

The Nature Nuts News - April 2011

“Reconsider the importance of using both sides of our brain. Learn how to draw on the emotional side of it. Provocation is the reason for interpreters to exist. Provoke people to think!” —Will LaPage

Welcome to volume 4 issue 4 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.

Excerpt taken from “A Park is a Poem on the Land”,
—by Will LaPage,
(The Father of Partnerships in America and a Poet)
“The Logic of Parks”

“There is no rationality, no economics to be found in a park. And, fortunately, there is no park that can pass Economics 101. We have parks because we can afford to—to have pockets of land here and there that do not have to pass the productivity test. Parks remind us that we can afford to be irrational, that we can afford to be generous. We have parks because we identify with the land, its expansiveness, its ruggedness, its inspiration. We have parks because of our playful nature, to test ourselves, to share, to rise to a challenge. We have parks as a measure of our humility—Our respect for the beauty and necessity of nature. We have parks because we have confidence in ourselves, and in our children—confidence that we do not have to reduce all of life to the test of logic. We have parks because we are human—because we are endowed with a conscience, because we believe and respect. We have parks because it is a way we can join together and write a poem on the land—the land that has given us everything.”

So...What is the business of interpretation?
To provoke questions, not answers.

Of Note: Will LaPage met Robert Frost when he was in his 20's. Will asked Mr. Frost a question. Robert Frost's answer was: “Nobody told me I could be a poet, I only believed in the future within.” What was Will LaPage's question?

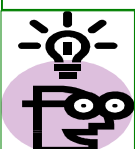
To learn more about Will, visit this link:
<http://www.parksforlife.com/aboutWill.html>

[Metea Programs \(call 449-3777\)](#)
 4/4 Mon. Morning with Michael, 7am
 4/6 Evening Hike with Michael, 7pm
 4/16 Backpacking Basics, 2-5pm
 4/17 Bald Eagles in Cedar Creek, 2pm
 4/19 Wildflowers on Muskrat Tr., 2pm
4/21 Trail Trekkers, 1-3pm
 4/29 Night Hike at **Payton**, 8:30pm

[Fox Island Programs \(call 449-3180\)](#)
 4/2 Stockbridge Audubon Birds, 8am
 4/4-4/8 Jr. IMN Class 2011, 9a-3:30p
 4/6 Tai-Chi, 6-7p
4/7 Trail Trekkers, 1-3pm
 4/12 Fox Kit Adventure: bees, 9:30am
 4/12 Preschool Discovery Hr., 1-2pm
 4/13 Tai-Chi, 6-7p
 4/16 Erin's House visits Fox Isle
4/17 Trail Guide Training: Honeybees, 1-4PM
 4/20 Tai-Chi, 6-7p
 4/22 Scrap Booking, 6pm-Midnight
 4/27 Tai-Chi, 6-7p
4/30-5/1 SOL-FEST!!!, 12-8PM

[School Groups need Guides at Fox I:](#)
 4/13 The Chapel Christian Pre-K
 4/16 Erins House
 4/19 Home School, 10am-Noon
 4/21 Study Elem., 10am-1pm
 4/26 Emm. St. Michael, 10-11:30am
 4/26 G.S. Troop, 3:45-4:45pm
 4/27 Home School, 1:30-3:30pm
 4/28 Canterbury 2nd gr., 8:45-9:45am

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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

Metea County Park

**Time to go Froggin;!!!
(For Frog Calls that is!)
Go FrogwatchUSA!!!**

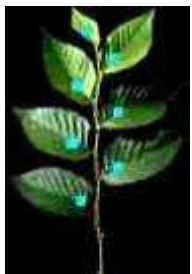


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3	4 Monday Morning with Michael, 7a	5	6 Evening Hike with Michael, 7p	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Back-packing Basics, 2-5p
17 Bald Eagles in Cedar Creek, 2pm	18	19 Wildflowers on Muskrat trail, 2pm	20	21 1-3p Trail Trekkers	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Night Hike at Payton, 8:30pm	30

Metea County Park Volunteer Needs

Call 449-3777 for info.

This spring Metea needs a new leaf collection. Talk to naturalist, Ron Divelbiss.



alternate



opposite

Metea volunteers needed to develop volunteer events at Metea.



Fox Island County Park

Summer Camp Starts June 20th!!!

Jr. Indiana Master Naturalist camp starts April 4th!!!



					1	2 Stock-bridge bird hike, 8am
3	4 Jr. IMN	5 Jr. IMN	6 Jr. IMN	7 Jr. IMN	8 Jr. IMN	9
			6-7p Tai-Chi	1-3p Trail Trekkers		
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			6-7p Tai-Chi			
17 Trail Guide Training, 1-4pm—Honeybees!	18	19	20	21	22	23
			6-7p Tai-Chi		Scrap Book, 6pm-Midnt.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			6-7p Tai-Chi			SOL-Fest!!



Turtle egg shells

Watch out for frogs and turtles on the roads—especially during rain!!!



Turtle tail!



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