



The Wild Grapevine

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The Wild Grapevine will provide you with nature-related articles and upcoming event information four times per year. All annual pass holders will receive this newsletter free as part of their benefits. Subscribe to the electronic version of this newsletter by going to our website's homepage and scroll down to the SUBSCRIBE link and you're signed up.

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Fox Island Alliance website: www.foxislandalliance.org

Friends of Metea website: www.friendsofmetea.org

Your Allen County Parks

Fox Island County Park, 7324 Yohne Road, southwest Fort Wayne (260) 449-3180

Metea County Park, 8401 Union Chapel Road at State Route 1, Leo-Cedarville (260) 449-3777

Payton County Park, 13928 Dunton Rd. just east of Hometown between Gump and Hathaway Roads

Cook's Landing County Park, corner of Shoaff and Coldwater Roads



We Want Snow!

If there is more than 4 inches of snow, come out to Fox Island and Metea for cross-country skiing! We have a limited number of skis available for rent. The sled hill at Metea County Park will also be open from 9 AM to 6 PM every day when there's enough snow. Check our website daily for current conditions!!



Allen County Parks is a partner in the NISTEM network www.nistem.org



**COMING - SPRING 2010 to Allen County Parks
Junior Indiana Master Naturalist Program**

Just like the popular Indiana Master Naturalist Program, now your 9 – 13 year old can become a Junior Indiana Master Naturalist at Allen County Parks. The Allen County Parks and the Stockbridge Audubon Society are teaming up to sponsor the northeast Indiana's **first** Junior IMN class this coming Spring!

There will be eight sessions and a recognition day. Classes will be two hours long and will be held at both Fox Island and Metea County Park Nature Centers.

An Open House Registration Day will be held at Metea County Park Nature Center on March 6th from 11:00 am to Noon so you can meet the staff and we can answer any questions you may have pertaining to the program. Each child will need to complete an additional six hours of volunteer work in order to graduate! We'll make it simple and easy!!

The fee is only \$70.00 and includes three books, class materials, and handouts. Saturday sessions will require child to bring sack lunch from home.

A maximum of 20 children may register! You must pre-register by March 26th.

For additional information and required forms please visit our website or contact

Co- Organizers, Natalie Haley at 449-3246 / nhaley@allencountyparks.org or Corrine Paul at 460-0851 / paulcorrine2005@aol.com

April 14	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Wilderness Survival	Fox Island County Park
April 17	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Birds	Fox Island County Park
	Noon – 2:00 pm	Geology & Soils	Fox Island County Park
April 21	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Plants & Trees	Fox Island County Park
April 24	9:00 am – 11:00 am	People & Natural Resources	Metea County Park
	Noon – 2:00 pm	Rivers & Creeks	Metea County Park
April 28	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Reptiles & Amphibians	Metea County Park
May 5	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Milkweed & Wildflowers	Metea County Park
June 5	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Recognition Day	Metea County Park

Dates subject to change

What I Bring to You By Michael J. Gobert

In that I am new to Allen County Parks I have been given this opportunity to provide more of my history, skills and experience.

My friends know me as a caring, giving, open-minded, intelligent, and spiritual person. I am an educator, environmentalist, naturalist, horticulturalist, conservationist, cyclist, challenge course trainer and instructor, and wilderness guide that is always learning and growing. I have over 35 years experience of working in these fields of study, and have worked with all ages in a wide variety of learning environments. My approach to teaching is experiential and I utilize the acclimatizing sensory awareness methodology. I am a diverse and a directly honest individual. I will gratefully talk to you, and provide programs relative to any of the aforementioned topics.

I plan to provide specific programs in canoeing, cross country skiing, backpacking, camping, survival skills, and trip planning. Hopefully we can set up some trips.



