

# Events Calendar



June / July / August 2012

## Annual Nesting Bird Census

Saturday, June 9 | 7:30 – 11:00 am | Free

Bird watchers of all ages and skill levels are invited to help us count the many species of birds breeding in our woods and meadows. It's a great opportunity to learn about a variety of species. Bring binoculars. Refreshments provided. *Pre-registration appreciated.*

## Restoration Volunteer Workdays

Saturdays: June 16, July 21 and August 18

10:00 am – 12:00 noon | Free

Get some fresh air and exercise while giving back to the land. Help us remove invasive plants from our forest, fix deer fences, or maintain the trails. Wear long pants and sturdy boots and bring a water bottle. Water refills and snacks are provided. Come to one workday or all of them!

## Early Summer Native Plant Sale

Saturday, June 23 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm | Free

Celebrate National Pollinator Week by adding pollinator-friendly plants to your garden. Our nursery is stocked with a wide selection of summer flowering shrubs, vines, and perennials that provide important food for insect larvae and pollinators throughout the summer. The sale takes place at our nursery, just down the drive from the main building. Staff and Audubon volunteers will be on hand to help you select appropriate plants for your garden.



## Art Opening: Out of Bounds

Saturday, June 23 | 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Free (optional dinner tickets \$10)

Artist talks and light refreshments to celebrate the opening of *Out of Bounds*, an exciting new group exhibition of outdoor art installations. *Out of Bounds* is a collaborative project with the Center for Emerging Visual Artists featuring works that defy our presumptions of nature and natural forms. Stay for the optional dinner and join the Great American Backyard Campout evening activities. *Out of Bounds* runs June 23 – September 2, 2012.

## Great American Backyard Campout

Saturday, June 23 – Sunday, June 24 | Check in 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Saturday; Check out 11:30 am on Sunday

\$25/person for members; \$30/person for non-members; discount for families of 5 or more.

Spend the night under the stars in our woodlands and take your family's first step into a lifetime filled with healthy, outdoor fun. We're teaming up with the National Wildlife Federation and REI to host the 8th Annual Great American Backyard Campout. We'll cook outdoors, learn camp skills, go fishing and hiking, tell stories around the campfire, and listen for nocturnal wildlife. Wake up Sunday morning to breakfast, bird hikes, and special clinics featuring the latest in camping gear and accessories. Bring your own tent or rent one from us for a nominal fee. All meals are included.

*Pre-registration required.*

## Members Picnic

Saturday, July 7 | 4:30 – 8:00 pm

Free for members, \$10 for non-member guests

Calling all members! Enjoy a sizzling hot barbecue while helping us honor our 2012 Volunteers of the Year. Enter the second annual pie baking contest (because the first was so yummy!), take a family nature walk, make s'mores at our campfire, and so much more. There are activities for the little ones, too, and vegetarian options are easily available.

*Pre-registration required.*

## Monarchs, Swallowtails and More: An Annual Count

Sunday, July 8 | 1:00 pm | \$3/person to be donated to NABA

A summer tradition returns as we join the North American Butterfly Association in their annual census. Become a citizen-scientist while learning the life histories of monarchs, swallowtails, and many more. Butterfly watchers of all levels welcome, especially beginners.

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## Meadow Walk

*Saturday, July 21 | 8:30 – 10:00 am | Free*

In summer, the meadows come alive! Flowers of all shapes and colors bloom, pollinators get to work, insect larvae munch away on leaves, and birds make countless flights from field to nest, fetching food for their young. Join us for a walk through our meadows to learn about the fascinating interactions between flora and fauna. Bring your binoculars and magnifying glass.

## Nature Uncorked! *A new series*

Savor a lovely summer evening with wine, cheese and conversation at three adults-only events held in and around our meadow. SCEE director Mike Weilbacher leads a series of intriguing discussions about sex, beauty and betrayal in fireflies, butterflies and blossoms.

*Each event is \$10/member, \$15/non-member; register for all three for \$25/member, \$40/non-member.*

*Pre-registration required.*

### Firefly Nights

*Thursday, July 5 | 8:00 pm*

Firefly flashes are a complex system of communication involving sex, hunger and betrayal. Learn the secrets of a firefly's flash while enjoying readings from classic nature books. Hunt for flashing fireflies as evening settles on the center's fields and forests.

### Butterflies and Beauty

*Thursday, July 12 | 8:00 pm*

Butterflies are symbols of so many things: change, beauty, death, the soul. After meeting many butterflies in a meadow walk, we'll share the secrets of a butterfly's color patterns while reading poems and recounting legends from around the world about the meaning of a butterfly's wing.

### Days of Wine and Flowers

*Thursday, July 26 | 8:00 pm*

Summer meadows overflow with colorful flowers—and the pollinators that co-evolved to sip their nectar. While we sip our own nectar, we'll learn the secrets behind a flower's shape, size and color—and the many tricks a flower pulls to seduce unsuspecting insects. In fact, we'll enjoy an entire snack brought to us courtesy of pollination.

## JUST FOR KIDS!

### Saturdays @ SCEE

*Every Saturday | 10:30 – 11:30 am | Free*

Count on us for fun for the little ones every Saturday morning. Every second and fourth Saturday we gather in the gift shop for story times and games. On the first and third Saturdays of the month we meet in the Discovery Center for a naturalist-led exploration of artifacts and an outdoor walk. We'll explore different nature themes each week.

### Seedlings

*Every Monday | 10:30 – 11:30 am and 2:00 – 3:00 pm*

*\$6 members; \$8 non-members*

Explore the natural world with your young child and watch their imagination and spirit soar! Sessions alternate weekly between a themed educational program and guided nature play. For children ages 3-5 and their parents / caregivers. Each Monday offers your choice of a morning or afternoon session. *Adult participation and pre-registration required.*

**Butterflies Flutter By** — Monday, June 4

**Nature Crafts: Recycled Fun!** — Monday, June 18

**Creature Features: Turtles** — Monday, July 2

**Nature Crafts: Mobiles** — Monday, July 16

**Creature Features: Snakes** — Monday, July 30

**Fishing Fun!** — Monday, August 13

**Dragonflies on the Wing** — Monday, August 27

All other Mondays through August offer nature play guided by a SCEE educator.



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