammals, and more! \$65 for Richfield residents, \$75 for non-residents.

Wood Lake Nature Center

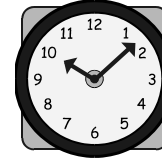
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Wood Lake Nature Center is a 150-acre natural area dedicated to environmental education, wildlife observation, and outdoor recreation. Three miles of trails and boardwalks wind through the park, and most are wheelchair accessible during summer months. To preserve the natural habitat, no pets, bikes, or rollerblades are allowed.

The Interpretive Center offers visitors a chance to learn more about plants, animals, and the environment. Staff naturalists are available to answer questions during building hours. For more information about nature center classes, programs, or facilities, please call 612-861-9365 or visit www.woodlakenaturecenter.org.



HOURS

Building Hours:	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Park Hours:	Daily 5:00 am - 11:00 pm
Monday-Saturday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Building closed legal holidays.	Trails remain open.
Sunday			

GROUP PROGRAMS

Interpretive naturalists have developed engaging, hands-on programs for schools, homeschools, childcare centers, scouts, adults with disabilities, and other groups. Cost is \$4 per participant (\$40 minimum). For a program list, visit www.woodlakenaturecenter.org/programs. Call 612-861-9365 for availability.

ROOM RENTAL

The nature center offers a wonderful setting for meetings, parties, anniversaries, and receptions. Auditorium rental includes seating for 60-80, tables and chairs, use of the fireplace, and a beautiful view of the marsh. No alcohol or helium balloons.
Richfield Resident Fee: \$41/hour for private party rentals *Non-Resident Fee: \$46/hour for private party rentals*
\$31/hour for non-profit groups. *\$31/hour for non-profit groups*

COMMUNITY GARDEN INFORMATION

Garden plots (15' x 20'; plowed and irrigated) are available for seasonal rental on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$30 per plot; four-plot maximum per household. Registration must be done in-person at the nature center. Weather permitting, the plots will be ready in early May. The Community Gardens are located at 5844 28th Ave. Registration begins on:
Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am for Richfield residents *Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am for non-residents (if still available)*

FRIENDS OF WOOD LAKE MEMBERSHIP

Individual (\$30): Includes free admission to Sunday Specials (up to \$3 discount), Half-Haunted Halloween, Candlelight & Ice, Live Animal Show, and Adult Book Club; free cross-country ski and snowshoe rental, 10% discount on select programs and merchandise, plus newsletter.

Family (\$50): Same as Individual benefits for a maximum of two named adults residing at the same address and their dependent children or grandchildren under age 18.

Sustaining (\$100): Same as Family plus four Wood Lake mugs.

Corporate (\$250): Engraved plaque plus Family benefits for one family.

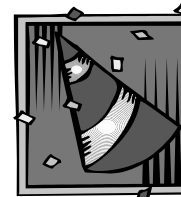
Life (\$1000): Same as Family plus framed Wood Lake photo.

NATURE ADVENTURERS

Young explorers (ages 3-5) accompanied by an adult will have an exciting time exploring a different natural topic each visit. Enjoy stories, crafts, hands-on activities, snack, and outdoor discovery time. Registration and prepayment required. \$8/child/class.

Mondays (10-11:30 am)	Tuesdays (10-11:30 am)	Wednesdays (1-2:30 pm)	Topic
April 5	April 6	April 7	Brilliant Birds
April 19	April 20	April 21	Earth Day Every Day
May 3	May 4	May 5	Fantastic Forts
May 17	May 18	May 19	Darting Dragonflies

BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Wood Lake offers a variety of birthday parties that are fun, educational, and the mess stays with us! We provide a naturalist-led activity and use of the party room with tables, chairs, and tablecloths. Payment is due when the party is booked. For an additional \$10 make it a "green" party; includes reusable dishes, silverware and recycled paper napkins. Treat bags are available for \$2 each. Visit www.woodlakenaturecenter.org for additional information and full party descriptions.

Time: 1½ hours total (first 45 minutes with naturalist, last 45 minutes without naturalist)
Resident Fee: \$75 for up to ten children, \$4 per additional child (maximum 15)
Non-Resident Fee: \$85 for up to ten children, \$4 per additional child (maximum 15)

Critter Hunt (ages 4-5) Become nature detectives and look for hidden animals at Wood Lake.

Treasure Hunt (ages 5-9) Find clues along the trail to receive puzzle pieces that lead to a treasure!

Scaly Tales (ages 5-12) Meet a snake, turtle, and salamander and learn about these amazing creatures!

