Second Quarter Workshop Schedule

Please post this schedule to remind yourself of the workshops you plan to attend.

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Folk Jam
Sunday, April 1
2 p.m.
Join us at the Nature Center for a music jam. Bring an instrument or just come to listen. Beginners are welcome. Make new friends, have fun and learn a new tune or two! No registration is required.

*Trail Guide Training
We're looking for YOU! Would you like to share your love of nature with children but aren't sure how? We can help you develop skills to become comfortable as a trail guide. This workshop is open to high school-aged students through adults. The training will be divided into 4 parts, each offered twice. Pick the dates that fit best with your schedule – just be sure to take all four parts. Remember to dress for the weather. *Registration is required, please let us know if you register and cannot attend.

SCHEDULE
Part one
Monday, April 2
12:30 – 4 p.m. or
Tuesday, April 10
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
We'll discuss some elements of outdoor education and education in general and take a sample walk covering the dos, don'ts, ins and outs of leading groups outdoors.

Part two
Tuesday, April 3
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or
Wednesday, April 11
12:30 – 4 p.m.
You will have a chance to practice by teaching one another. Then we'll brainstorm answers to those "what do you do if..." questions. After you have completed the initial two sessions, we'll go through the "menu" of programs we offer to educators. We offer programs to groups ranging in age from preschoolers to high school students, but this training will focus on pre-K to 5th grade as these ages comprise most of our programs. You'll learn what we cover in each and pick up suggestions for activities to complement each program theme. If you would like to work with older children we will be happy to train you when we have requests for programs for those ages.

Part three
Wednesday, April 4
12:30 – 4 p.m. or
Thursday, April 12
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
We will cover the early elementary portion of our menu.

Part four
Thursday, April 5
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or
Friday, April 13
12:30 – 4 p.m.
We'll cover the upper elementary portion of our menu.

After you have taken all four parts of the training, you can sign up to observe some of our school programs. Please plan to observe at least two programs led by our trained guides and then lead one with a trained guide to help. When you feel comfortable you can lead your own group and participate as often as you're able.

*The Bustle for Birds
Tuesday, April 3
7 – 8 p.m.
If you're interested in birding, listing, traveling, or stories behind the book and full motion picture titled *The Big Year*, join us for an entertaining, engaging and interesting program with Greg Miller. This local birding veteran from Sugarcreek, Ohio was the inspiration for one of the main characters in the recently released movie *The Big Year*. He documented over 700 different bird species from the North American continent in 1 year. You will laugh as Greg tells of his challenging travels during this 1 year competition against 2 seasoned birders, and you'll learn interesting facts about birds, too. *Seating is limited and will fill up fast, so call us as soon as possible to reserve your seat! For more information about Greg Miller and/or birds, visit www.gregmiller-birding.com.

Easter Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, April 8
2 p.m.

*Preschoolers and Partners: Let's Look at Thomas Jefferson!
Friday, April 13
10-11 a.m.
As well as being a founding father of the US, the author of the draft of the Declaration of Independence and our third president, Thomas Jefferson was an accomplished statesman, gardener, lawyer, diplomat, architect, inventor, scientist, agriculturist, and writer. Let's look at this remarkable man and his accomplishments in a little more depth. *Registration is required and will begin on March 13 at 9 am. Please let us know if you register and find that you cannot attend.

Preschoolers and Partners is designed for 4 and 5 year olds, each accompanied by an adult partner. Each session will include exploration, story-time, a simple craft and a snack. You may register to attend any or all of the sessions.
Bird Banding
Saturday, April 14
8 – 10 a.m.
Meet Al Eibel for a session of bird banding. Al will be setting up mist nets to capture songbirds. Then he will band each bird and collect data that include: species, sex, age, mass, wing length and general health. The birds will then be released. Banding allows scientists to collect information about a bird’s age, distribution, migration, and reproduction. Come learn more about this important activity! Please remember to dress for the weather. This session will be cancelled if it is raining or snowing or the temperature is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. No registration is required.

