



## RAINING BIRDS AND FEATHERS OR MANNA FROM HEAVEN

by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director

### GREAT NEWS!

We've been surprised with a challenge grant! If we can raise \$35,000 in new or increased support from our friends, we will be given an additional \$35,000 for our mission.

Celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Center with an added gift this summer.

*A dead bird dropped out of the sky right in front of our bike, followed immediately by a flash of feathers. Wings opened and in the blink of an eye a Cooper's Hawk snagged the bird, swooped up and landed on the branch above us, its morning snack recovered. "Dad, did you see that?" my excited six year old son piped up from the bike trail as we watched in fascination.*

*I get a charge out of natural happenings such as this. One that is difficult to articulate, wonderful to experience, and even better to share. The thrill never gets old.*

But we do.

*I was sitting on our roof at home watching the sun set when two jet-black birds swooped up like F-16s above my neighbor's chimney, then amazingly stopped dead in mid air. From six feet up they literally parachuted, wing and tail spread, straight down into the chimney not to reappear until morning. I'd never seen a chimney swift go to roost before*

*and when my now 14 year old son popped his head through the attic hatch, he was patient, if not overwhelmed, with Dad's enthusiastic story.*

Eight years, almost to the day, separates these two natural events. Eight years, almost to the day, since I took the helm of this grass-roots organization and wrote that first paragraph for the newsletter. It has been a wild and wonderful ride.

I remember the excitement when Paul and Darrel, two young street kids, brought in the quarter-sized snapping turtle in their mayonnaise jar. You may recognize this little snapper as Paul, our 16 inch long monster of a turtle in the animal room.

I remember struggling, late at night, figuring how to take state taxes out of our two paychecks, paid out of a personal checking account. Thankfully, we now have much smarter people than I to do this.

I remember jumping with joy when Wisconsin Paperboard generously gave us our first \$1000 check! Little did I realize that in a few short years we'd actually receive a \$1,000,000 check to kick off our new building project!

I remember entering the old trailer to, "Ken, did you drill a hole in the hallway?" The mysterious boring turned out to be the result of a bullet found lodged in a stud on the opposite wall. Today, thanks in

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## THE BIOLOGICAL VALUE OF RIVERSIDE PARK? TREMENDOUS!

by Timothy Vargo, Research Coordinator

When I first took on the task of attracting quality research to Riverside Park, I consulted others in my field. Reactions were mixed. I was told why it would be difficult: "It's too small for publishable research"; "There are too many invasive species"; "It's over-run by dogs"; "The soil is polluted". I took these comments to heart when putting together a PowerPoint presentation for a statewide conference entitled: Finding Tremendous Value in a Tiny, Polluted, Degraded, Abandoned



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## THE BIRTHDAY GIRL'S GIFT

by Susan Winans, Volunteer Coordinator

"Who will release the bird?" UEC educator Sara Vondrachek asked. A group of Escuela Fratney kindergartners just finished observing bird banding volunteers band a brilliant yellow and black goldfinch. As always when a hike in the forest coincides with bird banding, we stop and watch the process, giving the children the rare opportunity to see a live bird up close. The teacher then picks one student from the class to help release the bird. On this day, the selection was obvious: a quiet girl with braided hair, wearing her birthday crown. Sometimes, on your birthday, you get to do something special.

Sara and the child walked away from the group and knelt down. Sara placed the goldfinch in the girl's hands, allowing her to feel the bird's heart beating. Normally, the bird flies off right away, but this time, the bird stayed in the girl's hands and the girl, staring at

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## URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

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The **Urban Ecology Center** is a neighborhood-based, nonprofit community center located in Milwaukee's historic Riverside Park. Using this living laboratory, the **Urban Ecology Center: Provides** environmental education programs to neighborhood schools, **Promotes** environmental awareness in the community, **Preserves** and enhances the natural resources of Riverside Park, and **Protects** the Milwaukee River.

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Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon - 5 p.m.

## DROPLETS

◆ **Reiman Foundation helps Center "climb" to new heights.** Thanks to a generous donation from the Reiman Foundation we are building a 40 foot outdoor rock climbing wall on our 75 ft observation tower. The first of its kind in this area, the wall will enable the Center to expand the existing climbing program to incorporate advanced learning. As many of you know, our existing program uses the stone block retaining walls along the Oak Leaf Trail that work well for beginning and intermediate training. The new tower wall will complete our offerings. The Center's climbing program has touched more than 7,500 young people and adults since 2001. Rock climbing offers so many benefits including experiencing the value of teamwork, instilling increased self-reliance and confidence, providing experience with overcoming physical challenges *and* it's fun. Watch the newsletter for information about the grand opening celebration this fall. We thank Roy and Bobbi Reiman for making this project possible with their generous support.

◆ **Become a Park Ranger!** Have you been looking for an excuse to take a walk in the park? Wish you could take that walk with a buddy? The Center is the steward of Riverside Park and wants to maintain a safe and clean environment for visitors, so we are recruiting volunteers to become UEC Park Rangers. As a volunteer Ranger you and a buddy would walk the paths of the park picking up litter, making note of graffiti on park benches and fallen trees or any other situations that should be brought to the attention of Center staff. The estimated time to take the walk is about two hours, depending on the pace you like to walk. We are offering a free UEC Park Ranger t-shirt to the first 14 rangers to sign up for a three month commitment. If you are interested, please contact Kimberly Fein, x150 or kfein@urbanecologycenter.org, with the day of week you would be able to help.