A new program offering at Metea County Park is Challenge Course programming. This program is comprised of three primary aspects. The initial is usually games and initiatives. These are further divided into categories of social/recreational, trust, and problem solving. They all foster the development of communication and teamwork. The second and third level of challenge programming occurs on a Challenge Course. The military calls them obstacle courses, which implies that something is in the way. They are also called ropes courses by the professionals of climbing and builders organizations. I prefer to challenge rather than force or coerce you to do something you are unsure of. A challenge course is divided into low and high segments. I know of five local courses, (within 25 miles), two comprised of lows, and three with both. Of these Challenge Courses, The Timberline Challenge Program at Deer Run is renowned as one of this nation's best courses in design and diversity of options. Lows and highs are made of wood, poles, cables, and/or rope strung between trees or posts. Lows are 10' and under, whereas highs are commonly 25' to 60'. I have been on a Challenge Course in Oregon that averaged 60' and the highest was 131'. Hopefully we will be able to extend programming to a Challenge Course during warmer months in the future.

In summary, come see me at Metea. I am looking forward to meeting you, your family, groups, and organizations. I am at your service.

Upcoming Programs for Winter

Program fees are usually \$2.00 per person unless otherwise stated, and are used to provide operating funds (which are not supported by tax revenue) for Allen County Parks. Most programs require pre-registration to allow resource and staff allocation planning. There may be requirements for a minimum number registered to offer the program. You will be notified at least 5 days before program if the program has been cancelled due to minimum registrations not being met.

Programs marked NISTEM provide reward points.

Cross Country Ski Clinic

Date: When there's enough snow

Learn how equipment works, waxing vs. no-wax, purchasing, ski prep and maintenance, and how to dress. Receive basic instruction and practice on technique, weather permitting. Leave your phone number or email when registering and Michael will contact you with time and date

Time TBA

Cost: \$7.00 incl. 1 hr rental

\$3.00 w/your equip.

Pre-register by : N/A

Min: 5

Max: 15

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:

Email: mgobert@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3777

Michael Gobert

Note: Need shoe size, height and weight when registering

Monday Mornings with Michael @ Payton

Jan. 4, 25, Feb. 15, & March 8, 29

Greet the day from the beginning and watch the world come alive. A sunrise experiential walk at Payton Park. Dress weather appropriate, and the hiking is easy to moderate and often wet.

Jan. 8:00 AM,

Feb./Mar. 7:00AM

Cost: \$2.00

Pre-register by: Prior Friday

Min: 5

Max: 15

Payton County Park

To register or more information:

Email: mgobert@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3777

Michael Gobert

Trail Trekkers

Jan. 7, Feb. 4 and March 4, First Thursdays

Join Allen County Park trail guides and naturalists in a hike or hikes at Fox Island. These hikes will help us become better outdoor guides while getting to know other volunteers and enjoying the outdoors.

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost: FREE
Pre-register by: N/A
Min: N/A
Max: N/A

Fox Island County Park

To register or more information:
Email: nhaley@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3246
Natalie Haley

Cross Country Ski Clinic

January 9, Saturday

Learn how equipment works, waxing vs. no-wax, purchasing, ski prep and maintenance, and how to dress. Receive basic instruction and practice on technique; weather permitting A voucher for future ski rental will be issued if weather doesn't cooperate.



10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost: \$7.00 incl. 1 hr rental
\$3.00 w/your equip.
Pre-register by : 1/4
Min: 5
Max: 15

Fox Island Nature Center

To register or more information:
Email: rzartman@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3186
Ron Zartman
Shoe size, height and weight needed when registering to reserve equipment.

Owl Prowl

January 9, Saturday

We will gather indoors to discover who our resident owls are, and then head outdoors to try to call some in. Dress for the weather and for trails.

2 NISTEM points

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Cost: \$2.00
Pre-register by: 1/4
Min: 5
Max: 15

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Ron Zartman

Monday Mornings with Michael @ Metea

Jan. 11, Feb. 1, 22, & March 15

Greet the day from the beginning and watch the world come alive. A sunrise experiential at Metea County Park. Dress weather appropriate, and the hiking is easy to moderate and often wet.