Earth Day Party
Sunday, April 22
2 – 4 p.m.
It’s Earth Day and we’re having a party! We’ll be planting some seeds, taking some walks, exploring trails, banding birds, checking out bugs, exploring the pond, using microscopes and spotting scopes, finding wildflowers, and of course eating some Earthday cake. Come join us - you’ll be glad you did. No registration is required.

Bird Banding
Saturday, April 28
8 – 10 a.m.
See April 14 for description.

RedTail: Colorado River/Grand Canyon Trip
Sunday, April 29
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Join RedTail (Stephen Rickard) as he takes us on a journey down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. No registration is required.

Audubon Wildflower Walk
Saturday, May 5
9:30 a.m.
The Canton Audubon Society is 50 years old this year and in celebration is having 50 events throughout the year, many in partnership with other organizations. Join Canton Audubon member Mike Witt for this walk in search of wildflowers. Mike is a photographer and the author of the book Jackson Bog, Celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve. He will share his knowledge of the many types of plants to be found as you walk the trails at the Nature Center. No registration is required.

*World Labyrinth Day “Walk as One at 1”
Saturday, May 5
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Be part of a global celebration of the labyrinth as a symbol, a passion, a practice and a tool for healing and peace. World Labyrinth Day, a project of The Labyrinth Society, is designed to bring people from all over the planet to be part of a rolling wave of peaceful energy. People are encouraged to walk a labyrinth at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday in May, in their time zone, to celebrate World Labyrinth Day by “Walking as One at 1.” *Registration is required. Dress appropriately to walk outside, for our labyrinth is a mowed path through meadow grasses. For more information, visit www.labyrinthsociety.org/world-labyrinth-day.

International Migratory Bird Day
Saturday, May 5
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Come learn about our local summer resident warblers, their habits and song. The program will make you aware of the tiny songsters in the woods around northeast Ohio. No registration is required.

Folk Jam
Sunday, May 6
2 p.m.
See April 1 for more information.

*Preschoolers and Partners: Let’s Look at Tchaikovsky!
Monday, May 7
10 – 11 a.m.
It’s Tchaikovsky’s birthday (he was born in 1840), so we’re going to listen to some music, do some dancing and try to find out a bit more about this Russian composer. Come join us! *Registration is required and will begin on Monday, April 9 at 9 a.m.

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Bird Banding
Saturday, May 12
8 – 10 a.m.
See April 14 for more information.

Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, May 13
2 – 4 p.m.

Barnyard Bonanza
Saturday, May 19
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Come to the Nature Center’s Huston farm and experience farming through the eyes of a child. West Branch FFA is graciously bringing their livestock for our visitors to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with some very motivated young people. There will be activities and displays that children and adults will enjoy. Please park in the Visitors Center parking lot and walk to the barn on the boardwalk. No registration is required.
2012 Stark County Safe Kids Day

Saturday, May 19
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hosted by the University of Mount Union, Safe Kids Day is an interactive safety fair for the entire family. Topics range from hand washing to nature safety. Prizes, entertainment and food are all available (and free)! Look for us in or around Bracy Hall on the University of Mount Union campus.

Bird Banding
Saturday, May 26
8 – 10 a.m.
See April 14 for more information.

Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, May 27
2–4 p.m.

*Map & Compass
Saturday, June 2
2 – 4 p.m.
Come learn about the use of topographic maps and compass. We will practice an orienteering route and learn navigational tricks that you can’t do with a GPS alone. Intended for youth and adults 12 years and up.
*Reservations requested.

Folk Jam
Sunday, June 3
2 p.m.
See April 1 for more information.

*Preschoolers and Partners: Puddle Jumpers
Thursday, June 7
10 – 11 a.m.
Preschooler & Partners is going on summer break! In its place we are going to be taking some unstructured walks to help us uncover nature’s wonders. We’re calling the program Puddle Jumpers and it is designed for ages 3-5 with an adult companion.*Registration is required and will begin on Monday, May 7 at 9 a.m.