◆ **Special thanks to Troy Freund for initiating, organizing and running the first Riverwest Trail Run** in conjunction with the Center's Earth Day Festival. Thanks to Troy and his team of great volunteers, 108 runners turned out to run one of the two courses along the Milwaukee River. We thank Troy, the volunteers and the runners

## WISH LIST

If you have a donation for the Center, please call Judy Krause, x102.

- Minivan (7 passenger minimum) for next school year
- Bike rack for our Toyota Prius
- Chain saw
- Firewood
- Gently used sweatpants
- Heavy duty cordless drill & screwdriver w/charger
- Kayak
- Microwave
- Portable sound system with microphones
- Professional weed whacker
- Skewers for roasting marshmallows
- Sledge hammer
- Step stools
- Unwanted CDs for art project

for the \$468 donation to the Center from the proceeds of the run.

◆ **Congratulations to our friend Eric Hansen.** The Outdoor Writer's Association of America announced their annual Excellence in Craft awards on June 17 -- and recognized Eric's essay on the U.P.'s iconic Coaster Brook Trout and the threat of sulfide mining. Eric's opinion piece took first place for conservation and environment newspaper writing for 2005, an award sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation and Trout Unlimited. The op-ed also took third place in the wilderness category, a prize The Wilderness Society underwrites. This essay first ran as an op-ed in the June 12, 2005 issue of the Sunday Chicago Tribune. It is available on the author's website, [www.eric-hansen.com](http://www.eric-hansen.com)

◆ **A new interest group is coming to the Urban Ecology Center!** What is the difference between organic food, processed organic, and industrial organic? Are you concerned or confused by food issues? We are getting together to talk about food and its impact on our lives. The newly forming food group would also like to sponsor a series of exciting food preservation workshops being put together by the CSA Initiative with a master food preserver/canner from Slow Foods. If you are interested in learning more, please email Anne at [asteinberg@wi.rr.com](mailto:asteinberg@wi.rr.com).

## THE BIOLOGICAL VALUE OF RIVERSIDE PARK? TREMENDOUS!

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**Urban Forest.** Tremendous? Well, if you break it down the word tremendous is not a stretch at all.

**Too small?** In our eyes the “natural” area in Riverside Park is only 15 acres and some change, but the wildlife find themselves in a mostly-intact forested corridor that stretches almost the entire length of the Milwaukee River. Our small “political” size enables us to study the park in amazing detail. We have every tree above four inches in diameter mapped on a geographic database that will allow us to study exactly how the tree community changes over time and in response to management. This database will allow the public to take a virtual walk through Riverside Park, a virtual swim through the river and enter wildlife sightings from their home or classroom. It will also help researchers detect ecological patterns and relationships.

**Too many invasives?** Yes, we are under constant pressure to keep harmful invasive plant species out of the park. But our Burdock Brigade has been going strong for more than a decade and although the struggle will never end, our long-term (100 yr) management plan should keep the battles minor. Once a healthy community of native plants is established, it becomes more difficult for invasives to establish themselves. In the meantime, Riverside Park can help field-test restoration techniques (you can see one of these experiments in the middle of the Oak Circle).

**Too many dogs?** While a high concentration of dogs undoubtedly affects local biota, dogs and their owners are part of the community, enjoy the park and were important players in reclaiming the park from crime. In this regard, I see a unique opportunity to study how dogs function as part of an urban ecosystem.

**Too polluted?** After a long history of industry along the river and a railroad bisecting the park, there are pollution issues. However, we’ve already piqued the interest of university professors who want to study how pollutants “behave” in an ecosystem and how we can use living organisms (fungi, plants or even worms) to either remove them from the soil or change them into something less harmful.



When I consulted with long-time citizen science volunteer Al Heldermon, he predicted that we would attract research for precisely the reasons that were presented to me as negative. When you look at the plate of

research projects for 2006, you can see why Al was prophetic.

We have received funding to establish a protocol for monitoring mammals in a highly-urbanized environment that can be used as a model worldwide. We will be part of a groundbreaking international study linking the physical state of migrating birds with the quality of the urban habitat through which they are migrating. We will continue to test field techniques for snake monitoring and participate in several nationwide Citizen Science projects. And on top of all this, we have a healthy population of State-threatened Butler’s Garter Snakes which is found only in Greater Milwaukee.

But I still haven’t even touched on the real strengths of the park: the community. None of the research would be happening if it weren’t for a dedicated group of citizen volunteers and none of it would be happening if our community hadn’t decided that Riverside Park was worth saving and enjoying.

Is our park tremendous? I think so.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

*by Susan Winans, Volunteer Coordinator*

### Introducing Saturday Stewards!

Are you looking for a way to volunteer at the Center but aren’t sure how to fit it into your busy work or school schedule? We now have a time set aside that we hope will work! Join us on Saturdays from 9 - 10:30 am as UEC volunteers gather to do a group project. On the first and third Saturdays you’ll help out our Burdock Brigade in the park. On the second, fourth and fifth Saturdays you’ll get to help out on a group project, determined by our Weekend Coordinator, that will change every week. Call to sign up with the receptionist so we know how many people to expect, (414) 964-8505.

### Gardeners wanted! (No experience necessary)

Do you want to spend some time outside this summer? Join our Gardener, Joel Springsteen, for mornings working in our gardens. His schedule is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday, and he welcomes volunteers for any or all of that time. This is perfect if you have a busy summer schedule and would like to spend a morning volunteering outside every once in a while. Please call in advance and leave your name and phone number with Susan, x110, so Joel can expect you.

