



## A SURPRISE ADVENTURE!

by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director

Where: Milwaukee River,  
Estabrook Park Falls

What: Urban Ecology Center's 5th annual  
Teen Adventure Challenge

When: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm.

### AND THE JOURNEY BEGAN

Everyone's attention was focused, rightfully so, on assisting the kids struggling to control the overturned canoe. No one saw the lone paddle floating away down river. It wasn't until all were safe, accounted for and anxious to continue the race, that the missing paddle was noticed. One paddle down, the team finished the course.

Word went out by walkie talkie to look out for the vagrant paddle. Some volunteers even hiked the river's edge in pursuit, but to no avail. Our best guess



was that the paddle slipped into some quiet eddy and waited for what was to come.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Do you remember this day? Almost exactly one hour after every one of the 15 teams were off the river, the heaven's opened up. Nine inches of rain in a 24 hour period — if it were snow, we are talking eight feet! In short order the Milwaukee River turned into a raging torrent. Gentle eddies were no more. The Estabrook Falls disappeared all together with the incredible volume of water.

Everything on the river was, in short order, swept downstream, including the aforementioned paddle. Down past Riverside Park and the Urban Ecology Center, through the raging (now class five!) rapids at North Avenue and with what must have been surprising speed through the canyon of condos, restaurants and office buildings downtown. The inner harbor rose into a sediment-laden mass. Back pressure from the

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## CHANGING NATURES

by Beth Fetterley, Senior Director of Education and Strategic Planning

It was 4:30 in the morning and I was finally hopping back into the car to head home after an evening that felt much like a CSI show. At 10:15 the previous evening, someone smashed windows, cut through the metal window-grate, bent the metal back enough to be able to climb in and pass a boom box through. This was the fourth break-in at our Washington Park site within the span of a week. Because of the recurrences, the police called in a detective to lift fingerprints, collect DNA samples and interview me about our daily operations. The stress, disappointment and patience used up through this process, greatly deepened my appreciation for the Washington Park branch employees who each have had several similar experiences.

Even amid the shards of glass, however, there was beauty that evening. The summer triangle sparkled overhead, a half moon rose to the east and a boisterous bullfrog bellowed from nearby weeds. As the last board was secured over the broken windows, a hint of twilight cast an indigo hue over the scene. This beauty not only calmed and reinvigorated me, but served as a powerful reminder of why we are here.

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## LIVING LOCAL: SUSTAINABLE LIVING

by Jozi Tatham, Intern

About four years ago, Nicole Bickham found the Urban Ecology Center on the internet. A mother of two children, now 5 and 8 years old, Nicole was becoming increasingly concerned about the kind of planet her children would inherit. Nicole and her husband, Lance, began coming to adult and family programs at the Center. Together they eventually started the "Paths to a Sustainable Future" interest group. When asked what motivated her to initiate this interest group, Nicole responded, "I don't just want to watch it unfold, but I'd rather be a part of the solution."

With a surprising 25 participants at the first meeting, it was clear that an awareness of our current environmental situation was in the air. A successful online community was set up so that the group could share resources with each other, and a year later, "Paths to a Sustainable Future" knew they had to highlight what the Milwaukee community was already accomplishing for the environment.

The idea was put down in writing by Nicole and Lance and brought to the Center's staff. Excited by the idea, and encouraged by the dedication of the "Paths" group, we are delighted

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## URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

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The **Urban Ecology Center** educates and inspires people to understand and value nature as motivation for positive change, neighborhood by neighborhood.

Our environmental community centers:

- Provide outdoor science education for urban youth.
- Protect and use public natural areas, making them safe, accessible and vibrant.
- Preserve and enhance these natural areas and their surrounding waters.
- Promote community by offering resources that support learning, recreation, stewardship and camaraderie.

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## DROPLETS

☹ **Turn your backyard into a research field station!** Andrew Knudsen, a Geochemistry Professor at Lawrence University, and the Urban Ecology Center are looking to expand our research of testing soils in Riverside Park to testing soils of residential areas in Milwaukee. We are looking for volunteers willing to have small 1-inch diameter samples taken from their yards (gardens, lawns, play areas, etc). Chemical analyses can be run on site so we can give immediate preliminary results and then take samples back to our lab for further analysis. We will later send you a complete report. If you are interested in allowing us to test your soil or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrew Knudsen at [knudsen@lawrence.edu](mailto:knudsen@lawrence.edu).