Bird Banding
Saturday, June 9
8 – 10 a.m.
See April 14 for more information.

Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, June 10
2 – 4 p.m.

*Woods Walkers
Thursday, June 14
10 – 11:30 a.m.
Woods Walkers is a program designed for 6 and 7 year olds. Each month this summer we’ll examine a section of our woods to see what’s going on. Be prepared to get out and down and probably dirty! *Registration is required.

Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, June 17
2 – 4 p.m.

*Kids in the Garden: Toad Abode (ages 8-11)
Wednesday, June 20
9 a.m. – noon
Toads are natural garden protectors by eating critters that eat our garden plants, such as insects, slugs, beetles, and snails. To encourage toads to visit and live in our gardens, the children will build two toad houses – one for our garden and one to take home. We will start the morning caring for the Children’s Garden, followed by a snack. We will also investigate the life cycle of a toad and search for toads in the gardens. *Registration is required and will begin on Monday, May 21 at 9 a.m. Space is limited to 20 children ages 8-11.

Bird Banding
Saturday, June 23
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Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, July 8
2-4 p.m.
Volunteers
We extend a sincere thank you to our November, December and January Volunteers! If you volunteered last quarter and your name is not on this list, we are truly sorry. Please let us know so that we can give you the credit that you deserve.

*Puddle Jumpers
Wednesday, July 11
10 – 11 a.m.
Preschooler and Partners is going on summer break! In its place we are going to be taking some unstructured walks to help us uncover nature’s wonders. We’re calling the program Puddle Jumpers and it is designed for ages 3-5 with an adult companion. *Please register to join us! Registration is required and will begin on Monday, June 11 at 9 a.m.

*Terrarium Workshop
Sunday, July 15
2 – 4 p.m.
It is becoming hot outside, so we will bring some gardening inside. Join us in creating mini gardens under glass. Attendees will learn how to construct and care for terrariums. Each person will put together a unique and creative terrarium with plants that work well together in this style of container planting. All supplies will be provided. *Registration is required and will begin on Monday, June 11 at 9 a.m. Class is limited to 16 adults. Please let us know if you register and find that you cannot attend.

*Kids in the Garden: Gardens in Glass (ages 8-11)
Wednesday, July 18
9 a.m. – noon
Have you ever thought about having a garden in your bedroom? Terrariums allow us to have miniature live gardens in our homes. Children will learn about the needs of a plant and how we can achieve that in a closed environment. Each child will create a terrarium to take home and enjoy. We will start the morning caring for the Children’s Garden, followed by a snack. Children will choose plants, design, and construct their terrarium. *Registration is required and will begin on Monday, June 18 at 9 a.m. Space is limited to 20 children ages 8 - 11.

Bird Banding
Saturday, July 21
8 – 10 a.m.
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Walk With a Naturalist
Sunday, July 22
2-4 p.m.
See April 1 for more information.

*Woods Walkers
Wednesday, July 25
10 – 11:30 a.m.
See June 14 for more information. *Registration is required.

Inspire Children to Discover the Wonder of Nature
Register NOW for Volunteer Trail Guide Training
Various times and dates available to accommodate your busy schedule
April 2 through April 13

For more information, please call 330-829-8988 or e-mail rickarpa@mountunion.edu.
The John T. Huston-Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Nature Center

Discover the Wonder of Nature’s Ever-Changing Story

Visitors Center and Bird Observatory Hours

April through October
Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Closed Mondays

November through March
Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.
Closed Mondays and Saturdays

Our trails are open from dawn to dusk every day.

The Nature Center is located six miles south of the University of Mount Union on Daniel Street, just off Route 183

Contact us at (330) 823-7487 or naturecenter@mountunion.edu

www.mountunion.edu/nature-center