### Odds & Ends projects

Have a minute to give us a helping hand? If you’re visiting the Center you can check out the Odds & Ends section of the Volunteer Opportunities bulletin board located in the volunteer lounge on the second floor. Or call ahead and ask for Kimberly Fein. She always has a project or two in progress for a willing person. No time is too short or task too small that we could not use your help.

### Don’t forget to sign in!

When you volunteer at the Center, don’t forget to record your hours in the log book, located on the second floor in the volunteer lounge. It’s easy to forget, but it’s important information for us as we gauge our volunteer needs and share information with potential and current donors. It is also a key communication tool for our Volunteer Coordinator, Susan, as she can’t otherwise keep track of all of the great work that you are doing!

## TEEN ADVENTURE CHALLENGE A SUCCESS

by Carijean Buhk, Public Relations Coordinator

It was really a perfect day. It was sunny but not too hot. A cool breeze blew around a diverse group of teens from the Milwaukee area as they waited anxiously on the bike path for their detailed instructions. After a few minutes of instruction (it seemed a lifetime later) they were off; some on bikes, some on foot towards the rock climbing wall and some looking slightly puzzled as they ran to Riverside Park. Thirteen teams of four energetic high school students and one fun-loving adult competed in the Urban Ecology Center's 4th Annual Teen Adventure Challenge on Saturday, June 3. The Teen Adventure Challenge, a multi-faceted race, is a test of strength, outdoor skills, ingenuity and group decision making abilities.

The event stretched from Capitol Drive to Clybourn Street and from the Milwaukee River to Lake Michigan. Half of the teams began by biking to the lake, the other half by navigating a challenging orienteering course and climbing a rock wall found under the Belleview Place bridge. Checkpoints and brain teasers were found along the way and could mean the difference between a first or second place finish.

Once they reached the Clybourn Street landing they pulled their canoes from the river and raced on foot on the Riverwalk to the finish line at RiverSplash! in Pere Marquette

Park. There the teams had a free lunch and were rewarded for their efforts at an awards ceremony with prizes for everyone.

Teams represented the following schools or organizations: Boy Scouts, Shorewood area (2 teams), El Puente High School (2 teams), First Unitarian Society, Germantown High School, Greenfield Home Schoolers, Shalom High School, South Division High School (2 teams), St. Joan Antida, Washington High School of Expeditionary Learning and Kettle Moraine / Waukesha North.

This is our mission in action. Many of the teens had never canoed or rock climbed before. Many thought they couldn't do it until they got out on the course and tried it. With some coaching and instruction they were on their way. At the end, everyone was exhausted but proud of their accomplishments. As a volunteer, the kids' energy is hard to resist; it makes you want to join them on their adventure.

The Teen Adventure Challenge is a fund-raising event "UEC" style; it's good for our sponsors, a blast for the kids, fun for the volunteers and fits our mission of connecting youth to urban nature while providing needed funds to operate the Center. Thanks to the generosity of the donors (listed to the right) the Teen Adventure Challenge raised \$12,450 and gave 52 teens a positive outdoor experience in the city. A perfect day.

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large part to the growth of the Center, Riverside Park is considered a low crime area.

I remember those early programs, where I'd call everyone that I knew to generate an audience. One time no one came at all. However, I learned from my predecessor, Else Ankel, to never give up. She and her team planted the seed. I've had the good fortune to watch the seed grow. Today, it is a rare lecture that does not bring in 30 people and for a recent Friday Fire, we had over 150!

Some things change, but others do not. When I began this game eight years ago, we would measure our finances not in dollars, but in time. How many months do we have before we exhaust our resources in the bank?

When I started, we had two months. A personal visit from the late Jane Pettit of the Pettit Foundation resulted in funding for four additional months. At one point a few years later we had less than a week in the bank! In that case a grant check arrived in the nick of time to make payroll. It seems that whenever a need arises, our need is met. It is not a philosophy to rely on, but it has been a bit uncanny at times ... and with your help it may be happening again.

Our growing program requires more staff. New schools in our program mean more vans are needed. These necessary expenses need to be met. Our leadership team was strategizing how to make this happen, when practically out of the blue, like the Cooper's

Hawk and the chimney swift, drops a surprise challenge grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation - Alice Uhrig Boese Fund. If we can raise \$35,000 in new or increased support from our friends, an additional \$35,000 will become available to us. We hope to accomplish this goal this summer. Look for a letter explaining the details soon, but it is really pretty simple. If there is any way you can swing it, please consider celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Center with an added gift this summer. Your gift will be doubled and we will continue to share amazing natural happenings with tens of thousands of kids, families and adults in the most unlikely of places -- right in the middle of urban Milwaukee.

## ASTRONOMY NOTES

by Art Paque, community volunteer

Warm nights and wondrous sights await us this summer! A Crescent Moon will brush past the gorgeous Pleiades star cluster for an occultation (hiding) of some of its stars on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The always enjoyable Perseid meteor shower will peak on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Get up early on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and you will see a very slender Crescent Moon escorted into the eastern sky by Venus, Saturn, and Mercury, all rising more than an hour before the Sun. Happy viewing!

### JULY

July's morning planet is Venus (3.9). Find it rising in east northeast about 3:30 a.m. Its evening planets are Mercury (low in the west very early in the month), Saturn (low in the west northwest until mid-month), Mars (west, lower in sky as month progresses), and Jupiter (south southwest, moving westward through the evening).

