

ARTS & CRAFTS

QUILTS 2012

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of Willoughby

February 10 through March 21, 2012 at Farnpark

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday

One of Ohio's finest quilt shows, with more than 200 quilted works on display. Features works from internationally acclaimed visiting artists Joen L. Wolfrom and Cynthia L. England, and a judged show of quilts completed by regional artists from Northeast Ohio and around the United States.

Visitors vote for People's Choice award. Workshop registration began November 14, 2011. To register for quilting workshops and lectures call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226 or visit lakemetroparks.com.

Quilt Vendor Event & Maple Sugaring**March 2, 3 & 4**

Enjoy demonstrations and shopping for all your quilting needs! Also stop in the café for a hearty pancake breakfast served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$7 ages 12 and older; \$4 ages 2 to 11. Then take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the sugarhouse where you'll see maple syrup and sugar being made.

BICYCLING

Le Tour De Parks

Compete in as many stages (Lake Metroparks programs) as you can to earn a free t-shirt! Choose from sprints (20 mile rides), endurance (25+ mile rides), or participate in hands-on bike maintenance clinics. Complete 100 miles of venturing to earn your shirt. Contact Leigh at lgaram@lakemetroparks.com for more details.

ANSI/Snell approved bicycle helmets required on all rides.

If you have any questions on bike rides or would like to volunteer your time as a ride assistant or leader, contact Leigh at lgaram@lakemetroparks.com.

Pre-season Bike Clinic**Ages 16 and older, Fee: \$10, each additional person \$5**

Kick off the 2012 bike season with a hands-on maintenance clinic with bike staff and volunteers on-hand to give us the latest information!

Instructor: Dick Kandalec, min 6, max 10

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., PT**Thursday Evening Social Bike Rides****Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$5, multi-session rate \$3**

This is social riding and fun for everyone. It's a great way to start your bike riding season. These rides will be approximately ten miles each. Helmets are required. Mainly road surface riding.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 30

Thursday, April 26, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., VP**Thursday, May 10, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., PG****Thursday, May 17, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., EL****Season Opener Mexican Ride****Ages 16 and older, Fee: \$15**

This popular ride is on 25 miles of paved roads. At the end of the ride we'll enjoy Mexican food at Los Compadres restaurant in Madison. In case of inclement weather, meet at noon for lunch.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 10, max 65

Sunday, May 6, 2012, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Los Compadres in Madison**Memorial Sunset Bike Ride****Ages 16 and older, Fee: \$10**

Kick off Memorial Day weekend with a sunset bike ride through central Lake County. Wear red, white and blue! Start and finish at Veterans Park to view the sunset and enjoy all-American food.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 10, max 40

Friday, May 25, 2012, 6 to 8:30 p.m., VP

BIRDWATCHING

Birding for Beginners**Ages 13 and older, FREE**

This class is designed for the new birder. We will discuss the basics of how to get started including binoculars, field guides and identification tips for some of the easier groups of birds.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 8, max 20

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., PG**Birdies on the Greens****Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5**

Golf courses provide green space, ponds and gardens that are readily used by some birds. We will go by golf cart to see what birds make their living on the links.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 12

Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 7 to 9 p.m., ES**Sunday Morning Bird Walks****Ages 16 and older, FREE**

These bird walks provide birders of all abilities the opportunity to share the spring bird migration phenomenon. Binoculars and field guides are recommended and beginners are encouraged to attend.

Instructor: Naturalist staff and volunteers, min 10, max 30

Sunday, April 15, 2012, 7:30 to 10 a.m., PG**Sunday, April 22, 2012, 7:30 to 10 a.m., PG****Sunday, April 29, 2012, 7:30 to 10 a.m., PG****Sunday, May 6, 2012, 7:30 to 10 a.m., PG****Sunday, May 13, 2012, 7:30 to 10 a.m., PG****Sunday, May 20, 2012, 7:30 to 10 a.m., PG****Birding in Urban Hot Spots!****Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$40**

Birding in downtown Cleveland? YES! And it's great! There are lots of little hotspots to be discovered and you'll be delighted with the diversity of birds. Bring money for lunch at a downtown eatery.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff and volunteers, min 5, max 8

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., PG**Bird Walks at Important Local Areas****Ages 21 and older, FREE**

These weekday morning birding adventures are at Lake Metroparks' best birding locations, located along major migration corridors with histories of good migration days. New birders are welcome!

