

The Nature Nuts News - January 2011

"How full of the creative genius is the air in which these are generated! I should hardly admire more if real stars fell and lodged on my coat." - Henry David Thoreau

Welcome to volume 4 issue 1 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.



**Drifting,
floating,
freezing,
wet,
snow!**



(Look closely at all four pictures and try to find their matching description—answers on the Fox Island matching board found in the nature center!).

1. A six-sided, flat crystal with a variety of surface designs. It does not have projections and therefore will not interlock with other crystals, but will drift freely alone.
2. If the air is warmer with high moisture, then this type of crystal has a good chance of forming in low clouds. It is shaped like a six-pointed star radiating from a connecting center.
3. A long, slender, six-sided crystal with fine points projecting from either end. It is extremely common and will account for much of a snow-storm's accumulation. It often freezes with other similar crystals while falling slowly to the ground, breaking into many splinters of ice when it lands on a hard surface.
4. If the air is cold and there is very little moisture, this type of snow crystal forms. It is a six-sided, elongated crystal with flat or pointed ends. It will often have hollow air spaces inside.



[Metea Programs \(call 449-3777 to help!\)](#)

- Jan. 3, Mon. Morn. w/Michael, 7a
- Jan. 14, Energy and Water Conservation, 7:30p
- Jan. 20, Trail Trekkers, 1-3p**
- Jan. 21, Earthworm Dissection, 1-3p
- Jan. 23, Metea Challenge, 2-5p
- Jan. 28, Night Hike, 7:30p

[Fox Island Programs \(call 449-3246 to help\)](#)

- Jan. 5-Feb. 23, Tai Chi, 6-7p
- Jan. 6, Trail Trekkers, 1-3p**
- Jan. 8, Cross Country Ski Clinic, 10a-12p
- Jan. 8, Owl Prowl, 5:30-7:30p
- Jan. 11, Fox Kit Adventures, "Winter Tracks", 9:30-10:30a
- Jan. 11, Preschool Discovery Hour, "Animal Signs", 1-2p
- Jan. 20, Sunset Photo Safari, 4:30-6p
- Jan. 21, Scrap Booking, 6p-12a
- Jan. 30, "Attracting Bluebirds to Nest in Your Back Yard" Trail Guide Training Workshop, 1-4p**

For more details visit:
www.allencountyparks.org

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!!!
February 28th, 6:30PM! Fox Island
County Park—Mark your calendars!!!**



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

Winter view of
Metea County
Park Trails.



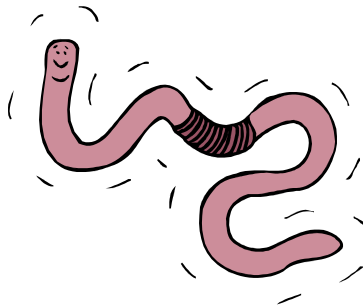
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2	3 Monday Morning with Michael, 7a	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 NRG and H2O Conservation, 7:30p	15
16	17	18	19	20 Trail Trekkers, 1-3p	21 Worm Dissection, 1-3p	22
23 Metea Challenge, 2-5p	24	25	26	27	28 Night Hike, 7:30p	29
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Metea County Park Volunteer Needs

Call 449-3777 for info.

Volunteer help needed for earthworm and crayfish dissections in January and February. Contact Ron Divelbiss at 449-3778 to help!



Ground Hog Day at Metea!
February 2nd
10:00am
Learn about hibernation, the history of woodchuck weathermen, sing some Groundhog Day songs, and look for your own Metea Marvin.


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Fox Island County Park

Help Conrad Getz save Fox Islands blue-birds at his blue-bird Trail Guide Training workshop!!! (Jan. 30th, 1-4pm)



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9	10	11 Fox Kit Adventure, 9:30a; Pre-K Disc. Hr., 1-2p	12 Tai-Chi, 6-7p	13	14	15
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Find out what other creatures of night visit Fox Island during January 8th's OWL PROWL!!!

*When? 5:30PM
Meet at the nature*





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and Recreation**

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“Sleet starts as rain, then passes through a very cold layer of air on its way to the earth’s surface. At this point the droplets freeze into solid icy raindrops and continue falling.”

- Stokes, *A Guide to Nature in Winter*