Before you watch the downtown fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, look low in the west and find Mars (1.8), Saturn (0.4) and Mercury (1.9) in a line. On the 5<sup>th</sup> find Jupiter 5° above the Moon after dark until moonset. Find the bright star Antares (1.0) 2° to the left of the Moon in the south after sunset on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for the conjunction and partial occultation of the Pleiades star cluster (M45) with the Crescent Moon on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Use your binoculars to find this low in east northeast from 2 - 4 a.m. Three stars, Merope, Atlas, and Pleione will be occulted in that order. *See sidebar.* From July 20-23<sup>rd</sup> find the bright star Regulus (1.3) just 1° from Mars (1.8) low in west after sunset. Find Venus 6° to the right of the Moon after moonrise on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, look for Mars 2° from the Moon from after sunset until Mars sets. The Southern Delta

Aquarid meteor shower peaks at 2 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch in southeast about 25° up in the sky and expect about 20 meteors per hour. Be sure to look higher and more to the south as the night progresses. After sunset on the 31<sup>st</sup>, find the bright star Spica (1.0) less than 1° from the upper right of the Crescent Moon until moonset. July's Full Moon (Full Buck/Red Berries/Ripe Corn/Thunder Moon) is on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the New Moon is on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### AUGUST

August's morning planets are Mercury (-0.3) (low in east northeast but difficult to see late in the month), Venus (-3.9) (rising two hours before the Sun, low in east northeast) and Saturn (0.4) (low in the east late in the month). Its evening planet is Jupiter (-2.1). Find it low in the southwest at mid-month.

From August 7-10<sup>th</sup>, find Mercury less than 3° below Venus. Look low in east northeast before sunrise. Bring your binoculars to find Uranus (5.7) less than 1° above the Moon on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Perseid meteor shower peaks on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Expect 60 meteors per hour in the east southeast after 10 p.m. but best viewing is after midnight until dawn. The Moon interferes but this is worthwhile nonetheless. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, look for Venus 3° to the upper right of a very thin Crescent Moon. Find Saturn 2° to lower right and Mercury 3° below the Crescent Moon. You'll see all of this very low in east northeast after moonrise (4:39 a.m.) until sunrise. Look for Saturn (0.4) just 0.5° below Venus (-3.9), on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Locate them low in east northeast after Saturn rises (04:47 a.m.). Saturn and Venus are the stars of the night sky again on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Saturn just 0.5° above Venus can be found in east northeast after

## THE PLEIADES STAR CLUSTER

*Many a night I saw the Pleiades, rising thro' the mellow shade,  
Glitter like a swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid.*

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

The Pleiades star cluster, also known as the Seven Sisters and M45 (a Messier object), is a readily visible feature of the night sky and one of its most beautiful. The cluster has about five hundred members and six or more are easily seen. Star gazers with sharp eyes can see more. Although large, two degrees across, it is best viewed through binoculars. Many hold it to be the most beautiful binocular object in the sky and I agree completely.

The Pleiades play an important role in the mythology of many ancient cultures. They are notable in Greek mythology and have influenced ceremonies which honor the dead in other cultures. They reach their highest point in the sky at midnight around Halloween.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, or close to it, about 4:30 a.m., look to the east northeast about 25 degrees above the horizon; the small cluster of stars is the Pleiades. You will also see a bright planet, Venus, below and to the left of the Pleiades, about two thirds of the way to the horizon.

Venus rises (04:46 a.m.). Jupiter is 5° above the Moon in southwest after sunset (7:31 p.m.) until moonset (9:44 p.m.) on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Find the bright star Antares (1.0) 1° above the Moon in south southwest after sunset (7:28 p.m.) until moonset (10:50 p.m.) on the 31<sup>st</sup>. August's Full Moon (Full Sturgeon/Corn/Woodcutter's Moon) is on the 9<sup>th</sup> and its New Moon is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## THE BIRTHDAY GIRL'S GIFT

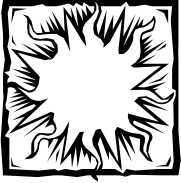
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the bird with a serious face, didn't move a muscle. Thirty seconds passed, then a minute, a long time for a bird to sit unfettered in human hands. The girl and the bird both remained quiet and still. Concern spread over the faces of the adults. Was the bird hurt? No, it was fine, we discovered, when Sara decided to take the bird from the girl.

The second that it was jostled it flew off in a flash of yellow and black.

I spent the rest of the day in awe of that moment. How seriously the girl took the job of releasing the bird, how still and tenderly she held him, not wanting at all to disturb him, how long the bird felt comfortable just to sit in her hands. It was one of

those frequent moments in teaching where I turned into the learner and a six-year-old girl taught me an important lesson: we are on this earth for but a brief moment, and if we treat it seriously and tenderly it will be with us for a long time. When I think about how it is I should consider the earth, I will remember a little girl just turning six from Escuela Fratney.



## JULY THROUGH AUGUST CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise indicated, participants meet at the Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park Place. Scholarships are available for all fee based programs. For general information call (414) 964-8505 or visit [www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org](http://www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org) Programs marked with an \* are not accessible for persons with physical disabilities. All others have limited accessibility. Call if you have accessibility concerns

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### "INSIDE THE FENCE" ART SHOW

July - August

Free - donations welcome

For adults

In the Community Room

In 1942 the Badger Ammunition Plant was built on 7,000 acres of the Sauk Prairie. It has since been decommissioned and is being torn down. Over the course of two years, six photographers were given special permits to document and photograph the area. See this fascinating documentary of the process of nature reclaiming a toxic landscape.

