



INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER FALL, 2011

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Summer Trail Work

The Adirondack Mountain Club Volunteer trail crew was on site the last week of June. The four person crew was very skilled and worked hard. Local volunteers Nathaniel and Lois Wells were knowledgeable and skilled team members. They moved the boardwalk that had floated last spring and pegged it in with two foot pieces of 1/2" re-rod and constructed many additional feet of boardwalk. The last day they worked on the upland trail and cut out all the heavy material. This facilitated the work of the two YCC crews that came in mid July. The Ogdensburg YCC crew completed the boardwalks on the lower portion of the upland trail. The Canton YCC crew brushed the wildflower trail, upper part of the upland trail, along the boardwalk and part of the lowland trail, where they got rained out by a violent storm. A great amount of improvement and repair was accomplished by these many hard workers. Thank you all!
Roger Hutchinson

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN I. GREEN

With the passing of Dr. John I. Green, it is appropriate that we pause and reflect on the outstanding contributions that he made to conservation education in the North Country. He pioneered locally the beginning of the Conservation Field Days, an annual event available to sixth grade students in the county, by enlisting the help of many volunteers knowledgeable in specialties within their career fields or personal pursuits in nature study and environmental concerns. These on-site field classes focused on a wide range of environmental topics and were almost continuous annually from 1966 to the present. Generations have benefited from and remember these experiences as 6th graders .

John was a leader in the group that eventually formed the Indian Creek Nature Center by participating in a long term lease from the Department of Environmental Conservation and New York State. He drew upon his wealth of experience in natural history education, much of it in the field. John was always dedicated to the Center as evidenced by his continued commitment leading field trips, assuming responsibilities in various offices, committee work, helping on work days and projects and as a longtime director. Quite possibly his most enjoyable role was as a teacher, especially of children. He totally loved taking groups of all ages on field walks in any location, each time being an experience that was over too soon for everyone. As we spend time on the trails watching and listening for each and every clue from nature's offering, we will be reminded of John and all that he gave us.

With Sincere Thanks and Respect, Kermit Morgan.

Fall/Winter 2011-12 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. Unless otherwise noted, all groups meet at the Main Entrance parking lot.

TREES, SHRUBS, AND VINES – SENSING NATURE.

We'll use our senses – touch, sight, smell, and taste – to help identify dozens of different trees, shrubs, and vines growing along the trail. (A much more interesting and less forgettable way to learn tree ID than using printed "keys").

Preregistration requested.

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

Date - Saturday, Sept. 10 9:30-12:00 PM

Rain Date: Sept. 11 1:00-3:30 PM

NIGHT SKY.

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 and the Andromeda galaxy. Feel free to bring your own binoculars.

Leader: Jeff Miller (315) 229-5493

Date: Saturday, Sept. 17 8:00-9:00 PM

Rain Date: Saturday, Sept. 24 8:00-9:00PM

FALL BIRD WALK.

Come join us for a fall bird walk with Northern NY Audubon. We'll look for migrants as we hike through shrubland, marsh, wetland and forest along the Tower and Succession trails. Thanks to Audubon we do have binoculars to loan for the hike.

Leaders: Mary Beth Warburton (315) 268-0150

Ann Spencer (315) 379-1383

Date: Sunday, Sept. 18 8:30 AM

A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS, BUT WE DO.

Have you noticed that it is almost impossible to walk six feet in any direction anywhere you are and not find a moss? Karl McKnight will lead a discussion on identifying local moss species. We will test out a recently written field guide key to the local mosses. We will also review moss natural history and the role of mosses in our world. Please bring a hand lens or magnifying glass if you have one and be prepared for rain and insects

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

Date: Saturday, Sept. 24 9:00-noon

FALL WORK DAY

Come and help get the Center ready for winter. Bring tools if you have them and a lunch if you wish.

Leader: Roger Hutchinson (315) 386-4795

Date: Saturday, Oct. 1 9:00 noon - ?

CANOE/KAYAK THE MARSH

Bring your own craft, life jacket and a whistle. Meet at DEC's middle access road on CR 14. This is 1.6 mi from Rt. 68 and 2.5 mi from Rennselaer Falls.

Leaders: Mark Lee (315)265-2723

Tom Vanderwater (315)386-8489

Date: Saturday, Oct. 15 9:00 AM

A WALK IN THE WOODS IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

Diane Church will lead a nature challenge program geared toward kids, especially teens. She has presented similar programs for the county Youth Bureau in the past and they have been well received. Date and time yet to be determined. If interested, toward the end of September call Anne Johnson (315) 322-4058 for date and time.

WINTER SNOW SHOE TRECK.

An easy snowshoe ramble. We'll check for tracks and birds and then have S'mores by the fire. Please bring extra mittens for the kids.

Leader: Ann Spencer (315) 379- 1383

Date: Sunday, Dec. 18 2:00 PM

TRACKING ANIMAL PRINTS, AND WINTER ECOLOGY, ON SNOW SHOES

The nature center has snowshoes to loan for this outing. Come walk with Peter O'shea to see what animals we can find that spend the winter at the nature center.

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

Date: Sunday Jan. 8 1:00 PM

Check our web site,
www.indiancreeknaturecenter.us, for the most up
to date information.

Indian Creek Nature Center Birdseed Sale 2011

We regret the rise in some prices, but that is the way of the markets. 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	_____	\$ 16.50	_____
20 #	Premium Blend	_____	\$ 19.50	_____
20 #	Just Desserts	_____	\$ 28.00	_____
18 #	Cardinal Blend	_____	\$ 19.00	_____
20 #	Finch Blend	_____	\$ 23.00	_____
20 #	Chickadee Blend	_____	\$ 22.00	_____
30 #	Value Blend	_____	\$ 14.00	_____
40 #	Choice Blend	_____	\$ 27.00	_____
40 #	Premium Blend	_____	\$ 34.00	_____
25 #	Black Oil Sunflower	_____	\$ 24.00	_____
50 #	Black Oil Sunflower	_____	\$ 40.00	_____
25 #	Striped Sunflower	_____	\$ 24.00	_____
50 #	Striped Sunflower	_____	\$ 35.00	_____
25 #	Sunflower Kernels	_____	\$ 40.00	_____
50 #	Cracked Corn	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
10 #	Nyjer-Thistle	_____	\$ 16.00	_____
25 #	Nyjer-Thistle	_____	\$ 31.00	_____
Ea.	Nutty Butter Suet	_____	\$ 1.25	_____
Ea.	High Energy Suet	_____	\$ 1.25	_____
Total (Check# _____)		Enclosed = \$ _____		

Mail your order by **October 8** to:
Roger Hutchinson
c/o INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER
4 Orebed Rd. Canton, NY 13617

Pick up Order Saturday, **October 22, 9-3 PM**
Army Reserve Center W. Main St., 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: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Membership for 200__ New__ Renewal__
Make check payable to:

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