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 30

Thursday, April 26, 2012, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., LS**Thursday, May 10, 2012, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., GR-SOUTH****Thursday, May 17, 2012, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., CP-EAST****Thursday, May 24, 2012, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., BE**

Early Birds & Blooms

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$315 double occupancy, \$355 single occupancy

When the early bird gets the worm—we will be there! Travel to southern Ohio where spring arrives first for the return of breeding birds and unfolding wildflowers. Trip includes transportation, lodging at Shawnee State Park fun. Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 12

Friday, April 27, 2012, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., PG

Hérons over the Valley

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$40

More than 100 Great Blue Herons return to their traditional communal nests in the Cuyahoga Valley every spring. Rookeries like this were once abundant along our river corridors. Don't miss the chance to experience this spring phenomenon and learn more from the park's nest monitor. Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 8

Saturday, May 5, 2012, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., PG

Warbler Wednesday!

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$40

See more birds than people on the Magee boardwalk, one of the best birding spots in the midwest flyway. Every visit there promises a memorable bird and a birds-eye-view of migration. Beginners welcome.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 8

Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., PG

Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., PG

100 Bird Day in Lake County!

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$30

Join this quest to see 100+ birds in one day without leaving Lake County! Visit some special local places dawn to dusk, rain or shine.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 7

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., PG

BOATING

Watch for our upcoming boating certification classes!

- U.S. Sailing
- ACA Kayaking
- Personal Watercraft
- Power Boating

Discounts available with early registration. For more information, please contact Leigh at lgaram@lakemetroparks.com.

PADDLE the PARKS

Paddle through various parks along the Grand River and shore of Lake Erie, section by section. The paddle starts from Harpersfield Dam in April and ends in Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park in September. Contact Seth Begeman at 440-256-1404 or sbegeman@lakemetroparks.com for details.

Paddle the Parks 301 Series

The Covered Bridge Paddle

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$20 with kayak rental, \$10 without rental

See Lake County like you've never seen it before! We will paddle from the Covered Bridge at Harpersfield Dam and end at Hidden Valley Park. Come enjoy nature at its best from the view of the river.

Instructor: Seth Begeman, min 8, max 16

Saturday, April 14, 2012, 9 a.m. to noon, HV

Paddle the Parks 301 Series

The Eagle Paddle

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$20 with boat rental, \$10 without rental

See the many eagles that have made the beautiful Grand River home. A naturalist will give a tour of the natural areas of the river. We will start at Hidden Valley Park and go to Mason's Landing Park.

Instructor: Seth Begeman, min 6, max 16

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 9 a.m. to noon, ML

After Work Grand River Paddle

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$20 with boat rental, \$10 without rental

Paddle down the Grand River after work with Lake Metroparks. We will be paddling from Mason's Landing to Helen Hazen Wyman Park.

Instructor: Seth Begeman, min 6, max 16

Friday, May 4, 2012, 5 to 7 p.m., HW

CONSERVATION CORNER

Rain Garden Workshop



FREE

Learn how to include rain gardens in your landscape plans. They are a great way to deal with problem stormwater, low lying areas and provide important habitat to butterflies and hummingbirds.

Instructor: Lake Soil and Water Staff, min 6, max 20

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 7 to 8:30 p.m., PG

Build a Rain Barrel



Fee: \$49 per kit

Save that rain for a sunny day! Join us for a rain barrel building workshop. Rain barrels are containers used to collect and store rainwater. We provide everything you need to save water today.

Instructor: Lake Soil and Water Staff, min 6, max 25

Monday, April 2, 2012, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lake County Fairgrounds

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Friday, May 18, 2012, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lake County Fairgrounds

DANCING

Painesville Township Park Dance Schedule

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$6 per person at the door

Enjoy traditional ballroom dancing the second and fourth Saturday evenings, country dancing the second and fourth Fridays of each month, and special themed dances at the Painesville Township Park Community Center. Call 440-354-3885 for current schedule and upcoming bands.

Ballroom Dancing

Second and fourth Saturday evenings (call for a schedule)

Doors open 7 p.m.; band plays 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Country Dancing

Second and fourth Fridays of each month (call for a schedule)

Doors open 7:30 p.m.; music and dancing 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Painesville Twp. Park Community Center Rental

Rent the beautiful Painesville Township Park Community Center for private functions. Let us host your wedding reception, fundraising event, family or class reunion, homecoming or corporate retreats! Contact Amy at 440-639-7275 or akapostasy@lakemetroparks.com for details.

St. Patrick's Day 60s & 70s Rock-n-Roll Dance

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$8

Gather your friends and enjoy an evening of 60s and 70s rock-n-roll music and dancing featuring TBA. Cheese, crackers and punch along with coffee and tea will be served at intermission.

Instructor: Painesville Township Park Staff, min 25, max 200

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., PT

Armed Forces Day Ballroom Dance

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$8

Gather your friends and enjoy an evening of traditional ballroom music and dancing featuring TBA. Cheese, crackers and veggie trays along with coffee and tea will be served at intermission.