#### RIVERSIDE PARK BUTTERFLY COUNT

Saturday, July 8

11 a.m.

For adults

\$3 donation

Call to register.

Every year the North American Butterfly Association coordinates volunteers across three countries (USA, Canada & Mexico) to census butterfly populations. Join us for a stroll through Riverside Park to count & identify our resident butterflies. No experience is necessary.

#### FAMILY CANOE DAY TRIP

Saturday, July 22

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children, ages 7 & up

Adults - \$25 (Members - \$20)

Children - \$15 (Members - \$10)

Meet at Lincoln Park, picnic area #5

Introduce your family to canoeing! We will provide a lesson and play canoe skill games at Lincoln Park. After a picnic lunch on shore, we will canoe along the Milwaukee River looking for wildlife and have the chance to explore an island. Bring a bottle of water, bag lunch, sunscreen and a hat. Dress for the weather.

### ADULT LEARNING

#### CAN ORANGE JEWELWEED HELP RESTORE LAKE STURGEON TO THE MILWAUKEE RIVER?

Speaker:

Marc White, Senior Naturalist and Ecologist, Riveredge Nature Center

Tuesday, July 11

7 - 8:30 p.m.

For adults

\$5 (Members - free)

Call to register.

As we work to restore a breeding population of lake sturgeon to the Milwaukee River, changes in the rate of gene flow between small isolated populations is a concern. White will review these concerns in light of what is known about the impact of gene flow on offspring fitness in the common annual plant orange jewelweed.

#### ADULT BIRDING WORKSHOPS: SPARROWS II

Thursday, July 27

6:30 - 8 p.m.

For adults

\$5 (Members - free)

Call to register.

We will continue to work on sparrow identification, learn about sparrow natural history and interesting facts. The program will be followed by a twilight walk through Riverside Park. Binoculars provided.

#### BIRDING TRIP - VERNON MARSH

Sunday, August 27

5:30am until 2:30 pm

\$25 (Members - \$20)

For adults

Call to register.

Join Bill Mueller, Conservation Chair of the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology and Tim Vargo, UEC's Research Coordinator, on a trip to one of the best birding spots of Southeastern Wisconsin. We will stop along the Scuppernon River and parts of the Kettle Moraine State Forest and visit the 4,500-acre Vernon Wildlife Area. Please call Tim Vargo (414-964-8505) for details or to register.

#### BIRD BANDING

Tuesday, August 29

6 a.m. - noon

For adults & accompanied teens

Free - donations welcome

Call to register.

Few experiences compare with feeling the rapid heartbeat of a bird in your hand while releasing it back to the wild. Join us for coffee and an up-close look at birds.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### UEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

The UEC annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12. Join us as we celebrate another successful year and hear about exciting future plans! All are welcome.

#### ADULT DISCUSSION COURSES

Mark your calendars! Coming on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm: Exploring Deep Ecology. Explore your relationship to the earth and how your values affect the way you view and treat our planet. Meets weekly for 9 weeks.

## URBAN ADVENTURES

*Advanced registration required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.  
Call the Center at (414) 964-8505 to register at least two days before the trip. Trips run as scheduled, rain or shine.*

### EVENING PADDLING PROGRAMS IN DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE\*

#### Canoeing:

Thursday, June 29  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday July 20  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Kayaking:

Thursday July 27  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 17  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

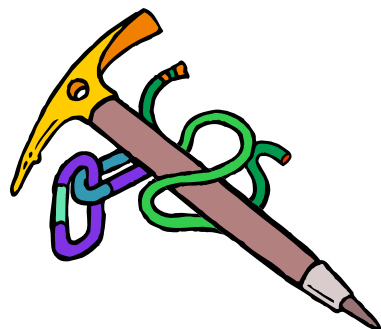
For adults and accompanied children

\$20

Advanced registration is required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.

Co-sponsored by Riverwalk District and Urban Ecology Center.

We will begin at the Milwaukee Rowing Club Boathouse, 1990 N. Commerce, paddle through downtown, past the mouth of the Menomonee River and to the mouth of the harbor (wind and waves permitting). After a stop at the Milwaukee Ale House for refreshments, we will paddle back up to the Rowing Club Boathouse. The emphasis of the trip is to experience the city from the perspective of the river, making note of architectural and ecological features of urban Milwaukee.



### RIVER RHYTHMS CANOE TRIPS\*

Every Wednesday from  
July 5 - August 30

5:15 - 9:30 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children

\$25 (Members - \$20),  
Children ages 12 -18, \$20  
(Members - \$15)

Children under 12 ride with parents for free.

Advanced registration is required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.

Paddle from Riverside Park to Pere Marquette Park. Enjoy the music and festivities at River Rhythms and then paddle part way back to the rowing club boathouse. Meet at the Center.

#### River Rhythms 2006 Schedule

- 7/5 [Madisalsa](#)  
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### DEVIL'S LAKE ADULT CLIMBING WEEKEND TRIP\*

Friday July 7, 5 p.m. -  
Sunday July 9, 6 p.m.

For adults

\$140 (Members - \$125)

Advanced registration is required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.

Experience the beauty and challenge of the Midwest's premier outdoor climbing location. We will leave the Center at 5 p.m. Friday July 7 and return by 6 p.m. Sunday July 9. We will camp at nearby Mirror Lake State Park. Climbing equipment, tents, transportation and food will be provided. Please indicate any dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian).