☹ **WAAE's Fall Conference** will be held in Milwaukee from October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. This conference will highlight the amazing environmental education resources located in our city. Free graduate credit will be available. <http://www.uwsp.edu/CNR/waae/>

☹ **Good-bye Jess!** Jessica Mathewson joined our staff as an Environmental Educator two years ago and has been a tremendous asset to the education team in countless ways, from curriculum design to her creative and caring teaching style. Her positive attitude and enthusiasm for teaching about the outdoors are contagious. We said good-bye to Jess at the end of the summer as she moved on to get married and live in Manitowoc, where her fiancé lives and works. We will miss Ms. Jess's energy and expertise but we wish her the best of luck!

☹ **We welcome Environmental Educators** Glenna Holstein and Tiffany Trotter to the Center! Glenna is a Shorewood native, started volunteering at the Center when she was in high school and worked here as a summer intern assisting with our summer camps. She previously taught in a Spanish bilingual 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom in Chicago and is looking forward to taking her teaching skills outside. Tiffany comes to us through the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and will spend a

## WISH LIST

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

- 30 pairs of sunglasses
- Air compressor
- All wooden caroms board
- Animal heat rocks and heat pads
- Dandelion diggers
- Electric golf cart
- Garden hoe
- Gardening/work gloves
- Hand clippers
- Hand trowels
- Irons (for clothing)
- Kayaks
- Large attractive ceramic planters for indoor potted plants (4-12", 2-16", 2-18", 2-24")
- Large magnifying glasses
- Open trailer for hauling
- Portable badminton set
- Rain ponchos/jackets for little kids (kindergarten - 3rd grade)
- Reliable CD player w/disc repeat
- Reptile basking light bulbs and infrared light bulbs
- Scooter (moped)
- Small all occasion gift bags
- Solar oven
- Tennis rackets
- Used cell phones, print cartridges, video games and digital cameras
- Waterproof or nylon pants
- Welding goggles

### For Washington Park

*If you have a donation for Washington Park, please call Joey Zocher, (414) 344-5460.*

- Buckets
- Locking storage units
- Adult boots
- Field guides
- Film canisters
- Fishing nets
- Flat bed sheets
- Garden hoses
- GPS device
- Hip waders
- Hip wader drying rack
- Kites
- Kids boots
- Love seat
- Musical instruments - acoustic
- Old towels and rags
- Old snow pants / sweatpants
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Sprinklers
- Sweatshirts

year with us as an educator. She hails from Washington state and graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA with a degree in sociology. She has experience as a youth leader and camp counselor and is excited to explore the Midwest!

## OUR FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE SOIREE AND AUCTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

by Carijean Buhk, Marketing Communications Coordinator

As guests of the First Annual Summer Solstice Soiree and Auction watched the sunset they tossed maple seeds from the top of the tower. This small act, in celebration of the longest day of the year, reflected The Urban Ecology Center's greater mission: connecting people to nature in a tangible way.



The Summer Solstice Soiree and Auction was the Center's first major fundraising event. It featured organic food catered by Dave Swanson's Braise on the Go Catering and Outpost Natural Foods and music by the John Schneider Orchestra.

The Soiree would not have happened if it weren't for the dream team of Christi

Clancy, Lyn Falk, Janet Gebhardt, Danni Gentleman, Kathy Geygan and Liz Graumann. We thank them for their vision and hard work. We'd also like to thank all of the sponsors and silent auction donors for their tremendous support.

Mark your calendar for the second annual Summer Solstice Soiree and Auction on June 20, 2009 and watch for an invitation next spring!

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flooding Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic rivers flushed everything in its path miles out into Lake Michigan. Our little paddle, with our name and phone number in permanent ink on its side, was among the flotsam.

From here the story becomes mere guess work. In talking to Val Klump, director of the Great Lakes Water Institute of UWM, what most likely occurred is the paddle followed the counter clockwise currents of Lake Michigan south past Racine, towards Chicago and then back north again past Gary, Indiana and up along the Michigan coastline. It survived the crashing 12 foot waves that well up in the middle of the lake during storms and may have had a close call or two with a Lake Michigan freighter or pleasure boat reminiscent of the wonderful children's story of my youth "Paddle to the Sea" about a toy wooden canoe traversing all of the great lakes.

What we do know with certainty is that on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Jesse who works at the Center on weekends, answered the phone from the Big Sable Lighthouse in Ludington, Michigan inquiring about our whereabouts. A volunteer lighthouse

keeper had just picked up our paddle on the beach. That's an 80 mile crossing as the gull flies, but I'm guessing the actual journey was easily twice this distance.

At the end of July, my son Micah and I happened to be returning from a summer camp program in the Eastern part of the UP. We chose to return through Michigan and stopped in Ludington on our way south. The Big Sable Lighthouse, it turns out, is the best kept lighthouse I have ever seen. One must hike in two miles along the exquisite Lake Michigan beach of the Ludington State Park which parallels our own Peninsula State Park in size and beauty. The lighthouse still operates with a volunteer crew of keepers. Our well traveled paddle was the talk of the park. When we arrived we felt like superstars with the paddle as people stopped and asked us questions as we climbed paddle in hand up the 130 steps for the view from the top.