**Jan. 8:00 AM,
Feb./Mar. 7:00 AM**

Cost: \$2.00
Pre-register by: Prior Friday
Min: 5
Max.: 15

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Michael Gobert

Fox E's "Leave no parent inside" Kit Club

Jan. 12, 19, 26 & Feb. 9, 16 and 23, Tuesdays

This program is for pre-school children ages 4 and 5 who would like to explore Fox Island with their loving parent or guardian while learning with naturalist Natalie Haley, about:

Jan. 12: Snow, ice, water and gas.

Jan. 19: Animal fur.

Jan. 26: Winter tracking hike!

Feb. 9: Winter birds.

Feb. 16: Snow.

Feb.23: Nature Art.

9:30-10:30 AM

Cost: \$4.00/child/session
\$2.00/adult/session

Includes a pre-packaged snack, drink and craft for children only.

Pre-register: 5 days prior

Min: 5
Max: 20

Fox Island County Park

To register or for more information:
Email: nhaley@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3246
Natalie Haley



Preschool Discovery Hour – Animal Signs

January 12, Tuesday

Gather indoors to explore animal footprints, take a hike to look for footprints and other animal signs, and then warm up with a snack.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$ 3.00 / child
\$ 2.00 / adult
Pre-register by: 1/7
Min: 5
Max: 20

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Ron Zartman

Scrapbook Night at Metea

January 15, Feb 19, March 19, April 16, Fridays

Beginning Scrapaholics. Need a night to catch up on your scrapbooking? Need some time for your self? Want a Girl's Night Out?

New to scrapbooking? Leave the kiddies at home, come and relax & work on your scrapbook projects, family albums, mini albums, cards, and home décor.



6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Cost: \$10/session (advance)
\$15 at the door.

Register 6 people and save \$10. Pay 3 months in advance and get 4th month FREE.

Metea County Park Nature Center

Reserve Your Table Today!!

To register or more information:

Email: paulcorrine2005@aol.com

Call: 260-460-0851

Corrine Paul

Add your name to my MONTHLY UPDATES (by email) to get hints and instructions for special projects and challenges at the next crop.

Owl Night Hoot with Soarin' Hawk

January 16, Saturday

Visit with Soarin' Hawk rehabilitators and learn how they are saving local birds of prey, including owls, vultures, hawks and more. After visiting with their birds learn "who cooks for you all?" and other tremolos, whistles and hoot calls of Indiana owls during this adventurous night hike into the Fox Island Nature Preserve.

2 NISTEM points

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Cost: free to annual park pass holders and \$2.00/person for general admittance.

Pre-register by: 1/11

Min: 5

Max: 25

Fox Island County Park

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Email: nhaley@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3246

Natalie Haley



Monday Mornings with Michael @ North Metea

Jan. 18, Feb. 8, & March 1, 22

Greet the day from the beginning and watch the world come alive. A sunrise experiential walk at the North Metea Nature Preserve. Dress weather appropriate, the hiking is easy to moderate and often wet.

Jan. 8:00 AM

Feb./March 7:00 AM

Cost: \$2.00

Pre-register by: Prior Friday

Min: 5

Max: 15

North Metea at Hursh Rd.

To register or more information:

Email: mgobert@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3777

Michael Gobert

The Metea Challenge

January 20, Wednesday

Come and learn about our new Metea Challenge Program. This 2 hour workshop will introduce new games, initiatives, and challenge courses. Age 10 and older. Dress to be comfortable and active.

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Cost: \$3.00

Pre-register by: 1/16

Min: 8

Max: 16

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:

Email: mgobert@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3777

Michael Gobert

Scrapbooking at Fox Island

January 22, February 5 & March 12, Fridays

Join naturalist, Natalie Haley, in a scrap-booking evening of saving memories with Creative Memories Consultant, Sherina Hewson, www.mycmsite.com/sites/shewson. Bring a friend and catch up on each other's lives. Fox Island will provide warm refreshments but will not be providing snacks for the \$10.00 fee. Please feel free to bring snacks and cold drinks to share.

6:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Cost: \$10.00/person

\$5.00/ person Feb. 5th

No CM consultant

Pre-register by: 1/17, 1/31 and 3/7, respectively.