### WELCOME TO SEA KAYAKING AT THE CENTER!

Participants may choose from one of our two Introduction Courses. After registering for the Introduction Course (or getting permission from our Urban Adventures Coordinator Dan Gray, x115.), participants may then sign up for a Kayaking Lake Michigan trip.

#### INTRODUCTION TO SEA KAYAKING\*

Tuesday, July 25  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

or

Tuesday, August 15  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children, ages 12 and up  
\$35 (Members - \$25)

Advanced registration is required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.

Join us as we learn kayaking safety and basic maneuvers. Class will be conducted at Lincoln Park.

#### KAYAKING LAKE MICHIGAN\*

Tuesday, August 1  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children, age 12 and up

Intro to Sea Kayaking class or other previous kayaking experience required.

\$35 (Members - \$25)

Advanced registration is required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration.

Explore Milwaukee's coastline! We will launch at Bradford Beach or, if waves are too big, we will paddle the Milwaukee River around Lincoln Park.



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

**ANIMAL FEEDING TIME**

Every Saturday except August 19

1 p.m.

For all ages

Free - Donations welcome

Help feed the Center's resident turtles and snakes as you learn about the animals that inhabit the river valley.

**MONARCH LARVAE MONITORING**

Thursday, July 6

5:30 - 7 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children, ages 5 and up

\$7 (Members - \$4)

Call to register.

Discover the miraculous life cycle of the monarch butterfly. After a brief introduction to the eggs, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult stages, the group will comb the park for examples of all stages of the butterfly's life. Participants join the ranking of Citizen Scientists by collecting data for the University of Minnesota's national Monarch Larvae Monitoring Project.

**FAMILY FISHING FUN\***

Saturday, July 8

8 a.m.

\$5 per person, \$15 for family of 3 or more

For ages 8 and older (8-15 year olds can fish without a fishing license. Sixteen year olds and older, including all adults, need to have a fishing license to participate)

Call to register.

Fishing Coach Neil Beckman invites families to spend the morning at his favorite fishing spot on the Mukwonago River. We will meet at the Center and carpool and/or take one of our alternatively fueled vans to the site. We provide all fishing materials and bait. Neil will provide basic fishing instructions and introduce participants to the natural history of the fish they catch. Bring water and a bag lunch. Dress for the weather. We will return by 1 p.m. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

**FAMILY FISHING FUN\***

Saturday, July 15

9 a.m.

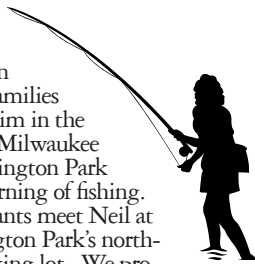
At Washington Park Lagoon

Free, donations welcome

For ages 8 and older (8-15 year olds can fish without a fishing licence. Sixteen year olds and older, including all adults, need to have a fishing licence to participate)

Call to register.

Fishing Coach Neil Beckman invites families to join him in the heart of Milwaukee at Washington Park for a morning of fishing. Participants meet Neil at Washington Park's north-east parking lot. We provide all fishing materials and bait. Neil will provide basic fishing instructions and introduce participants to the natural history of the fish they catch. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Thursdays, July 20 & August 24

6 p.m. Picnic on the tower (optional)

6:30 p.m. Movie

For everyone

Free - dinner \$5 per person

Call to register.

Get comfy and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Come early and join us for a picnic on the tower.

July: Finding Nemo

August: Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill

**FRIDAY FIRE**

Fridays, July 21 & August 25

7 p.m. For younger audiences

7:45 p.m. Popcorn and S'mores

8:15 p.m. For all ages

\$5 per person or \$10 a family (Members - free)

Call to register.

July: Mud River Lee has one of the largest repertoires of anyone in the Milwaukee folk community.

August: Craig Siemsen will perform both traditional and original songs. Besides being a fine singer and writer, Craig is one of the best flatpickers anywhere.

**EXPLORE THE HABITAT PLAYGARDEN\***

Saturday, July 22

2 - 3:30 p.m.

For children ages 4-10, accompanied by an adult

\$7 (Members - \$4), adult chaperones - free

Call to register.

Explore the playground in Riverside Park with new eyes! We will learn about each of the habitats and animals represented in the playgarden while playing games and having fun.

**DISCOVERY HIKE FOR FAMILIES\***

Sundays, July 23 & August 27

1 - 2:30 p.m.

For children ages 3 & up accompanied by an adult

\$7 (Members - \$4)

Families of 4 or more: \$24 (Members - \$12)

Call to register.

Discover nature in a guided walk through the park with activities, games and stories. In case of extreme inclement weather, we will move our hike inside.

**INCREDIBLE INSECTS**

Sunday, August 13

2 - 4 p.m.

For children, ages 5-14, accompanied by an adult

\$8 per child (Members - \$5), adult chaperones - free

Call to register.

Did you know that 95% of all animal species on Earth are insects? Come learn about this incredibly diverse and adaptable group of animals as we collect and identify insects in Riverside Park.

**TALES FROM THE TETONS**

Tuesday, August 15

7 p.m.

Free - donations welcome

For all ages

Call to register.

Be inspired. Come learn about the Greater Teton Ecosystem and meet the 2006 summer team of High School Outdoor Leaders. These adventurous high school students will share their experiences as mentors in Milwaukee and researchers in Wyoming.

**SCIENCE SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

Every Saturday except August 19

Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Every Sunday except August 20

Drop in anytime between 12:30 & 4:30 p.m.

For all ages

Free - donations welcome

Discover the world of science through interactive activities.