Next time you come on a canoe trip with us at the Center, ask for the paddle with the yellow "I climbed Big Sable Lighthouse" sticker on its side. Hang on tight, though, as it might try to slip away again on its next big journey.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

by Susan Winans, Volunteer Coordinator

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Susan at x110 or [swinans@urbanecologycenter.org](mailto:swinans@urbanecologycenter.org) to sign up for the following opportunities

**Save the date!** The Urban Ecology Center's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in your next newsletter.

**Volunteer Teacher Orientation,** Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - noon. Canoe, study birds, bike and look for bugs with students this school year! Interested volunteers need to be available on weekdays. See page 9 for details or contact Sarah, x125.

**River Educator Volunteer Training,** Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Interested in learning about the Milwaukee River ecosystem? Excited to mentor 5th graders? If so, this program is for you! See page 9 for details or contact Sarah, x125.

**Mycolochefs wanted!** Join us in cooking mushrooms during our mushroom weekend! Cooks needed between 12:30 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Jamie, x114.

**Help our community celebrate fall!** Volunteer on September 27<sup>th</sup> for our annual Fall Festival. Volunteer positions include face painting, selling food, leading children's activities and crafts. Contact Susan to sign up for a shift.

**Share your smile** and warmly welcome our visitors to the Center. Direct phone calls and answer visitor questions as a weekly receptionist. Contact Susan if you are interested in filling a regular 3-4 hour shift one day a week.

**Morning kitchen assistants needed.** As a morning kitchen assistant, you help us provide snacks to our students and warm hospitality to our visitors. This regular volunteer position consists of one to two hours of light kitchen tasks. For more information, or to sign up to help one day a week, contact Susan.

## WORKING HARD TO MAKE THE FUTURE BRIGHTER

by Joey Zocher, Washington Park Program Director

Anyone who ventured to the Urban Ecology Center in Washington Park this summer would agree there was a lot going on! From Artists Working in Education and our summer camps painting nature scenes on our old doors to daily fishing and canoeing, kids were actively learning to respect their park.

Whereas these projects provided an immediate sense of satisfaction, some of the beauty will take a little longer to see. Following up on a lead by one of our school liaisons, this summer Washington Park received over 6000 plants in Prairie Nursery's largest donation. In addition, the Milwaukee County Parks Department has provided over 5000 plants and the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board funded 500 woodland plants. To add to the excitement, 22 urban youth working with the Milwaukee Conservation Leadership Corp spent a total of six weeks to prep, plant, water and maintain 10

new gardens. Not unsurprising, the plants weren't the only things growing.



With over a decade of urban high school teaching experience, I am comfortable admitting my affinity for

high schoolers. I love the questioning, the drive, the search for identity. And nothing brightened my summer days like wandering out to check on the kids. Planting a garden is not an easy task nor is removing sod or laying woodchips. All of these tasks became increasingly more difficult as the temperature rose — and this summer had more than a few hot ones. But the kids worked. They saw the vision, knew the plants needed to be in the ground as soon as possible if they were going to make it and they kept working. Through blisters. Through aches. Through frustrations.

Work ethic. To go home at the end of the day exhausted and proud. It's something these kids learned this summer and it's something that will benefit all of us. As their leaders were mentoring them, these young adults were mentoring the hundreds of neighborhood kids who passed though the park. Just like the plants

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## THINK, CHALLENGE AND PLAY ... WITH YOUR FOOD

by Jamie Ferschinger, Community Program Coordinator

### THINK

We'd like to encourage you to think about what you eat. Yes, you! Everyone! Where was it grown? Who grew it? What is in it?

Why does it matter? We'd like you to be mindful about with what you are fueling your body and the consequent ecological, health and social implications of your choices, and we are going to help you do so.

Beginning in September, we will be offering a six week discussion course called Menu for the Future. Created by the Northwest Earth Institute, this course was designed to help participants explore food systems and their impact on culture, society and ecological systems; gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being, and consider their role in creating or supporting sustainable food systems.

### CHALLENGE

The Center's second annual Eat Local Challenge occurs during the second week in September. This is one of a growing number of challenges around the country which aim to increase awareness and provoke some thought about the origin of the food you eat and the distance it travels to arrive at your table.