Min: 6

Max: 22

Fox Island County Park

To register or for more information:

Email: nhaley@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3246

Natalie Haley

Fourth Friday Night Hike

January 22, Friday

The waxing moon will light our path as we seek the secrets of the winter nighttime woods. Flashlights are welcome, but not needed. Be prepared for Indiana weather.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Cost: \$2.00

Pre-register by: 1/19

Min: 5

Max: 45

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:

Email: bdispenza@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-8619

Bob Dispenza

Astronomy – Get Stars in Your Eyes

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, Thursdays

Boldly go where you have never gone before – to classes about astronomy! Take four nights out of winter and expand your horizons to infinity. The first night will be about observing methods and stars, the second about constellations, the third about the solar system, and the last about galaxies, nebulae and other distant objects. We will be observing with telescopes after each class (weather permitting). Bring binoculars or telescopes if you have them or need help with them.

Groundhog Day Celebration

February 2, Tuesday

As the weather continues cold, we all wonder when spring warmth will be arriving. One of our native animals has a reputation for being able to tell when – the groundhog. We are going to encourage him with a little celebration held in his honor. Learn about hibernation, the history of woodchuck weathermen, sing some Groundhog Day songs, and go out looking for our own Metea Park Marvin. Will he see his shadow?

Preschool Discovery Hour – Groundhog Day

February 2, Tuesday

Celebrate Groundhog Day by exploring fact and fiction about this important animal. We'll make a craft and hog down a snack.

Coyote Howl

February 6, Saturday

Join us for an evening hike to search for signs and listen for these wily canines. Dress for the weather and for trails.



Fish Dissection

February 11, Thursday

We will study the external structures of a perch and then open it and study the internal structures. This program fills up fast so register as soon as you can. Must be 14 years old or older and preregistered.

Caving Adventure

Trip Feb. 20, Saturday

Mandatory Pre-class, Feb. 12 Friday

Caving instructor Bob Dispenza will be leading a trip to a new cave (for us) near Springville on February 20. We'll be exploring a wild cave in the area and going off the beaten path, looking for cave wildlife and unusual formations. Mandatory pre-caving class is February 12th at 7:30 PM at Metea County Park. Learn about geology, cave life, needed equipment and cave formation.

10 NISTEM points

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00 for the series, includes all handout materials.

Pre-register by: 1/23

Min: 5

Max: 40

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$2.00

Pre-register by: N/A

Min: N/A

Max: N/A



1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$ 3.00 / child
\$ 2.00 / adult

Pre-register by: 1/28

Min: 5

Max: 20

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Cost: \$2.00

Pre-register by: 2/1

Min: 5

Max: 15

2 NISTEM points

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Cost: \$6.00/student
2.00/adult

Pre-register by: 2/4 (REQ'D)

Min: 5 Max: 15

5 NISTEM points

Trip: All day

Pre-class: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$20.00/person

Pre-register by: 2/9

Min: 5

Max: 25

Cost covers maps & caving instruction.

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Fox Island County Park

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Call: 449-3186

Ron Zartman

Fox Island County Park

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Ron Zartman

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:

Email: rdivelbiss@allencountyparks.org

Call: 449-3778

Ron Divelbiss

Metea County Park

To register or more information:

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Call: 449-8619

Bob Dispenza



Great Backyard Bird Count at Fox Island County Park

Feb. 12-15, Friday-Monday

Visit with park naturalists and local birders while counting birds in Allen County's backyard, Fox Island County Park.

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Cost: Free to pass holders
\$2.00/person all others
Pre-register by: 2/7
Min: 5
Max: 25

Fox Island County Park

To register or for more information:
Email: nhaley@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3246
Natalie Haley

Home School Series

February 18 & March 18, Thursdays

Home school science enrichment program for all school age students in three age groups. Cost includes BOTH month's sessions, all handouts and equipment. One parent/guardian per family is required to attend. Classes fill up quickly, so reserve you space. Classes begin at promptly 2:00 PM!
SPACE WILL NOT BE RESERVED UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID

2 NISTEM points/class

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00/student
\$4.00/adult
Pre-register & PREPAY by:
2/15/10
Min: 5/age group Max: 20

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:
Email: rdivelbiss@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3778
Ron Divelbiss
Both sessions will be held both indoors and outdoors. Please dress for the weather.