July: Trees – These giant plants naturally clean and cool the air. Learn about local trees and what makes them so wonderful.

August: Butterflies – Study the characteristics of butterflies before collecting them for an up-close look. Insect nets may be checked out by children accompanied by an adult.

## INTEREST GROUPS

**EARLY MORNING BIRDWALKS\***

Every Thursday

8 a.m.

For adults and accompanied children

Free - donations welcome

Interested bird watchers of all ability levels are invited to join us in exploring for bird life. Binoculars available.

**URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER PHOTO CLUB**

Thursdays, July 6 & August 3

7 p.m.

For adults

Free - donations welcome

Explore nature in an artistic light and develop new skills.

**URBAN STARGAZERS**

Thursday, July 13

7 p.m.

For adults

Free - donations welcome

For adults

Join us for information and stargazing. *There will be no August program.*

**URBAN ECHO POETS**

Thursday, July 13

7 p.m.

Free - donations welcome

Our purpose is to observe and experience nature, then to express these observations in poetry and essay. We will read and write and appreciate poetry with images from nature at its core. *There will be no August program.*

**FOOD INTEREST GROUP**

Wednesday, July 19

6 p.m.

For adults

Free - donations welcome

For adults

What is the difference between organic food, processed organic, and industrial organic? What are genetically modified organisms (GMOs)? Are you concerned or confused by food issues? We are getting together to talk about food and its impact is on our lives. If you are interested in learning more, please email Anne at [asteinberg@wi.rr.com](mailto:asteinberg@wi.rr.com).

**VEGETARIAN POTLUCK**

Thursdays, July 20 & August 17

6:30 - 8 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children

Free - donations welcome

Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to share at our picnic style meal.

**UEC BOOKCLUB**

Saturdays, July 22 & August 26

10 - 11 a.m.

Free - donations welcome

Call to register.

Join us for conversation and refreshments as we discuss an environmentally-themed book. Participants secure their own books.

**July:** *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

**August:** *The Hopes of Snakes: And Other Tales from the Urban Landscape* by Lisa Couturier

## URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TOURS

**WEDNESDAY WALKS WITH KEN\***

Every Wednesday

9 a.m. - Urban Ecology Center building

10 a.m. - Riverside Park

For adults and accompanied children

Free - donations welcome

Call ahead to confirm.

Explore Riverside Park and/or our green facility with Executive Director, Ken Leinbach (staff substitution on occasion).

**BETH'S BUILDING TOURS**

Every Wednesday

5:30 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children

Free - donations welcome

Call ahead to confirm.

Explore our green facility with Director of Education Beth Fetterley, and learn about the Center's intriguing education program.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**RIVER CONNECTION VOLUNTEER TEACHER TRAINING\***

Wednesday, August 16

1 - 5 p.m.

For adults

Free for volunteers, \$15 for interested adults

Meet at Hubbard Park

Interested in learning more about the Milwaukee River ecosystem? Available on weekdays in fall and spring? Excited to become a mentor to fifth grade students? If you are, then this program is for you. It is free if you commit to teaching at least twelve days in the upcoming school year. If you are interested in the program, but are not able to make the teaching commitment, please feel free to join too, but for the fee listed above. All volunteer teachers must fill out the Center's volunteer application and agree to a background check.

**SATURDAY STEWARDS**

Every Saturday except August 19

9 - 10:30 a.m.

For all ages, children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Individuals and small groups welcome.

Please call the Center to register so we know how many volunteers to expect.

Kick-off your weekend by contributing your skills and energy to the UEC and Riverside Park. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays you will work with the Burdock Brigade to steward the natural area. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, you'll help with a variety of indoor and outdoor projects. Individuals and small groups welcome.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS**

Saturdays, July 8 & August 12

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free

Call to register.

Learn about the Center's programs and how to get involved.

**BURDOCK BRIGADE\***

Every Tuesday, 9 - 11 a.m.

& Saturdays, July 1, 15 & August 5

9 - 10:30 a.m.

For adults and accompanied children

Free

Improve biodiversity in the park by removing alien plant species.

**NATURALIST WALKS\***

Naturalist walks will resume in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month.

## FEELING STRESSED? VISIT A PARK: CURRENT STUDIES INDICATE BROAD VALUE OF PARKS FOR URBAN DWELLERS

by Beth Fetterley, Director of Education

More than providing a place for adults and children to relax and play, recent research shows that parks improve cities by reducing crime and improving health, learning and economic prosperity.

**Crime:** The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) professors Kuo and Sullivan find that contact with green space significantly reduces incidence of aggression, violence and crime in low-income urban areas.

**Health:** Rachel and Stephen Kaplan, professors at University of Michigan studying mental and physical fatigue, find that even a very limited experience, such as a short walk or looking out a window at vegetation, reduces frustration and builds work enthusiasm in adults. James Sallis, professor at San Diego State University and director of the Active Living Research Program, directly links lack of outdoor play to childhood obesity and mental health problems. UIUC (Taylor, Kuo and Sullivan) find that attention deficit disorder (ADD) symptoms are relieved when students connect to green space. Even more powerful is their discovery that “the greener the setting (is) the more the relief.” Richard Louv summarizes

health issues for children quite well in his book, Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder.

**Learning:** Both the Kaplans and the UIUC studies reveal that creativity and learning are improved when children and adults are connected to green space, even by looking out a window at trees or a field. In addition, Louise Chawla of Kentucky State University, studies the kind of experiences that impact a child, developing understanding and care for the environment. Consistent contact with green space of any type, from a vacant lot to a vast wilderness, combined with a mentoring relationship with an adult who demonstrates respect for the environment are the most influential factors. This means that to continue to have an environmentally literate citizenry, we need to serve as environmentally respectful mentors and get kids connected to their local green spaces on a regular basis.

