



INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER

FALL/WINTER 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems like Summer is finally beginning with nicer, warmer days instead of rapidly approaching Fall. Our cold, wet spring didn't stop the April "Chain Gang" from clearing the trails of blow down. Great job guys! The wet weather did mean only one day of Conservation Field Days for the county 6th graders. Many thanks to Don Brown and Kermit Morgan for all their planning and work in providing the 6th graders the opportunity to get out and enjoy the Nature Center and the presentations given by professionals who volunteer their time. Thanks also to the DEC and the "Green Thumb" program for mowing again this summer. Also thanks to the YCC crews that have been out doing trail work. We hope you'll take advantage of our Fall and Winter programs and come out for Fall Workday. If you have any suggestions relative to the Center, please contact a board member. If you're out just enjoying please remember to sign the register. Noting the number of visitors is important when we apply for grants.

Best Wishes
Ann

PROJECT WILD

Project WILD, an international environmental education program, in conjunction with Indian Creek Nature Center, will again this fall host a session at the Center for K-12 educators. Activities that are effective for teaching problem-solving and decision-making skills and correlate to the NYS learning standards will be presented in lesson plan format, and are designed to help teach language arts, math, social studies, science, art, music and physical education while focusing on wildlife.

Included will be a tour of the nature center, morning refreshments, lunch and an activity guide. All this for only \$10! Former participants have been very enthusiastic about this program.

For more information or to register contact: St. Lawrence Valley Teacher's Learning Center at (315) 267-3411, Email tlc@potSDam.edu.

ICNC Website

Be sure to keep in touch with what's going on at the Center by visiting our website at: www.indiancreeknaturecenter.us.



*Conservation Field Days
2009*

Fall/Winter 2009-10 Public Programs

Public programs, presented by our volunteer naturalists, biologists, foresters and educators, are provided free of charge. We ask only that you register with the individual program leader **prior** to the date of the event. Assistance is also available by calling Anne Johnson at (315) 322-4058, or Juanita Babcock at (315) 384-4289. **Unless otherwise noted, all groups meet at the Main Entrance parking lot.**

Native American Ethnobotany and Ethnobiology

Early Native Americans were experts at surviving and prospering under often brutal conditions, primarily because they knew how to utilize the plants and animals in their environment. Some of these skills have been passed on and are still useful today. See what the flora and fauna at the Nature Center can reveal to us on this subject. Your guide(s) will be Don O'Shea and (possibly) Mohawk healer Cecelia Mitchell.

Leader: Don O'Shea (315) 393-5137

Date: Saturday, August 29 9:00 am-Noon

Mushrooms or Mosses - Depends

If we have wet weather we should find sufficient fungi to learn how to identify some of the common mushrooms. To collect fungi we need waxed paper, a field knife, and some sort of basket. If the weather is drier we will learn how to recognize the common mosses. To collect mosses we need a hand lens, 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper, and preferably, a small spray mister (such as you would use in ironing clothes).

Leader: Dr. Karl McKnight (315) 229-5147

Date: Saturday, Sept. 5 9:30 am-Noon

Fall Bird Walk

Join Jeff Bolsinger for a three hour bird walk along the Nature Center's trails. We will walk the Observation Trail and Lowland Trail looking for migrating warblers, vireos and other songbirds, and will also scan Lower Lake for waterbirds and waterfowl. Bring footwear you don't mind getting wet, and insect repellent. Binoculars will be available for those who don't own any.

Leader: Jeff Bolsinger (315) 386-2565

Date: Saturday, September 12 8:00 -11:00 am

Fall Work Day

Wear boots and bring what tools you can muster. There's plenty of work for all.

Leader: Roger Hutchinson (315) 386-4795

Date: Saturday, Oct. 17 (tentative) 9:00 - ?

Amphibians and Reptiles of the North Country

Join us at the Nature Center for a hike to upland and wetland habitats in search of local amphibians and reptiles. A display of specimens of snakes, frogs, turtles and salamanders will allow you a close up view of these creatures.

Leader: Glenn Johnson (315) 267-2710

Date: Sunday, Sept. 13 10:30 am-Noon

Night Sky

Just before the autumnal equinox, say goodbye to the summer sky with an evening of star gazing. You'll take a tour of the sky using a telescope, binoculars and the unaided eye. We'll explore the mythology behind some of the constellations, and view star clusters, the Andromeda galaxy and the planet Jupiter. Feel free to bring your own binoculars.

Leader: Jeff Miller (315) 229-5493

Date: Saturday, Sept. 19 8:00 pm-?

Rain Date: Sunday, Sept 20

December Family Fun Day

Join us at the Center for a Sunday afternoon picnic and fun in the early snow on skis (your own) or snowshoes (the Center has some to loan). Watch the paper or website for the date. We'll look for animal tracks, birds, or just play. There will be a fire and hot cocoa. Bring the kids.

Leader: Ann Spencer (315) 379-1383

Date: Depends on snow - look for time and date.

Winter Tracking

The Indian Creek Nature Center hosts a wonderful array of interesting animals and fauna throughout the year. Peter O'Shea, local naturalist and published author, will lead the group in identifying various creatures by their tracks and other unique features. If snow is sufficiently deep, trackers can bring their snowshoes or borrow them from ICNC. If no snow we'll scout the trails on foot. Dress appropriately.

Leader: Peter O' Shea (315) 848-2178

Date: Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 10:00 am-Noon

Indian Creek Nature Center Birdseed Sale 2009

Many prices have been reduced this year due to early ordering. The sale of bird seed is one of the many fundraisers for the Nature Center, and we need your financial support. Your birdseed purchases are, in part, a contribution toward maintenance, overhead, and programs at the Center. Won't you support us in our birdseed sale?

Order Form - Your Copy				
Weight	Description	Qty.	Price	Total
20 #	Choice Blend	_____	\$14.00	_____
20 #	Premium Blend	_____	\$ 17.50	_____
20 #	Just Desserts	_____	\$ 30.00	_____
18 #	Cardinal Blend	_____	\$ 21.00	_____
20 #	Finch Blend	_____	\$ 28.00	_____
20 #	Chickadee Blend	_____	\$ 25.00	_____
30 #	Value Blend	_____	\$ 11.00	_____
40 #	Choice Blend	_____	\$ 23.00	_____
40 #	Premium Blend	_____	\$ 31.00	_____
25 #	Black Oil Sunflower	_____	\$ 15.00	_____
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25 #	Striped Sunflower	_____	\$ 22.00	_____
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25#	Sunflower Kernels	_____	\$ 34.00	_____
50 #	Cracked Corn	_____	\$ 13.50	_____
10 #	Nyjer-Thistle	_____	\$ 17.50	_____
25 #	Nyjer- Thistle	_____	\$ 34.00	_____
Ea.	Nutty Butter Suet	_____	\$ 1.25	_____
Ea.	High Energy Suet	_____	\$ 1.25	_____
Total (Check# _____)		Enclosed = \$ _____		

Mail your order by **September 30** to:
Roger Hutchinson

c/o INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER
4 Orebed Rd. Canton, NY 13617

Pick up Order Saturday, **October 24, 9-3 PM**
Army Reserve Center Canton, NY 13617

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Make Checks Payable to:
INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER

Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____

Membership Form : North Country Conservation Education Association

Student (in school/college)	\$10 _____
Senior Citizen (age 62 and over)	\$10 _____
Individual	\$20 _____
Family	\$30 _____
Patron	\$100 _____
Life (non-transferable)	\$200 _____
Donation	\$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
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