**Session 1:
February 18**

**Session 2:
March 18**



Preschool (ages 4 and 5)

Birding for Beginners

Learn the basics of classifying, identifying, and enjoying the birds of Metea. Time is divided between the classroom, hiking, and the bird observation area. Hiking is easy, and snack provided.

Animal Homes

Build a home, study a wasp factory, and look for where the animals live. Snack provided.

Beginner (grade 1-3)

Birding for Beginners

Learn the basics of classifying, identifying, and enjoying the birds of Metea. Time is divided between the classroom, hiking, and the bird observation area. Hiking is easy, and snack provided.

Quest for Spring, with an emphasis on Skunk Cabbage! This will be a hike into the woods, so dress appropriately!

Intermediate (grade 4-6)

Animal myths.

Are daddy-long-legs the most poisonous spider? Do squirrels get rabies? Learn the truth about our animal friends (and not some Internet rumor).

Birding for Beginners

Learn the basics of classifying, identifying, and enjoying the birds of Metea. Dress for the weather, hiking is easy.

Advanced (grade 7-12)

The Use and Care of the Compound

Microscope (part 1)

This 2 hour program is an introduction to or a review of the compound microscope.

The Use and Care of the Compound

Microscope (part 2)

We will apply what we have learned about the microscope to study plant and animal cells.

The Metea Challenge

February 25, Thursday

Come and learn about our new Metea Challenge Program. This 2 hour workshop will introduce new games, initiatives and challenge courses. Open to all age 10 or older. Dress to be comfortable and active.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$3.00
Pre-register by: 2/20
Min: 8
Max: 16

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:
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Call: 449-3777
Michael Gobert

Frog Dissection

February 25, Thursday

We will study the external structures of a frog and then open it and study the internal structures. This program fills up fast so register as soon as you can. Must be 14 years old or older

2 NISTEM points

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

\$2.00/adult and \$6.00/student
Pre-register by: 2/18
Min: 5
Max: 15

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:
Email: rdivelbiss@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3778
Ron Divelbiss

Fourth Friday Night Hike

February 26, Friday

The nearly-full moon will be high in the night sky as we stroll through the old fields and wetlands of Payton County Park. Flashlights are welcome, but not needed. Be prepared for Indiana weather.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Cost: \$2.00
Pre-register by: 2/22
Min: 5
Max: 45

Payton County Park

To register or more information:
Email: bdispenza@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3777
Bob Dispenza

Jr. Indiana Master Naturalist Open House**March 6, Saturday**

Your child, ages 9-13, can become a Jr. Indiana Master Naturalist. This is an Open House to answer questions and register for this great new program. See front page for more program information or our website

25 NISTEM points/series**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Cost: Open House is **FREE**
 Pre-register by: N/A
 Min: N/A
 Max: N/A

Metea County Park

To register or more information:
 Email: nhaley@allencountyparks.org
 Call: 449-3246
 Natalie Haley

Story Night at Metea**March 5, Friday**

Come and sit by the fire, sipping cocoa, and listen to stories that will warm your heart and inspire your soul. Open to all with the inclination to listen. Meet inside the nature center.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Cost: \$3.00
 Pre-register by: March 1
 Min: 5
 Max : 50

Metea County Park Nature Center

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 Email: mgobert@allencountyparks.org
 Call: 449-3777
 Michael Gobert

Payton's the Place**March 13, Saturday**

Let's spend the day getting to know Payton County Park, by assisting in the development of a new trail through the mature deciduous woods. Dress for the weather and for working outdoors. Some tools provided. Tools needed for clearing brush.

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cost: Free
 Pre-register by: March 11
 Min: 1
 Max : 100
Free Lunch!