**Economic Prosperity:** In addition to the direct positive influence of parks on adjacent property values, businesses benefits from communities that attract and retain their work force. By the year 2008 as baby boom-

ers retire, the nation will face an estimated shortage of 10 million workers. A study sponsored by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce – Young Professionals of Milwaukee and the Institute for Diversity Education and Leadership reveals that Milwaukee businesses anticipate a 25,000 shortfall. Research conducted by Next Generation Consulting investigates how people decide where to live, work and play. Identified as one of the key factor is “vitality,” defined as cities with a healthy environment, including clean air and high quality parks in which to recreate. To maintain healthy businesses, we need to maintain a healthy park system.

And this is just a small sampling of a large pool of studies showing the societal value of parks. As budget shortfalls threaten our parks, we need to think of creative ways to protect this incredible resource for our city by providing a voting voice for the parks, volunteering with any of the large list of friends groups working to improve our parks and remembering that Milwaukee’s nearly 15,000 acres of parkland is not a luxury, but a critical part of a healthy, safe, vibrant community.

## FROM THE BOARD

by Lorraine Jacobs, President, UEC Board of Directors

Welcome to Kevin Carr, the most recent member of the Board of Directors. Introduced to the Nominating Committee by Board Member, Danni Gendelman, Kevin has made a thoughtful and serious commitment to the Urban Ecology Center. Motivated by his love of fishing, he has a concern for the quality of lakes and rivers. His experiences of family fishing trips and time spent as a



Boy Scout provide a mentoring foundation for his continued appreciation of natural resources. Kevin expressed his admiration for the Center’s approach toward environmental education in the urban setting.

He is currently an Inspector, serving as Second in Command at the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office. He’ll incorporate his experience in management and budget planning on the Board’s Finance Committee.

The Board of Directors continues to review the Strategic Planning document, as presented at the May Board meeting. Board structure will incorporate Governance Committees to include: Finance, Nominating & Governance, Personnel, Development and Marketing. Goals and strategies are being formalized. Due to the expanded growth of our organization, the Board must move

toward a focused governance and oversight body. Board members will participate in programming and enter into projects of their interest at the Center, however, their role on the Board will focus on their governance responsibilities as proposed by the Strategic Plan and by laws. More about the process in future newsletters.

On Earth Day members of the staff and Board planted a tree near the Habitat Play Area in memory of Tony Brown, a Board Member who passed away last year. An Arbor Vitae, the Tree of Life, was dedicated in memory of the gift of Tony’s life in our midst.

I invite you all to the UEC annual meeting on Tuesday, September 12. The Board is excited to share some of this year’s success and our exciting future plans! All are welcome.

## BEING NEIGHBORLY: CHANGES TO EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM FOR CANOES AND KAYAKS

by Ginger Duiven, Development Manager

As you may know the Urban Ecology Center makes our program equipment available to members on a short term loan basis for a few reasons.

1. It's good for the environment. By sharing resources, consumption is reduced. So use our canoe when we're not using it so you don't have to buy one.
2. The spirit of the program is to be a good neighbor. Think of us as the neighbor from whom you can borrow a cup of sugar.
3. To serve our mission by promoting environmental awareness in the community.
4. Because city dwellers often don't have the space to store bulky items like canoes.
5. To enhance the value of supporting the Urban Ecology Center

This spring there has been a high level of demand for canoes and kayaks. To simplify the process and better serve you we are making a few changes to our canoe and kayak lending program. The Center is making two canoes and one kayak available for loan. These boats are available on a first come, first served basis. We encourage you to call ahead and check availability and make a reservation. You will be expected to come prepared to load the boat on your vehicle without assistance from Center personnel. We will provide foam car top supports and tie down straps in addition to paddles and PFD's (life jackets).

We are pleased to announce that starting on July 5 the Center will have two boat carts available. These carts will make it possible to tow a boat while walking from the Center's facility through Riverside Park to launch on the Milwaukee River. These carts will allow for easy paddle outings without requiring car top transportation.

In the spirit of this program and to provide the widest access to this popular equipment, boat loans will be limited to three consecutive 24 hour periods per loan.

As before, members will be required to fill out and sign a waiver form each time before borrowing equipment. By signing this waiver you will be acknowledging that you are capable of safely using the equipment and responsible for its repair or replacement if damaged, lost or stolen. We will also make a copy of your driver's license or other identification along with a credit card. These copies will be kept secure until the equipment is returned in good condition. The Center reserves the right to refuse equipment loans at the discretion of the management staff, but like good neighbors, we will do our best to accommodate your equipment loan requests.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership benefits include discounts on programs, invitations to members only events, the ability to borrow our equipment, a one year newsletter subscription and more.

For information, visit our website at [www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org](http://www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org).

Choose one:

- Individual (\$25) includes guest
- Family (\$35)
- Student (\$12)

Financial assistance is available. Please call Ginger Duiven, Membership Coordinator at x106 or [gduiven@urbanecologycenter.org](mailto:gduiven@urbanecologycenter.org) for details.

## DONATION (IN ADDITION TO MEMBERSHIP)

Please accept my gift to support:

- A community program (\$50)
- One half day for a school class (\$125)
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-Ken Leinbach, UEC Executive Director

July - August in the Community Room

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