During the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>, challenge yourself to increase the amount of locally produced food on your plate. Think of this as an opportunity to explore your community! Visit a farmer's market, eat at a participating restaurant, patronize a local shop, throw an Eat Local Party or join other people participating in the challenge at the Friends of Real Foods meeting and potluck on September 10<sup>th</sup>. You determine the parameters of your own challenge and judge your own success. For details and resources, including participating restaurants, please visit: [eatlocalmilwaukee.googlepages.com/](http://eatlocalmilwaukee.googlepages.com/)

### PLAY

It's not a plant, it's not an animal, it's fungi! Fall is a wonderful time to search for fungi. September 20 and 21 is Mushroom Weekend! On Saturday we will travel to a park for a mushroom foray with member of the Wisconsin Mycological Society. Mushroom enthusiasts will help us hunt and identify wild mushrooms. On Sunday the festivities will be at the Center where participants will learn about mushroom cooking, art, photography, identification and more.

Feed your mind, your stomach and your explorative nature through the programs we are offering in September. If you have just begun to navigate through food issues that are prevalent in society today or if you have been contemplating these issues for years, please join as we explore our minds, our community and the understorey of a park together!

## I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GETTING PAID FOR THIS!

by Molly Ubbesen, Summer Intern

I knew this had the potential to be the best summer job ever. But remembering all these new faces and names, which keys go to which locks and the best way to back up a bus made for a very overwhelming first week. Yeah, I was a little stressed out about all this new information.



After three weeks of training, we began the real test. We took high school students from an inner city transition school on a bike trip down to the lakefront. This was a great experience especially since some of the students had never been there before. The next day I took a group of kindergartners into the park for a bird walk then took a canoe trip with a youth photo club. I was starting to get a feel for this. After all, it was certainly better than flipping burgers all summer.

My second week was filled with 3rd and 4th graders in the Outdoor Detectives summer camp. We played teamwork building games, canoed, rock climbed, hiked, studied the river and went to the beach.

I was one of the lucky interns to work in the new "Play With Your Food" camp,

which has been my favorite experience so far. Imagine a group of 1st and 2nd graders exploring food at the Fondy Farmer's Market, making crafts out of our food, picking invasive burdock and eating it, making ice cream and playing games. The best day was when we went to a CSA (Community Supported Agricultural) organic farm. Better than scooping ice cream all summer? Definitely.

I was also a Citizen Scientist, collecting data from mammal traps and turtle traps as well as surveying monarch larvae. I also ventured out with a DNR specialist to do plant transects. Even if I got wet and dirty scooping sardines and cat food into turtle traps or almost got eaten alive by mosquitoes doing plant surveys, was this still better than bussing tables all summer? You betcha.

Perhaps the best part of the job is that I feel I'm doing something very worthwhile with my summer. Not only am I learning a lot, I feel like I am really giving back to the environment and society. It's a valuable cycle of knowledge, a sustainable future of education. Being able to inspire the awe of excitement in the campers is empowering in itself.

My eternal gratitude to the Center for providing me with this opportunity that has made me a more enriched member of society. I certainly can't imagine going back to bagging groceries next summer.

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In Riverside Park we learned that as community use of a park increases, crimes decrease. We chose Washington Park in part because the community there is determined to reclaim their park and asked us to help. While slow and not always easy, it's exciting to watch another community park become revitalized! (See Joey's article on page 4).

Washington Park has seen huge successes in its first year of programming including an extremely encouraging grassroots response to a theft. A volunteer had her bicycle stolen during a canoeing program. Within a few days we learned

that the thief was a twelve year old and a regular visitor. With encouragement and pressure from his friends and family, he eventually returned the bike in perfect working condition to the volunteer.

Kudos goes out to the youth who had the courage to right his own wrong. In addition, special thanks go out to his family and friends, the Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriffs, Mike Brenner (who patiently waited with me that night) and to the volunteers and staff who immediately responded to make the park and classroom ready again for children to explore this gem in the heart of the city. Thank you!

## LIVE LOCAL

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to provide the venue to launch the first "Sustainable Living Conference" happening in conjunction with our fall festival on September 27th and 28th. The "Paths" group has explored and found very convincing data that show there is a huge positive impact on the local economy when businesses are locally run and owned. Nicole suggests that potential participants think of the conference as an event they can walk away from knowing what they can do to make a difference right away within their community.

Participants at this event will meet "local heroes"; real people who are setting positive examples. For instance, Bob Graf developed an indoor growing system using affordable indoor inserts to grow food year-round. Mark Gill created an "eco villa" in Bayview where home owners share laundry facilities, vehicles and maintain gardens together. Dave Kozlowski, a local farmer, advocates for sustainable best-practices in farming and community education about the value of supporting local farms. The Milwaukee community has the resources to accomplish a sustainable way of living and the need to do so is spreading like wildfire. This event will outline the progressive attitude that Milwaukee does and can have toward making a more sustainable future.

