



Fall Fun Fest and 5K Run/Hike

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A special thank you to Sue Holt for creating the felt board and scat display as well as donating program materials. Dottie McMillian for donating program supplies. Vanessa & Erik Zuroski for children's gear. If we have forgotten anyone, thank you for your support!

The apples are ripening on the trees, the leaves are beginning to change color, and the temperatures are beginning to drop and that could only mean one thing - it's time for Pringle's major fundraisers!

Once again, Pringle has been working with the County Parks, the City of Kenosha, and Hoy Audubon to plan this year's Fall Fun Fest/International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) Celebration for our Bird City Status. This year's theme is "Spread Your Wings for Bird Conservation".

The Fall Fun Fest/IMBD Celebration will be held Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have activities focused on bird conservation as well as pumpkin decorating and hay rides.

If you're a Friend of Pringle, renew your membership that day to receive five (5) free tickets for the various Fall Fun Fest Activities. Your membership renewal will be good for the rest of 2016 and the entire year of 2017. If you are not a Friend, join that day to receive your tickets as well and enjoy many other benefits of being a member including discounts on public programs, free snowshoe rental (availability may vary), and other benefits.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Nature Center and will help to continue making our environmental education programs stronger. Volunteers will be needed to make this day a success. If you are interested in helping please contact Kay Wikel at dwikel@wi.rr.com.

On November 7 will be the Pringle Prairie and Woods 5K Run/Hike. To register to participate, fill out and return the registration form found on the Pringle website or register online at <http://www.signmeup.com/115787>. Race day registration begins at 8:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. and the race begins at 10:00 a.m. There will be awards to the top participants in each age group as well as to the first place overall male and female, with one award per finisher.



Monarch tag and release.

Photo courtesy of Victoria Mann

Tentative Schedule of Events (subject to change)

On-going Activities

- ◇ Hayrides
- ◇ Food
- ◇ Green Exhibitors
- ◇ Temporary Tattoos
- ◇ Falconer (by nature center)
- ◇ Kids Crafts

Scheduled Activities

- ◇ TBD The Grateful Deadliners (stage)
- ◇ 11:30 a.m. Bird Hike
- ◇ 1:00 p.m. Monarch tagging

Girl Scout Earns Gold Award

In a world where girls are discouraged to get dirty and from working hard, Lauren Mossman took on the task of replacing the non-native landscaping the surrounded the building with native plants to the area.

Mossman had come to the park with her family as well as with Dimensions of Learning for the Mighty Acorns program is the reason why she

wanted to do her project for the nature center.

As part of her project, Mossman also created a informational brochure on the role native plants play in the landscape as well as created a lesson plan to teach younger children about invasive species and why they should care.

With the decline of pollinator plants for bees and other

insects, native plant landscaping is important not only for the health of the land, but for what lives in and on it.

The reason Pringle wanted a native landscape was to set an example for the general public as well as use it as a teaching tool. The change made to the landscape is astounding compared to the plants that had been there.



Lauren Mossman with her native landscaping project for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

New Public Programs at Pringle

Pringle Nature Center is offering two new programs at the nature center. Sankulpa Yoga is offering yoga classes and through grant monies from the Kenosha Rotary Foundation, we will be offering Adaptive Nature Experiences for those who are hard of seeing or hearing.

No matter your yoga ability, there is a class for you. When the weather is nice, the yoga class is out on the patio and once weather becomes a little

less desirable, classes will be inside the center.

The class fee is \$12.00. Cash is accepted at the time of the class. Fee includes a donation to the Nature Center’s educational programs. The schedule can be found on our website.

Please bring your yoga mat and a strap and/or blocks if you have them. If not, we will make sure you have what you need.

The Adaptive Recreation Program was created because we realized that there were certain

groups left out of the nature experience due to some type of disability and we wanted to create something specifically for them.

The program will use enlarged images for those who have varying degrees of visual impairment, touching natural objects, and using a special microphone to amplify sounds for those with hearing disabilities.

Check our website for times and dates.

Wish list

Pringle Nature Center is growing and with that, we are looking for help. Big or small, your donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance!

- Children’s rain and winter coats
- Children’s winter boots, hats, scarves, mittens
- Binoculars
- 3-4 Large storage containers
- Turtle food & tank filters
- Copy paper
- Ink (Hp 950 & 951)
- Thermal laminating pouches
- Postage stamps
- Bird seed

Eagle Scout Completes Chimney Swift Tower

Most Eagle Scouts approach the nature center if they are interested in doing their project in Bristol Woods County Park, sometimes they approach the Kenosha County Parks and the Parks Manager sees that what the scout would like to do will fit best with Pringle.