Instructor: Painesville Township Park Staff, min 25, max 200

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., PT

FARM & GARDEN

From Harness to Hitch

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$15

Put on your boots and come see what it's like to get a team of horses ready to drive. Everyone will learn to harness, line drive and drive our show wagon.

Instructor: Rick LeMaster, min 5, max 12

Sunday, March 11, 2012, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., FP

Saturday, April 7, 2012, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., FP

First Tuesday in the Garden

Ages 16 and older, FREE

Join our butterfly garden volunteers in the Nature Center gardens. Gain hands-on experience pruning and weeding and learn which perennials attract butterflies. Dress to mess outdoors. Beginners welcome.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 1, max 5

Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 9 to 11 a.m., PG

HIKES

Starbucks Saturday Morning Caffeine Hikers

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$10

Get fun, exercise and nature every Saturday with a steady-paced hike at a few of the larger Lake Metroparks, warmed up by Starbucks coffee. Schedule to be mailed.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 50

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 8 to 10 a.m., PG

St. Patrick's Gorge Hike

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$20

Explore the beautiful Penitentiary Glen gorge and return to the Nature Center for pretzels, nuts and samples of local beer. Please wear footwear that can get wet and dress for a challenging hike.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff and Volunteer Guides, min 8, max 20

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 3:30 to 7 p.m., PG

Burroughs Nature Club Historic May Hike

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Join Lake Metroparks and the Burroughs Nature Club on this hike through Gully Brook. We will look for birds, wildflowers and other natural features that have made this area special for more than 100 years.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 30

Friday, May 4, 2012, 8 to 10 a.m., GB

Spring Wildflower Photo Hike

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5

Bring your camera and join us as we explore the spring wildflowers of Hogback Ridge Park. Along the way we'll learn tips and techniques for good photography followed by refreshments after the hike.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 8, max 20

Sunday, May 6, 2012, 2 to 4 p.m., HR

Spring Wine & Cheese Hike

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$20

Take a hike through the woods to greet the spring! Afterwards, head back to the lodge and enjoy some local wines and cheese.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 20

Friday, May 18, 2012, 7 to 10 p.m., CF-WEST

JUST FOR FUN

Creative Campfire Cooking

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$8

Experience campfire cooking like you've never have before. Learn some tips and tricks, and partake in your endeavors. Fee includes recipes, food and instruction. (New recipes each class.)

Instructor: Brian Davidson, min 8, max 12

Thursday, March 15, 2012, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., EL

Eco Café at the Environmental Learning Center

FREE

The Eco Café brings the environment to the street with eco-conscience topics and discussions. Some months a movie will be the feature presentation. Bring your curiosity and friends. Registration required.

Instructor: Lake Metroparks Staff, min 10, max 25

Phenology: Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 7 to 8:30 p.m., EL

Salamander Migration: Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 7 to 8:30 p.m., EL

Wildflowers at Eber Howe House:

Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 7 to 8:30 p.m., EL

NATURE

Weeknight Walks at the Glen

FREE

This year-round walking group meets at Penitentiary Glen Reservation, great for after work or before settling in for the night. The focus is nature, the pace is leisurely and the benefits are many!

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 8, max 50

Thursdays, March 1 through May 31, 2012, 6 to 7 p.m., PG

A Walk at the Brook

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Join a naturalist-led walk at Gully Brook and start off the spring right. We will discover why people have been drawn to this beautiful area for nearly a century.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 30

Thursday, March 22, 2012, 2 to 3 p.m., GB

Dawn Busters

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5

Experience our newest park, Gully Brook, the way Burroughs Nature Club did in the early 1900s. After a good early morning hike, the "Dawn Busters" enjoyed a hearty breakfast prepared over an open fire.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 20

Sunday, April 15, 2012, 7 to 9:30 a.m., GB

Wine & Woodcocks

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$20

Every spring, the male American Woodcock performs a spectacular aerial display to attract potential mates. We will search for this elusive bird, followed by wine and cheese in the Nature Center.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 20

Friday, April 27, 2012, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., PG

Explore the Falls

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Why do we call it Chair Factory Falls? Come take a walk and learn more about this beautiful waterfall and the story it has to tell. There is a hill, but at the bottom is a truly beautiful sight!