Nicole was drawn to the Center because it felt welcoming the first time she visited. Even more important for its visitors, however, is the goal of the Center to be an incubator of ideas and efforts that result in a community that stewards the environment. With an extraordinary volunteer base of about 200 regular participants, the Center thrives on the community's involvement. This group has become more aware of the conditions of today's environment and is willing to help make a difference. With every volunteer who joins in this effort, we can work towards making Milwaukee the sustainable community it will need to be in the future. Join us in this event and learn how you can be a contributing member in a sustainable environment.

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS

### What's with the frogs and fish?

We're excited to announce the addition of new public programs at our Washington Park branch! As a result we've added two icons to help you know at a glance the location of each program.



= Riverside Park



= Washington Park

Also, programs marked with an \* are accessible for persons with physical disabilities. All others have limited to no accessibility. Please call 964-8505 at least two days ahead of the program date if you have accessibility needs. Scholarships are available for all fee-based programs. For general information call (414) 964-8505 or visit [www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org](http://www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FALL FESTIVAL\*

Saturday, September 27  
Noon - 4 p.m.

For everyone

Free - donations appreciated

Come celebrate the harvest and our local foods. Explore sustainable options for your life as your kids explore our climbing wall, science experiments and apples!

- Apples
- Science Experiments
- Crafts
- See a Solar Oven and a Solar Food Dryer
- Milwaukee County Transit System My Ride for the Generations Bus
- Local community booths including: Greening Shorewood & Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful with rain barrels and compost bins, and more!
- Rock Climbing
- Hikes
- Face Painting



### SUSTAINABLE LIVING CONFERENCE

#### FILM SCREENING: INDEPENDENT AMERICA\*

Saturday, September 27  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For adults

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505.

*Independent America: The Two Lane Search for Mom & Pop.* This documentary follows a filmmaker couple as they travel the U.S. in search of independent businesses, now endangered by the proliferation of "big box" stores and fast food chains. The film uncovers a growing discontent across the country, and a trend toward strengthening local communities in the face of globalization, corporate scandal and divisive politics. Discussion to follow.



#### SUSTAINABLE LIVING CONFERENCE\*

Sunday, September 28  
Noon - 5 p.m.

For adults

Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)

Call to register, 964-8505.

After watching *Independent America* on Saturday (see above), come back Sunday for the Sustainable Living Conference featuring workshops and demonstrations on a wide variety of down to earth sustainability options. Topics include home gardening, permaculture, food preservation, household energy conservation, investing locally, sharing resources with neighbors, eating locally and alternate transportation strategies.



### FALL FESTIVAL FOR AFTERNOON NAPPERS\*

Saturday, September 27  
10:30 a.m. - noon

For kids 5 and under accompanied by an adult

Free - donations appreciated

Registration required by  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, call 964-8505

A Fall Festival for the young ones! Enjoy a puppet show, craft and outdoor activities.



### CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS WITH ARCTIC EXPLORER WILL STEGNER\*

Wednesday, October 15  
7 - 9 p.m.

For adults

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505.

Internationally renowned polar explorer Will Stegner will present "Eyewitness to Global Warming" as part of his "The Longest Summer Tour." The presentation will discuss the implications of climate change from a regional, national and international perspective and will showcase a variety of citizen solutions. The talk will be accompanied by breathtaking photos from the Arctic. This will be a night not to miss!



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### FAMILY SERIES

#### COSTUME CREATION PARTY\*



Sunday, October 12  
2 - 4 p.m.  
For kids ages 6 and older accompanied by an adult \$4 (Nonmembers - \$7)  
Accompanying adult free  
Call to register by October 10<sup>th</sup>, 964-8505.

The final program in our Family Series is a party! We'll make costumes to be worn at the party and then we will play games and go for a hike.

#### NATURE JOURNALING\*

Saturday, September 13  
2 - 3 p.m.  
For kids, ages 6 and older, accompanied by an adult \$3 (Nonmembers - \$5)  
Accompanying adult free  
Call to register, 964-8505.



Join other families participating in the Great Outdoors Weekend for nature journaling in Riverside Park

#### YOGAKIDS! FOR AGES 6-9 FITNESS, FUN AND FEELING GREAT!



Sundays, October 12 - November 16  
(no class October 26)  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
For kids ages 6 - 9 \$50 (Nonmembers- \$58)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Experience the traditional benefits of yoga (strength, stamina, flexibility, concentration and relaxation) in fun and playful ways. Games, ecology, music and learning about the body are all part of YogaKids classes. Bring a mat or beach towel and wear clothes you can move in.

