The Nature Nuts News

February 2010

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I --, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*

Welcome to volume 3 issue 2 of "The Nature Nuts News", a monthly newsletter keeping you updated with Allen County Parks Volunteer activities. Included is a monthly calendar of events for volunteers.

"How strange that Nature does not knock, and yet does not intrude!"
-Emily Dickinson in a letter to Mrs. J.S. Cooper, 1880

Many of you are already aware that Emily Pollander, beloved and devoted trail guide at Fox Island County Park, died on January 2nd, 2010. We may never understand the true diversity of Emily's contributions in life. To name a few… She served on student medical teams in Peru and Guatemala while earning her BS in Nursing at DePauw University. She earned her MS in Nursing from the University of Kentucky where she won the May Sanders Award recognizing outstanding contributions to nursing care. Locally she served as Director of Healthy Babies Program in Indianapolis. She was a runner and creative knitter. She possessed a sincere love for nature and enjoyed passing on her knowledge of the outdoors as a volunteer trail guide for various school children who visited Fox Island County Park. She valued nature so much that she shared her passion with her family. Her positive energy will continue to be a bright beacon of guiding light to those of us who were privileged to know her. Memorials to St. Vincent Foundation Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 8402 Harcourt Rd. Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN. 46260.

Devoted volunteer, Emily Pollander, showing volunteers the proper way to hold a box turtle.

Metea Programs

Feb 1 & 22, 7:00AM, Monday Mornings with Michael ***at Metea***
Feb 2, 10AM, Groundhog Day Celeb.
Feb 4, 11 & 18, 7:30PM, Astronomy
Feb 8, 7AM, Monday Morning with Michael ***at North Metea***
Feb 11, 2-4PM, Fish dissection
Feb 12, 7:30PM, Pre-caving class
Feb 15, 7AM, Monday Morning with Michael ***at Payton***
Feb 18, 2-4PM, Home School Series
Feb 19, 6-9PM, Craft Night at Metea
Feb 20, All Day, Caving Adventure
Feb 25, 9-11AM, The Metea Challenge
Feb 25, 2-4PM, Frog Dissection
Feb 26, 7PM, 4th Friday Night Hike ***at Payton***

Fox Island Programs

Feb 2, 1-2PM, Preschool Discovery Hour—Groundhog Day
Feb 5, 6pm-Midnight, Scrap booking
Feb 6, 5:30PM, Coyote Howl
Fox Kit Club:
Feb 9, 9:30-10:30AM, Winter Birds
Feb 16, 9:30AM-10:30AM, Snow
Feb 23, 9:30-1:30 AM, Nature Art
Feb 12-15, 9:30AM, Great Backyard Bird Count

Special Volunteer Events

Feb. 4, 1-3PM, Trail Trekkers

Trail Guide Training Workshop
Sunday, April 18th, 1-4PM
Take a hike with a naturalist!
Its spring, wear boots!
Get warm with coffee/cocoa & conversation.
Naturalists will share trail guiding tips, tricks, gimmicks and gadgets.
Call 449-3246 to pre-register by April 13.
FREE—bring a friend!

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.

Allen County Park VIP's

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Metea County Park

Sol Fest is coming up! It is <u>the</u> annual fundraiser for both Metea and Fox Island scholarships. You can help today by finding us a sponsor.

	1 7AM Monday Mornings with Michael	2 10AM Groundhog Day Celebration	3	4 7:30PM Astronomy	5	6
7	8 7AM Monday Morning with Michael at North Metea	9	10	11 2-4PM Fish Dissection 7:30PM Astronomy	12 7:30PM Pre-caving class	13
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21	22 7AM Monday Mornings with Michael	23	24	25 9-11AM The Metea Challenge 2-4PM Frog Dissection	26 7PM Fourth Friday Night Hike at ***Payton Park***	27
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Metea County Park Activities

Call 449-3777 for info.

We are hunting skunk cabbage...

In addition:

***Join the committee for Metea's fall fundraiser in 2010! Contact bdispenza@allencountyparks.org.**

***Join the Friends of Metea. Contact rdivelbiss@allencountyparks.org, or call 449-3778.**

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Fox Island
County Park

Cross Country Skiing at Fox Island.

	1	2 1-2PM Preschool Discovery Hour—groundhogs	3	4 1-3PM *Trail Trekkers*	5 6pm-Midnt. Scrapbooking	6 5:30-7PM Coyote Howl
7	8	9 9:30-10:30AM Fox Kit Club-Winter Birds	10	11	12 9:30-10:30AM Great Backyard Bird Ct.	13 9:30-10:30AM Great Backyard Bird Ct.
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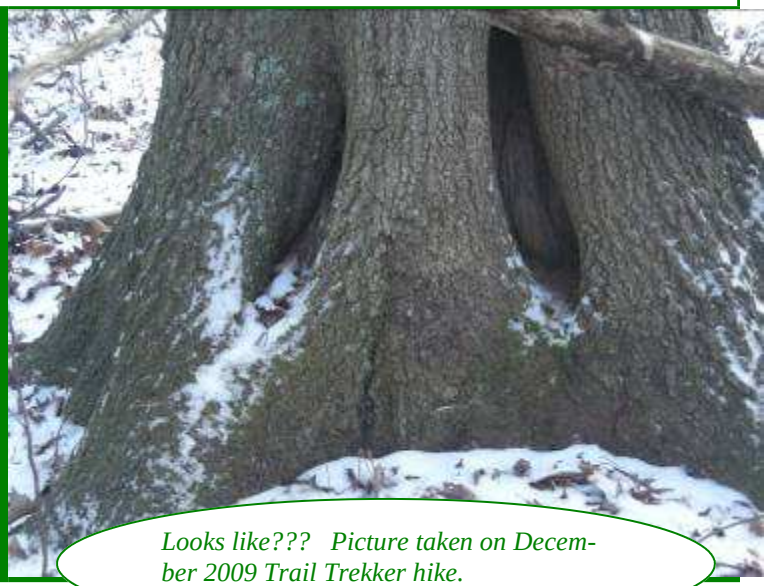
Fox Island Park Volunteer Activities

Call 449-3180 for info.

Volunteers needed for all activities on calendar.
Volunteers also needed for:
- **Informational signs for the exhibits.**
- **Putting together specific program props.**
- **Bulletin Boards.**
- **Trail Guiding.**
- **Special Events.**

Contact Ron Zartman or Natalie Haley for more information at 449-3186 or 449-3246.
Email: programs@allencountyparks.org



Looks like??? Picture taken on December 2009 Trail Trekker hike.

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A Publication for Allen County Parks Volunteers

Question: What is red and found in Allen County Parks in February?

Frozen* Sumac *Punch!