Tracks & Trails (ages 5-12) Make a plaster animal track, then hike the trails to look for real animal tracks!

Creatures from the Marsh (ages 5-12) Head out with nets and buckets to discover what creatures lurk in Wood Lake's marsh.

Games (ages 7-12) Hawk vs. crows, squirrel tag, everybody's it! Play fun, nature-oriented games chosen by the birthday child.

Survival (ages 8-12) Learn the basics of survival and build an outdoor shelter.

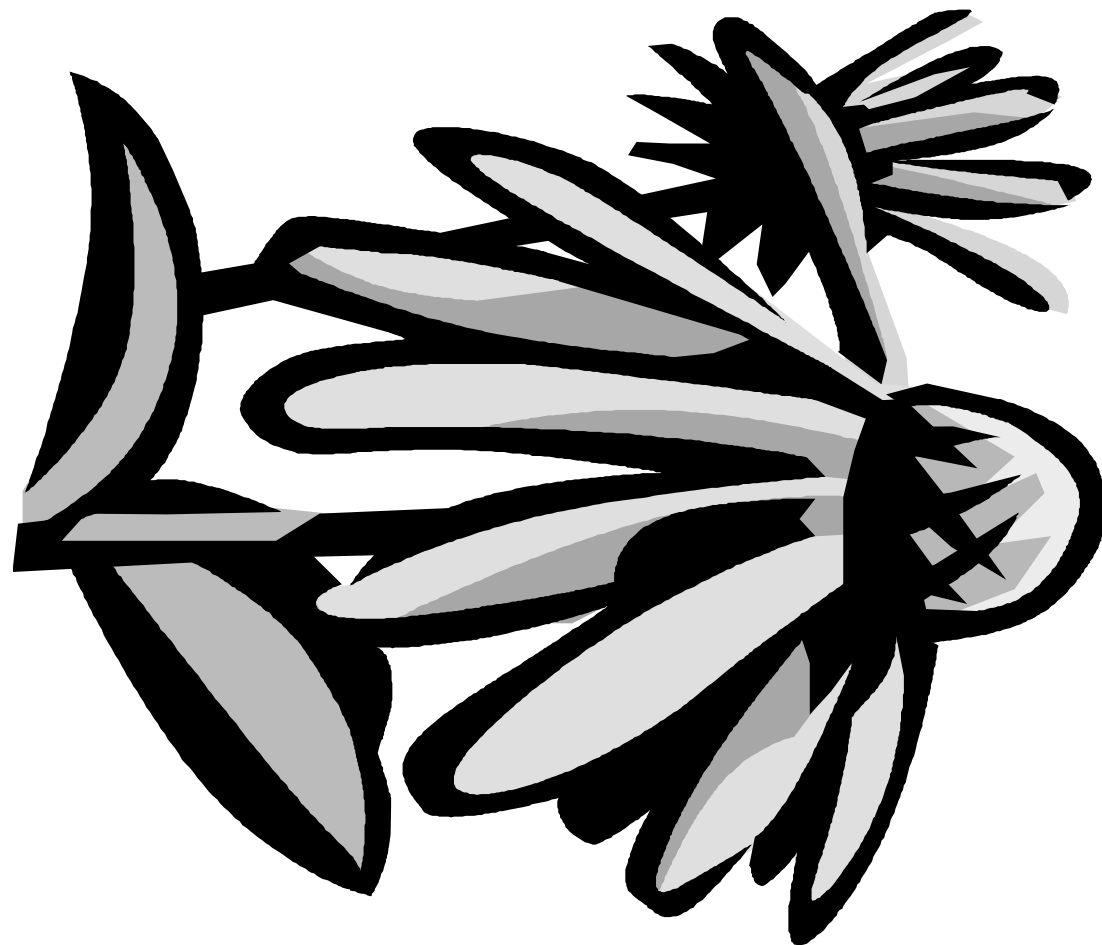


Wood Lake Nature Center Benefit Dinner

Friday, April 30

The Friends of Wood Lake invite you to this annual event; proceeds benefit Wood Lake Nature Center's programs and facilities. Guest speaker will be author, naturalist, and photographer, Stan Tekiela, who will speak about Majestic Eagles. Silent Auction, ticket prizes, and more. Held at the Audubon-certified Minnesota Valley Golf Club. Call 612-861-9365 to purchase tickets. Only 200 seats are available, so don't delay!

Spring & Summer Programs



Wood Lake Nature Center