Eagle Scout Andy Romanowski knew he wanted to help with the Chimney Swifts and their declining habitat. Then Parks Manager

Jon Rudie thought Pringle will be the best park to have the tower installed.

The Chimney Swift tower was installed on the southeast side of the building. It will take awhile before the Swifts begin to use it, but once they do it will provide crucial habitat for the bird.

Chimney Swifts historically nested and roosted in hollow trees. As American pioneers

moved westward across the continent, they cleared forests and removed the swifts’ natural habitat. They became known as Chimney Swifts as they readily adapted to the masonry chimneys erected by those same pioneers.

If you’d like to help with Chimney Swift conservation or would rather have Chimney Swifts nest elsewhere than your home chimney, visit <http://www.chimneyswifts.org/>.



Andy Romanowski (second from left) with B.S.A. troop 595 with the Chimney Swift Tower.

Photo Courtesy of Andy Romanowski

Fall Calendar

To register for programs, please call the nature center or go to <http://ow.ly/oq8qp> to register online.

Teacher Naturalist Volunteer Training

Are you interested in nature and would love to share that curiosity with the next generation? Pringle Nature Center is offering training sessions for the classes we offer to school groups. Come for some or all of the sessions. Check out our website for the educational programs we offer that might interest you.

Tuesday, September 20th: Kindergarten Programs 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; First Grade 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21st: Second Grade 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Third Grade 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 22nd: Fourth Grade 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Fifth Grade 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.



Girl Scout Brownie and Junior Badges

Juniors – Saturday, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd, 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Brownies – Saturday, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th, 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

October – Flowers (Juniors) and Bugs (Brownies)

November – Animal Habitats (Juniors) and Senses (Brownies)

December – Geocacher (Juniors) and Hiker (Brownies)

Pre-registration is required! Registration form and payment are due the Thursday before the program. \$4.00/scout

Webelos Scout Badges

Saturday, Saturday, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October – Into the Woods Badge. Learn the important role that forests play in nature and in our lives.

November – Earth Rocks! Badge. Identify minerals, rocks, and the role they play in earth formation.

December – Into the Wild Badge. Learn about food webs, explore the nature center and take home a project.

Pre-registration is required! Registration form and payment are due the Thursday before the program. \$4.00/scout

SPARK! Program

Friday, October 21st and December 9th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SPARK! programs are designed for people in the early- to mid-stages of memory loss to visit with their family/caregivers. In October, one of our volunteers will bring a therapy dog and in December we will make natural holiday crafts. *Free; pre-registration is required as space is limited.*

Leave No Child Inside Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 10th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

You're invited to bring your camera and your imagination for nature photography – scavenging style! We'll provide fun outdoor photography activities that can be enjoyed by every age and skill level. Come and leave when you like. *Free*

Fall Fun Fest/International Migratory Bird Day Celebration & 5K Trail Run/Hike

Saturday, September 17th, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Fun Fest) and Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Run)

Join us for a great time for the entire family. Come and go on hayrides through our beautiful trails, see a falconer, or listen to people speak about local efforts in conservation. Become a Friend of Pringle and get free tickets for the festival!

Fall Festival: Free admission; prices vary with activity. Entry fees for 5K Run/Hike: \$15 (same day registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

Beginning Geocaching

Saturday, October 8th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Whether you've just started or are curious about geocaching, come on out to see if you can find our hidden cache's. There will be a short informational session before heading out to search for the cache's. Bring your own GPS or check out one of ours.

Friends: \$3.00/General Public: \$5.00

Leave No Child Inside: Halloween Full Moon Night Hike

Saturday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Don't let the ghouls and goblins scare you from coming out! Come dressed in your best Halloween costume for this safe alternative Halloween hikes. We will talk about the moon, the animals associated with Halloween, and let the moon light guide us. We'll warm up with hot chocolate afterwards. **Please leave your flashlights at home as they will spoil the experience. Pre-registration is required!**

Friends: \$4.50/General Public: \$6.00



Halloween Candlelight Night Hike

Saturday, October 29th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Come out if you dare to see if the ghouls really do come out at night. Come dressed in your best Halloween costume! The trails will be lit by candles. You might hear things that go bump in the night in the woods. Come and leave when you like. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

Friends: \$3.00/General Public: \$5.00

Project Learning Tree PreK-8 Workshop

Saturday, October 29th

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Spend a fun and activity-filled day getting hands-on experience with the award-winning environmental education program, Project Learning Tree. Registration is required by October 26th in order to ensure enough curriculum guides

\$25.00/person

Leave No Child Inside: Nature Play Date

Saturday, November 12th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Make time to explore nature. We'll have several stations set up to help encourage play with natural items. By playing in nature, it will help foster a more balanced and healthy lifestyle for your children. Come and leave when you like.

