

Greetings from the Nature Center!

The prairie is absolutely beautiful this year. Come out and take a walk on the Martin Prairie! Our very own artist, Alice Berger, has a new show of children's book illustrations on our art wall. Come and see this and other new exhibits.



As usual, fall is filled with Nature Center programming. We'd like to call your attention in particular to our hayrack rides, including a special **Family Hayrack in the Park** this Friday, September 18th. In addition to a 20 minute ride and campfire program, this Friday we will also have an owl extravaganza, so call and sign up for a time!

Halloween will be here before we know it. That means it's time for our unique celebration:



Bats & Spiders & Owls, Oh My

Thursday & Friday, October 29 & 30

6:45 - 9:00 p.m. (trail times assigned each 15 minutes)

There will be live animals to meet, zany skits along the trail, and a campfire and sing-along with Mike Mennard - he has some new songs about Nebraska this year. It will be fun!

Call 441-7895 to sign up for your starting time and pass the word along to all your friends. If you'd like to volunteer for the event, call Becky at 441-8708.

Here is a list of our other fall programs:

Mommy and Me: Fall Fling

Nature experiences for 2 1/2-3 1/2 yrs with adult, eight Mondays beginning Sept. 21, \$55/child
The morning session is full, but we are adding an afternoon session from 12:30 - 2:00.

Backyard Composting, Saturdays., Sept. 19 & Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, free

Specially for Scouts

Forester Badge for Webelos, Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, \$10/scout
Plants & Animals Badge for Junior Girl Scouts, Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, \$10/scout
Watching Wildlife Try-It for Brownie Scouts, Saturday, October 17, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., \$7/scout

Nature Through Scratchboard & Watercolor

Art classes for adults with GN Scientific Illustrators, Saturday, October 24, 8:30 a.m.-noon & 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Bird Banding, Saturdays., October 10 & 17, 9:00 a.m.-noon, free

Primitive Survival Basics, Saturday, November 14, 10:0 a.m. - Noon, \$7/person

You can find more information on these programs on the attached programming sheet or at our website:
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/programsheets/NatureCenter08-27-09.pdf>

Nature Center News:

Our summer camps were a blast! 77 3 to 6 year olds attended Camp Discovery and 249 campers and junior counselors went creeking, built forts and so much more at Wilderness Nature Camp. There were drop-in programs, Super Science Saturdays, frog hunts and a Morning with Herbs. The gardens thrived with volunteer help and we have a new fountain in the herb garden. Find out more at

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/naturecenter/aboutppnc.htm>



Camp Discovery: antler photo-ops for all!



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