#### YOGAKIDS! FOR AGES 10-12 FITNESS, FUN AND FEELING GREAT!



Sundays, October 12 - November 16  
(no class October 26)  
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
For kids ages 10-12 \$50 (Nonmembers - \$58)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

This class is for the big kids! Experience the traditional benefits of yoga in fun and playful ways. Games, ecology, music and learning about the body are all part of YogaKids classes. Bring a mat or beach towel and wear clothes you can move in.

#### BIKE AND KITE



Saturday, October 18  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
For adults and kids, 7 years old and older \$4 (Nonmembers - \$7)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Come enjoy the fall colors with a bike ride to the lakefront. Then make a kite and fly it!

#### NATURE DETECTIVES

Sunday, October 26  
2 - 3:30 p.m.  
For everyone \$4 or \$12 for families of four or more (Nonmembers - \$7 or \$24 for families of four or more)  
Call to register, 964-8505.



Discover the natural world as we explore Riverside Park using magnifying glasses and doing scavenger hunts.

#### FISHING WITH E.B. GARNER\*



Wednesdays 5 p.m.  
For kids  
Free- donations appreciated  
Meet by the Rainbow Door at Washington Park

Enjoy a fun fishing evening in Washington Park. Learn fishing techniques with E.B. Garner. Poles provided.

#### SCIENCE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS\*



Drop in program  
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated

Discover the world of science through self-led interactive activities and crafts.

September: The Solar System

October: How Nature Changes in Fall

#### ANIMAL FEEDING\*



Saturdays 1 - 2 p.m.  
For everyone  
Free - donations appreciated

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

#### ANIMAL FEEDING\*



1 - 2 p.m.  
For everyone  
Free - donations appreciated  
Washington Park

Help feed the Center's resident turtles, snakes and fish as you learn about the animals that inhabit Washington Park.

## HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS

#### URBAN KAYAK AND CAMPFIRE



Saturday, September 13  
1 - 5 p.m.  
For high school students \$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)  
Scholarships available  
Washington Park  
Call to register, 344-5460.

All high school students are invited to enjoy the Washington Park lagoon and island - a jewel in the heart of the city. We'll explore the lagoon by kayak then have a campfire snack on the island.

#### URBAN CYCLING



Thursday, September 25  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
For high school students \$5 (Nonmembers - \$7)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Join other teens on a guided exploration of the Oak Leaf Trail. We provide the bicycles. Bring a bag dinner.

#### YOGATEENS!



Sundays, October 12 - November 16  
(No class October 26)  
3 - 4:15 p.m.  
For high school students \$58 (Nonmembers - \$65)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Start the week off centered, focused and relaxed with this dynamic and fun class. Stretch, strengthen, flex and balance both body and mind. Bring a mat or beach towel and wear clothes you can move in.

#### CREEPY CAVING



Friday, October 31  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
For high school students \$10 (Nonmembers - \$12)  
Scholarships available  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Face your fears on a Halloween exploration deep under the ground. Explore Ledge View Nature Center's caves in Chilton, Wisconsin. Wear clothes that can get super muddy and bring a flashlight and a change of clean clothes. Space is limited.

#### MONARCH TAGGING\*



Saturday, September 6  
11 a.m. - noon  
For adults and accompanied children \$3 (Nonmembers - \$5)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

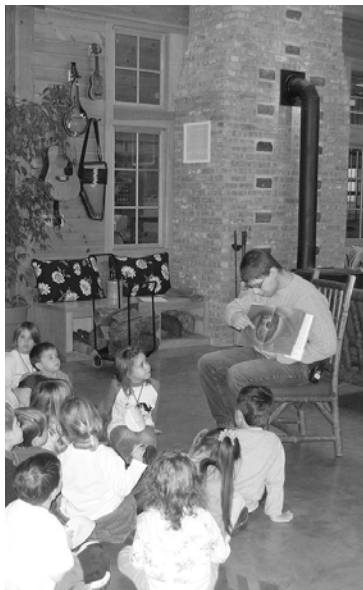
Join Monarch Watch, a national research project, as we carefully catch, tag and release monarch butterflies while supplying valuable data to scientists at the University of Kansas.

#### STORYTELLING\*



Saturday, September 13  
10 - 11 a.m.  
For kids, ages 5 and younger, accompanied by an adult \$3 (Nonmembers - \$5)  
Accompanying adult free  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Join other families participating in the Great Outdoors Weekend and listen to stories in Riverside Park





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## ADULT LEARNING

## ECO-HOMES SERIES

TOO HOT?  
TOO COLD?  
THE SUN CAN  
MAKE YOUR HOME  
JUST RIGHT

Monday, September 15  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
\$15 (Nonmembers - \$20)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Join Phyllis McKenzie of Imperfectly Green, as we learn the many ways we can use the sun to make our homes light and comfortable. We'll cover sun angles, solar window, shading, mass, daylighting and passive and active solar systems for your home.