Free

Leave No Child Inside: Winter Discovery Hike

Saturday, December 10th

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Just because we can't see it, doesn't mean there's nothing out there in the winter time! Join us as we discover tracks, learn about camouflage, and see what animals we can spot.

Pre-registration is required!

Friends: \$4.50/General Public: \$6.00

Candlelight Night Hike & Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 21st

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Bring the family out to celebrate the Winter Solstice as we learn about the Solstice and burn a Yule log. We will also go out for a hike in the candle and moon lit snow. Later, we'll warm up with mugs of hot cocoa! **Please leave your flashlights at home as they will spoil the experience.**

Pre-registration is required!

Friends: Free/General Public: \$5.00

Friends of Pringle Nature Center Membership

The Pringle Nature Center, located in the heart of Bristol Woods County Park, is a treasure to Kenosha County. Our programs bring nature education to area students, youth groups, and families. Our trails are often hailed by hikers and skiers as some of the best in the area. As someone who appreciates nature, you know how important a place like this is to the community.

By becoming a Friend of Pringle you support environmental education and a unique community resource. Members receive this newsletter seasonally as well as fee reductions on programs.

To become a Friend, or renew your membership, send your donation and the attached form to Pringle Nature Center.

Yes, I want to be a Friend of Pringle

Membership Levels

- Individual \$20
- Family \$35
- Prairie \$50
- Wetland \$100
- Savannah \$250
- Life Time \$500
- Additional Gift \$ _____

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Phone

Date

Happenings at Pringle

September 3rd – Nature Story Time Hike
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 10th – Leave No Child Inside:
Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 15th – Nature Story Time
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

September 17th – Pringle Fall Fun Fest/
IMBD Celebration 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 20th – Teacher Naturalist
Volunteer Training: Kindergarten, 11:00
a.m. – 12:00 p.m./First Grade, 1:00 p.m. –
2:00 p.m.

September 21st – Teacher Naturalist
Volunteer Training: Second Grade, 10:00
a.m. – 12:00 p.m./Third Grade, 1:00 p.m. –
2:30 p.m.

September 22nd – Teacher Naturalist
Volunteer Training: Fourth Grade, 10:00
a.m. – 12:00 p.m./Fifth Grade, 1:00 p.m. –
2:30 p.m.

September 24th – Invasive Species Workday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

September 30th – Girls in STEM Open
House 6:30 p.m.

October 1st – Nature Story Time Hike
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 1st – Junior Girl Scouts Flowers
Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

October 8th – Beginning Geocaching
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 15th – Brownies Girl Scout Bugs
Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

October 15th – Webelos Into the Woods
Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 15th – Leave No Child Inside:
Halloween Full Moon Night Hike
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

October 20th – Nature Story Time
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

October 21st – SPARK! Therapy Dog
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

October 22nd – Invasive Species Work Day
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 29th – Project Learning Tree
Workshop 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

October 29th – Halloween Candlelight
Night Hike 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

November 5th – Pringle 5K Trail Run/Hike
10:00 a.m.

November 5th – Junior Girl Scouts Animal
Homes Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

November 12th – Leave No Child Inside:
Nature Play Date 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 17th – Nature Story Time
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

November 19th – Brownies Girl Scout
Senses Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

November 19th – Webelos Earth Rocks!
Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 24th/25th – Closed for Holiday

December 3rd – Nature Story Time Hike
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

December 3rd – Junior Girl Scouts
Geocacher Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

December 9th – SPARK! Natural Holiday
Crafts 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

December 10th – Leave No Child Inside:
Winter Discovery Hike
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

December 15th – Nature Story Time
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

December 19th – Brownie Girl Scouts Hiker
Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

December 19th – Webelos Into the Wild
Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 21st – Kenosha County
Christmas Bird Count All Day

December 21st – Candlelight Night Hike &
Winter Solstice Celebration
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

December 25th/26th – Closed for Holiday



Tuesday through Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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