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 30

Sunday, April 29, 2012, 2 to 3 p.m., Concord Stone Schoolhouse

SKIING

Classic Cross-country Ski Lessons 101

Ages 11 and older, Fee: \$15 with ski rental, \$10 without rental

Learn to fall down and get up, glide, stride, stop, turn and use your poles. Please state gender, shoe size and height when registering. Participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to class time.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 10

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 9 to 10:30 a.m., CF-WEST

Sunday, March 4, 2012, 9 to 10:30 a.m., CF-WEST

Skate Ski Lessons 101 (beginner level)

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$15 with ski rental, \$10 without rental

Learn the basics of skate skiing with plenty of on-the-snow practice. Learn about equipment, body positions, poling, and V1 and V2 techniques. A limited amount of equipment is available.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 2, max 8

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 9 to 10:30 a.m., CF-WEST

Sunday, March 4, 2012, 9 to 10:30 a.m., CF-WEST

Wednesday Ski Lunch Bunch

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Take a break from work or kids and meet others for skiing on your lunch break. No fee to join us, but rental fees apply. Option to pack a lunch and socialize after skiing.

Instructor: Andrea Pasquale, min 3, max 25

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST

SNOWSHOEING

Friday Snowshoe Lunch Bunch

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Snowshoe on or off trails with staff guidance! No fee to join us, but rental fees apply. Enjoy this easy activity and stay active this winter. Option to pack a lunch and socialize after activity.

Instructor: Andrea Pasquale, min 3, max 25

Friday, March 2, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST

Friday, March 9, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST

Friday, March 16, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST

SPORTS & ADVENTURE

Backpacking: Top 10 Blunders

Ages 15 and older, Fee: \$8

We will explore the mistakes that backpackers regret and provide input on what actually will work to make almost any beginning backpacking adventure enjoyable.

Instructor: Brian Davidson , min 8, max 25

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 10 to 11:30 a.m., EL

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

WomanVenture: Fly-fishing

Ages 17 and older, FREE

Ladies, don't let the men have all the fun fishing! Learn the art of fly-fishing. After some instruction we will practice our new skill in the river. Equipment is provided. Fishing license required.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 10

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 1 to 3:30 p.m., HW



WomanVenture: Breakfast in the Parks

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5

Enjoy a hike through the field and forest to explore spring. Then relax around an open fire and help make your breakfast the old-fashioned way. Fee includes breakfast and hot drinks.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 30

Thursday, May 24, 2012, 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., GR-SOUTH



REQUESTED PROGRAMS

For more information or to schedule a program, dial the telephone number following the description:

Adopt-an-Animal

Adopt an animal of your choice from the Wildlife Center, which helps defray some of the daily expenses of animal care, including food, housing and medicine. You'll receive a visit from your adopted animal in return!

440-358-7275

Amphibians and Reptiles of Lake Metroparks

A slide show highlights the frogs, toads, turtles and snakes that make Lake County their home. **440-256-1404**

Astronomy in the Park

Bring your adult group to Penitentiary Glen Nature Center and explore the night sky in our indoor inflatable planetarium, StarLab, followed by light refreshments. (max 12 adults) **440-256-1404**

Back-A-Breed at Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Become a barnyard parent by supporting the animal of your choice through the Back-A-Breed program. Three levels of sponsorship are available, starting at \$25. Your sponsorship will go toward food and care for our animals. A portion of all donations is tax deductible. **440-256-2122**

Backyard Birds

Learn all about your feathered backyard visitors! Program includes identification tips for the top 10 backyard birds, bird feeders and types of feed. **440-256-1404**

Butterfly/Hummingbird Gardening & You

A PowerPoint presentation highlights flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden. Learn to identify common butterflies of Ohio. Garden tour available at Penitentiary Glen (weather permitting). **440-256-1404**

Canoe with a Naturalist

A canoe or kayak adventure is always a memorable experience, but you can also make it an education trip by renting a naturalist guide to attend your next outing. **440-256-1404**

Down Memory Lane

A PowerPoint presentation highlights the days when the Halle family called Penitentiary Glen their summer home and working farm. A short hike can be included if presented at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. **440-256-1404**

History of Lake Metroparks

Hear stories and view photographs from the first 50 years of Lake Metroparks. Learn about the properties and people who have made us who we are today during this PowerPoint presentation. **440-256-1404**

Native Experience

An atlatl is an ancient hunting device once used by many cultures, including Native Americans. Learn about the history of atlatls, proper technique when throwing darts with an atlatl and practice your new skill. All participants must be age 10 or older. **440-256-1404**

Nature Center and Garden Tour

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon discovering art shows, nature exhibits, butterfly gardens, and songbirds. Take home a souvenir from The Nature Store. Our friendly staff awaits your arrival. **440-256-1404**

Scenic Vista Bus Tours

Discover the beauty and unique stories of Lake Metroparks! Using your bus or our Lake Metroparks' 25-passenger bus, treat your group to a seasonal tour of the parks. **440-256-1404**

Walk About Wildlife

Discover whooo's who in the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center yard and find out what happens in wildlife rehabilitation. **440-358-7275**