CANARIES IN A  
COAL MINE

Monday, October 13  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
For adults  
\$15 (Nonmembers - \$20)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Are you curious about Multiple Chemical Sensitivity or Environmental Illness? Join Lisa Gorelick, RN BS, as we learn her first hand experience with the condition that made her critically ill and pushed her to make significant life changes for herself, family and community. Learn what you can do to create a more supportive and healthier environment, inside and out.

SUSTAINABLE  
BUILDING  
EXHIBIT  
OPEN HOURS

Sundays, noon - 2 p.m.  
Mondays, 4-7 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Visit the Center's Sustainable Building Exhibit for green ways to beautify your home. This is a hands-on exhibit of sample products for home construction and interior decorating. Resource person available

ADULT BIRDING  
WORKSHOP:  
TIMING AND  
CYCLES IN THE  
LIVES OF BIRDS

Part 1: Tuesday, September 2  
5:30 p.m.  
Part 2: Wednesday, October 1  
5 p.m.  
For adults  
\$5 (Nonmembers - \$10) Free  
for regular birding volunteers  
Call to register, 964-8505.

We will explore annual cycles, circadian rhythms, and timing of breeding and migration in the amazing avian world.

MENU FOR THE FUTURE  
DISCUSSION COURSE\*

Kick-Off Meeting:  
Tuesday, September 2  
7 - 8 p.m.

Participants meet  
every other Tuesday,  
September 9 -  
November 18  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

For adults  
\$20 book fee  
Registration required,  
call 964-8505

Throughout this 6-week discussion course, designed by the Northwest Earth Institute, we will talk about food systems and their impacts on our world. We will gain insight into agricultural and personal practices that promote ecological and personal well being, and consider ways to support local food systems. Space is limited, sign up early!

## BIRD BANDING

Tuesdays, September 9 -  
October 14  
Early mornings  
For adults and  
accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call Tim, x116, to register or  
for details.

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.

THE GOOD INHERIT  
THE EARTH?

Speaker: Yi-Fu Tuan,  
professor-emeritus,  
University of Wisconsin.  
Tuesday, September 9  
7 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
(Nonmembers - \$5)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

A humanist geographer, Tuan pioneered a new way of thinking about geography that includes the human mindset. For him, the response we have to a desert is vastly more important than its rainfall statistics. When asked about the subject matter of this lecture, Tuan wrote "Obviously, the good are most unlikely to inherit the Earth if we think of material environments and cultural riches--rich ecological settings, beautiful cities, great libraries and museums. But what if we focus on the subjective experience rather than on the external, objective circumstance? Won't the inequalities diminish? Moreover, if evil distorts vision, isn't it almost axiomatic that the good inherit the Earth in the sense that they will see and value their world truly?"

MUSHROOM  
WEEKEND  
FORAY

Saturday, September 20  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
For adults and kids 7 and older  
accompanied by an adult  
\$10 (Nonmembers - \$15)  
Registration required by  
September 19, call 964-8505.  
Space is limited!

Travel to a park and search for mushrooms with mushroom enthusiasts from the Wisconsin Mycological Society! Transportation is provided or you can meet us at the park (call for location). Bring a bag lunch and dress for hiking.

## ECO BOOK CLUB



Saturdays,  
September 20 & October 25  
10 - 11 a.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505.

The Eco Book Club meets once a month to discuss an environmentally concerned book. Newcomers and ongoing participants are invited to come enjoy the conversation and refreshments.

September: *Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture*  
by Wendell Berry

October: *Sustainable Planet: Solutions for the Twenty-first Century*, eds  
Juliet Schor and Betsy Taylor.

MUSHROOM  
WEEKEND  
WORKSHOP

Sunday,  
September 21  
1 - 4 p.m.  
For adults and  
kids 7 and older  
accompanied by an adult  
\$6 (Nonmembers - \$10)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Join mushroom enthusiasts from the Wisconsin Mycological Society and learn about mushrooms! Growing tips, cooking, mushroom identification, basic digital photography, spore print making, a mini foray in Riverside Park and kids activities.

