



The Oak Leaf

Fall Fun Fest and 5K Run/Hike

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A special thank you to Annemarie Barry for scrapbooking our newspaper articles. For Amy Cook's donation of books for our library.

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 15 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 2018 and the entire year of 2019. 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 Barb Meyocks at bmeyocks@wi.rr.com.

The Bristol Woods Trail Run will be held on Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m. within Bristol Woods County Park, in Bristol, Wisconsin. The race features a 5K run and a 2 mile walk with all proceeds benefiting the nature education programs at the Pringle Nature Center. Join us for a trek through diverse prairie and woodland ecosystems featuring numerous rolling hills. For a registration fee of only \$15, you get homemade goodies, a t-shirt and handmade awards to the age group winners. Join us for fun, food and a great run to support a great cause! Sign up at www.signmeup.com/127358.



Photo courtesy of Victoria Mann

Tentative Schedule of Events (subject to change)

On-going Activities

- ◇ Hayrides
- ◇ Tree Climbing
- ◇ Food
- ◇ Green Exhibitors
- ◇ Face Painting & Temporary Tattoos
- ◇ Kids Crafts
- ◇ Falconer

Scheduled Activities

- ◇ 11:00 Bird Walk with Rick Fare from Hoy Audubon
- ◇ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Grateful Deadliners (stage)
- ◇ 12:00 p.m. Kohl's Wild Theater presented by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee and Kohl's Cares presents the KWT Trash Bash (inside)
- ◇ 1:00 p.m. Monarch Tagging (Rain Garden)

A Wealth of Nature

A Wealth of Nature is a project aimed at informing the people of Southeast Wisconsin by providing the community with information about parks, preserves, natural areas, wildlife and recreational and educational opportunities related to them.

We learned about the project from a story on Milwaukee's NPR station WUWM on the organization Preserve Our

Parks that is a non-profit organization that advocates for and promotes Milwaukee area parks and open spaces and strives to protect the tenets of Wisconsin's Public Trust Doctrine. A Wealth of Nature is a project sponsored by Preserve Our Parks.

Pringle Nature Center is new partner to A Wealth of Nature. As a non-profit partner, we're listed on their website, help

spread word about them through our website and social media, and help contribute to blog posts as well.

When you go to their website, you will find opportunities to enjoy nature, a forum for sharing stories, photos and ideas about nature and the parks, and information about how to preserve and protect them.



Photo by Eddee Daniel, Preserve Our Parks board member and project director for A Wealth of Nature

Nature Passport

Are you looking for a way to get your children out in to nature, but aren't sure how? Are you looking for a family activity that doesn't cost anything, has a variety of nearby locations, and can be done on your time? Then come check out Pringle Nature Center's Nature Passport.

Many nature centers and environmental education centers have these type of passports to help get kids exploring nature. A 2017 study

documented that when a school got replaced their textbooks with tablets, students began to sit inside on their tablets rather than go outside for their break.

The Nature Passport is an educational activity guide and journal for children and their families. Families can explore the parks at their leisure and record observations of their visit.

Each page has one of the twelve Chicago Wilderness Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights listed and several activities to do with that

theme. Once a page is complete, families can bring the passport back to the Pringle Nature Center to get stamped. Once the entire passport is completed, children will receive a patch.

Nature Passports can be picked up at Pringle Nature Center, Salem Community Library, and Library or downloaded off of our website at <https://bit.ly/2MEebYK>. Have fun on all your nature adventures!

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

Quiet Trails Grant

This past winter, Pringle Nature Center was awarded a \$500 grant from The Natural Resources Foundation Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund. Grant monies from this fund provides grants to support the creation and maintenance of silent sport (walking, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, paddling) trails on public land.

With the funds, our project included redoing the twenty

numbered posts along the two-mile red trail. A printed guide book with the interpretive information for each post will be provided to park visitors. For those who want to go green, we created QR codes that are attached to the posts so that the information can be accessed with your smart phone.

The project will also involve building some board walks and applying wood chips over low

areas that tend to be wet.

The completion of this project is important because Oak Savannah ecosystems are threatened in Wisconsin and public awareness is an important factor in preserving them. It also addresses the challenge of eliminating invasive species and educating the public as to why they are a threat. Thanks to all the volunteers who came and helped on the project!



New QR codes on the interpretive trail sign posts which can be scanned with your smartphone.

Fall Calendar



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

Girl Scout Brownie and Junior Badges

Juniors – Saturday, October 6th, November 3th, and December 1st, 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Brownies – Saturday, October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th, 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 20th, November 17th, and December 15th, 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

Fitness Hiking Club

First Tuesday of the month, September, November, and December, 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy all that nature has to offer all while getting exercise. Join us each month to get some fresh air, good company and exercise. A naturalist will lead a 1–1.5 mile hike on our trails. Perfect for hikers of varying levels. Please come dressed for the weather and wearing proper foot wear. *Free*

Fall Fun Fest/International Migratory Bird Day Celebration & Bristol Woods Trail Run

Saturday, September 15th, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Fun Fest) and Saturday, November 3rd, 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 Run/Hike: \$15 (same day registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

Leave No Child Inside Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 22nd, 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*

Beginning Geocaching

Saturday, October 13th, 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 Night Hike

Saturday, 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

Halloween Candlelight Night Hike

Saturday, October 27th, 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 10th

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 8th

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

Geminids Meteor Shower

Saturday, December 12th

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Come join us for the greatest show seen from Earth. The Geminids is one of the best meteor showers of the year with. Join us for an informal talk about the night skies and then with mugs of hot chocolate, we go out and view the skies. Dress warmly for the weather.

Pre-registration is required!

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

Kenosha County Christmas Bird Count

Friday, 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

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

September 4th – Fitness Hiking Club 10:00 a.m.

September 15th – Pringle Fall Fun Fest/IMBD Celebration 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

September 22nd – Invasive Species Workday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

September 22nd – Leave No Child Inside: Autumn Photographic Scavenger Hunt 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 6th – Nature Story Time Hike 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 6th – Junior Girl Scouts Flowers Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

October 13th – Beginning Geocaching 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

October 17th – Pringle Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 p.m.

October 18th – Nature Story Time 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

October 20th – Brownies Girl Scout Bugs Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

October 20th – Webelos Into the Woods Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 27th – Invasive Species Work Day 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 27th – Halloween Candlelight Night Hike 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

November 3rd – Pringle 5K Trail Run/Hike 10:00 a.m.

November 3rd – Junior Girl Scouts Animal Homes Badge 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

November 6th – Fitness Hiking Club 10:00 a.m.

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

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

November 17th – Brownies Girl Scout Senses Badge 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

November 17th – Webelos Earth Rocks! Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 22nd/23rd – Closed for Holiday

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

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

December 4th – Fitness Hiking Club 10:00 a.m.

December 8th – Leave No Child Inside: Winter Discovery Hike 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

December 14th – Geminids Meteor Shower 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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

December 15th – Webelos Into the Wild Badge 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 20th – 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 25th/26th – Closed



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

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