



The Oak Leaf

Fall Fun Fest and 5K Run/Hike

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A special thank you to Merv Daehler for donating a vacuum cleaner. Also to Phil and Lynda Gaura for donating books and a microscope.

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 "Stopover Sites: Helping Birds Along the Way".

The Fall Fun Fest/IMBD Celebration will be held Saturday, September 16 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 2017 and the entire year of 2018. 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 4 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/119135>. 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.



The Grateful Deadliners will once again perform at this years festival.

Photo courtesy of Victoria Mann

Tentative Schedule of Events (subject to change)

On-going Activities

- ◇ Hayrides
- ◇ Food
- ◇ Green Exhibitors
- ◇ Temporary Tattoos/Face painting
- ◇ Kids Crafts

Scheduled Activities

- ◇ 11:30 a.m. Native Plant Hike
- ◇ 12:00 p.m. The Grateful Deadliners (stage)
- ◇ 1:00 p.m. Monarch tagging

Share Your Heart!

Heart of Canal Street is Potawatomi Hotel & Casino’s signature community program that raises funds for children’s charities – and Pringle Nature Center is in the running to be a beneficiary.

Heart of Canal Street has raised nearly \$17 million for hundreds of area children’s charities since 1994. The program honors the Potawatomi tradition of

nurturing younger generations so they grow to lead healthy, productive lives.

If Pringle is designated a beneficiary through the random drawing, we would like to use the funds to provide bussing to schools that would like to take a field trip, but can not afford the bussing.

Many low-income schools/families do not get a

chance to be immersed in nature and we hope to be able to give them the opportunity.

Half of each \$3 or \$7 Canal Street Bingo game purchased goes to the Heart of Canal Street fund, which totaled more than \$1.1 million last year! Share your heart by playing the Canal Street Bingo game now through Dec. 14. Visit paysbig.com/heart to learn more.



Please help raise funds for the Heart of Canal Street.

New Field Trip Programs

Starting with the 2017-18 school year, Kenosha Unified School District will be using a new science curriculum in their classrooms. Pringle bases most of our field trip offerings off of KUSD’s science curriculum.

KUSD has officially adopted the Next Generation Science Standards and will be using the Amplify Science curriculum. Amplify was developed by the Lawrence Hall of Science and uses digital experiences with hands-on lessons.

We are excited to offer new programs to help supplement what is taught in the classroom. A few of our more popular field trips like Winter Survival and Pond Study have been kept.

An example of one of the new activities is in the third grade Inheritance and Traits program where the third grade students will get to pretend they are Charles Darwin when he was studying the finches. Students will get a picture cut out of the different finches that Darwin

observed and see if they can draw the same conclusions.

If you are a teacher or believe your child(ren)’s classrooms could benefit from a field trip to the Pringle Nature Center, more information can be found at our website under the “Programs” tab. There you can read more information on the field trips we offer as well as costs and how to schedule a trip. A school does not have to be a KUSD school to benefit from one of our field trips.

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

Mud Day Fun

The threat of rain did not deter families from coming out to celebrate International Mud Day on June 28.

Mud Day is officially June 29, but with Pringle’s other summer programming, it was held a day early. Mud Day began in 2009 when students from Bold Park Community School in Wembley, Western Australia and the boys from the Panchkhal orphanage in Nepal played in the mud as a

way to connect children around the globe through the earth.

In 2011, the event was promoted at the World Forum on Early Childhood Care and Education and has taken off since then.

When Pringle learned of this event, it was felt that it went perfectly with the Leave No Child Inside Outdoor Bill of Rights that every child should

have the right to “play in the mud or stream”.

Upon seeing how popular the event was during the first year at Pringle, a permanent mud pit was made. The mud pit will be a part of the future nature play area. A few of the children that came for mud day, also were a part of Pringle’s summer camp programs and always got excited when passing the mud pit.



Kids and adults alike enjoyed getting messy in Pringle’s second year of celebrating International Mud Day.

Fall Calendar



To register for programs, please call the nature center or go to <http://ow.ly/oq8qg> to register online.

Girl Scout Brownie and Junior Badges

Juniors – Saturday, October 7th, November 4th, and December 2nd, 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Brownies – Saturday, October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th, 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, October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th, 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

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

Saturday, September 16th, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Fun Fest) and Saturday, November 4th, 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, September 23rd, 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 Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 30th, 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*

Leave No Child Inside: Halloween Night Hike

Friday, October 13th, 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

Kohl's Wild Theater Presents: Aldo Leopold and the Ghost of Sand County

Saturday, October 14th, 12:00 p.m.

Aldo Leopold is considered the godfather of conservation and he established himself in our very own state of Wisconsin. Join Aldo in this 40-minute musical as he sends his children on an adventure into the Wisconsin wilderness. Audiences will learn about the importance of conserving the land and discover other famous conservationists from our home state. This show is most appropriate for families with children 5 and up.

Free

Project Learning Tree PreK-3 Workshop

Saturday, October 28th, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Spend a fun and activity-filled day getting hands-on experience with the award-winning environmental education program, Project Learning Tree. This workshop will help address state standards and provide educators with the tools they need to bring the environment into their classrooms and their students into the environment. Registration is required by October 26th in order to ensure enough curriculum guides

\$35.00/person

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

Leave No Child Inside: Nature Play Date

Saturday, November 11th

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

Kenosha County Christmas Bird Count

Thursday, December 21st

All Day

Join birders on foot, by vehicle or at your feeders for part of or the whole day as we count all birds we find in various habitats. Every effort will be made to pair new field observers with more experienced birders within designated count areas. Please register so we can assign you an area.

Free

Candlelight Night Hike & Winter Solstice Celebration

Thursday, 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 16th – Pringle Fall Fun Fest/IMBD Celebration
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 21st – Nature Story Time
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

September 23rd – Invasive Species Workday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

September 23rd – Beginning Geocaching 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 30th – Leave No Child Inside: Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 7th – Nature Story Time Hike 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 7th – Junior Girl Scouts Flowers Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

October 13th – Leave No Child Inside: Halloween Night Hike 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

October 14th – Kohl's Wild Theater 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 19th – Nature Story Time 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

October 21st – Brownies Girl Scout Bugs Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

October 21st – Webelos Into the Woods Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 28th – Invasive Species Work Day 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 28th – Project Learning Tree Workshop 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

October 28th – Halloween Candlelight Night Hike 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

November 4th – Pringle 5K Trail Run/Hike 10:00 a.m.

November 4th – Junior Girl Scouts Animal Homes Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

November 11th – Leave No Child Inside: Nature Play Date 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 16th – Nature Story Time 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

November 18th – Brownies Girl Scout Senses Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

November 18th – Webelos Earth Rocks! Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 23rd/24th – Closed for Holiday

December 2nd – Nature Story Time Hike 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

December 9th – Leave No Child Inside: Winter Discovery Hike 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

December 16th – Brownie Girl Scouts Hiker Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

December 16th – Webelos Into the Wild Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 21st – Nature Story Time 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.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 26th – Closed for Holiday



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

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