Payton County Park

To register or more information:
 Email: mgobert@allencountyparks.org
 Call: 449-3777
 Michael Gobert

The Metea Challenge**March 20, Saturday**

Come and learn about our new Metea Challenge Program. This 2 hour workshop will introduce new games, initiatives, and challenge courses. Ages 10 or older. Dress to be comfortable and active.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cost: \$3.00
 Pre-register by: 3/16
 Min: 6
 Max: 16

Metea County Park Nature Center

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 Call: 449-3777
 Michael Gobert

Spring Timberdoodle "Sky Dance"**March 20, Saturday**

Celebrate the first day of spring by attending the courtship "sky dance" of the American Woodcock. We will observe male birds showing off for the girls. Dress warm for the weather.

**7:30 PM– 9:00 PM**

Cost: \$2.00
 Pre-register by: 3/15
 Min: 5
 Max: 15

Fox Island County Park

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 Call: 449-3186
 Ron Zartman

Preschool Discovery Hour – Bunnies**March 23, Tuesday**

We'll tell the tale of a favorite animal in fact and fiction. We'll hop to a craft and nibble on a snack.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

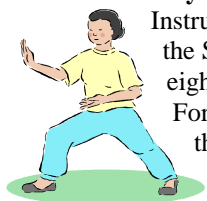
Cost: \$ 3.00 / child
 \$ 2.00 / adult
 Pre-register by: 3/18
 Min: 5
 Max: 20

Fox Island County Park

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 Ron Zartman

Tai Chi**March 24 – May 12, Wednesdays**

Instructor Sandy Gebhart will teach the Sun Seventy-three Form in this eight week Tai Chi class. The Sun Form is a gentle, non-strenuous form that can be practiced by all.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Cost: \$50.00 for eight weeks
 Pre-register by: 3/19
 Min: 10
 Max: 25
 Registrations accepted through 3rd week if minimum is not reached

Fox Island Nature Center

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 Email: rzartman@allencountyparks.org
 Call: 449-3186
 Ron Zartman

Fourth Friday Night Hike

March 26, Friday

As we near the end of owl nesting season, we will try to get an owl family to visit us on our hike. Flashlights are welcome, but not needed. Be prepared for Indiana weather.

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Cost: \$2.00
Pre-register by: 3/22
Min: 5
Max: 45

Metea Park North, on Hursh Rd.

To register or more information:
Email: bdispenza@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-8619
Bob Dispenza

Non-flowering plants - the Moss and Fern Life Cycles 2 NISTEM points

March 30, Tuesday

We will be using the microscopes to study these small, plantlike organisms. **Students must have their Microscope operators' license to sign up for this program.**



2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Cost: \$3.00/student
\$2.00/adult
Pre-register by: 3/22(REQ'D)
Min: 5 Max: 10
Must be 12 years old or older

Metea County Park Nature Center

To register or more information:
Email: rdivelbiss@allencountyparks.org
Call: 449-3778
Ron Divelbiss

RACE into the WILD Spring Day Camp!

April 5-9, Monday-Friday

Campers will experience a week filled with scavenger hunts, survival skill tests and great adventures in the outdoors. By incorporating fun into learning, we hope to create a positive connection between children and the outdoors. Sack lunches *from home* are *required* daily. We will provide drinks and snacks. Go green and bring a re-usable, labeled, water bottle.

30 NISTEM points/week

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$100.00/week/child
\$95.00 if registered prior to 3/14
\$90.00 Gold Parks Pass holder's
Pre-register by: 3/26
Min: 10
Max: 30

Fox Island County Park

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Natalie Haley

Our Mission: "To establish and manage a permanent park system incorporating conservation, education, outdoor values and nature preservation, and to provide recreational opportunities for the people of Allen County within this structure"
Allen County does not discriminate because of disability in the admission to, treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Human Resources director has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereafter, and Allen County's ADA Policy are available from the ADA Coordinator. Requests for assistance or suggestions on how the County can better meet the needs of those persons with disabilities may be submitted to the ADA Coordinator at: Human Resources Department, Room 208, 1 East Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802, or by telephone at 260-449-7217, TDD 260-449-7881.

We're on the web: www.allencountyparks.org

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