RACCOONS,  
RABBITS  
AND SQUIRRELS  
OH MY!  
CO-EXISTING  
WITH URBAN  
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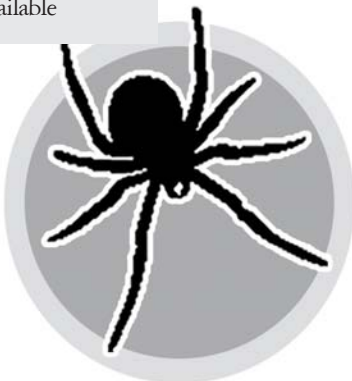
Thursday, October 2  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
For adults  
Free -  
donations appreciated  
(Nonmembers - \$5)  
Call to register, 964-8505

Do you have raccoons raiding your garbage cans, rabbits eating your plants or squirrels moving into your attic? Come learn about humane and effective means to help solve these problems and prevent them from ever happening again! Bring your questions about urban wildlife.

RAIN BARREL  
WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 4  
2 - 3:30 p.m.  
Riverside Park  
For adults  
\$15  
(payable to  
Keep Greater  
Milwaukee Beautiful)  
Register through  
Keep Greater  
Milwaukee Beautiful at  
[www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org)

Learn how to use rain barrels to water your garden or lawn and design your own rain garden full of native plants that attract butterflies and birds while maximizing water efficiency.





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## ADULT LEARNING

### FIND LEOPOLD ON LAKE TITICACA - A DISCUSSION OF LAND ETHICS ON ANAPIA ISLAND

Speaker: Glenna Holstein, Environmental Educator, Urban Ecology Center.  
Tuesday, October 14 7 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)  
Call to register, 964-8505



A small island community on Lake Titicaca offers a fascinating insight into the idea of an ethical relationship to land. In a world where agriculture tends toward monoculture, the 300 farming families on Anapia Island maintain an incredible biodiversity in their crops, growing at least 40 varieties of potatoes alone on an island the size of Shorewood. This talk will explore the language and practices that the Anapian community uses in relation to the land, and will discuss how this reflects a land ethic that Aldo Leopold would admire.

### COMPOST WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 18  
2 - 3:30 p.m.  
Riverside Park  
For adults



\$15 (payable to Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful)  
Register through Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful at [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org)

Join us as the folks from Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful teach you how to take kitchen scraps and yard waste and turn them into nutrient rich soil. This practice is beneficial to your garden and reduces your household waste.

### INTRO TO T'AI CHI

Thursdays starting September 4  
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
For adults, age 16 and up  
\$10 (Nonmembers - \$12) per session  
Payments due monthly  
Call to register, 964-8505.



Begin your journey to a more balanced life with this six month ongoing series. Often called "meditation in motion", T'ai Chi has been practiced for thousands of years for its benefits to both physical health and mental/spiritual well being. Come explore this gentle exercise that promotes a strong, flexible and integrated mind and body. Instructor Carrie Crossot has 14 years of experience practicing, studying and teaching T'ai Chi.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### VOLUNTEER TEACHER ORIENTATION



Thursday, September 4  
10 a.m. - noon  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505

Canoe, study birds, bike and look for bugs with students this school year! Interested volunteers need to be available on weekdays, fill out an application and agree to a background check. A portion of the training will be outdoors so please dress for the weather. Contact Sarah, x125, for more information.

### RIVER EDUCATOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Friday, September 5  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505

Interested in learning about the Milwaukee River Ecosystem? Available on weekdays in fall and spring? Excited to mentor 5th graders? If so, this program is for you! All volunteer teachers must fill out a volunteer application and agree to a background check prior to the training. Bring a bag lunch, prepare to be outside all day and wear shoes and socks. Contact Sarah, x125, for more information.

### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS\*



Saturdays,  
September 6 & October 4  
10:30 a.m. - noon  
Wednesday, September 10  
10 - 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, September 16  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Thursday, October 16  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
For everyone  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505

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

### BURDOCK BRIGADE



Every Tuesday and Every First & Third Saturday  
9 - 10:30 a.m.  
Free - donations appreciated  
For adults & accompanied children

Have a hands-on impact on our natural world by helping increase the biodiversity in Riverside Park.

### BURDOCK BRIGADE

Saturdays,  
10 a.m.  
For everyone  
Free- donations appreciated  
Washington Park



We want you! Help us take care of the 10,000 native plants we planted this summer! Weeding, watering, wood chipping! Could it get more fun?

### SATURDAY STEWARDS

Saturdays,  
September 13 & 27  
9 - 10:30 a.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505



Help with small and large projects around the Center and in Riverside Park. Individuals and small groups, young and old, everyone is welcome.

### PAPERMAKING

Thursdays starting September 18  
4 - 6 p.m.  
For adults and children 12 ages and older  
Free- donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505



Join other Center volunteers as we learn the art of recycled papermaking. Create beautiful gifts for our Center's supporters.

### PARK RANGER VOLUNTEER CREW



Saturdays, October 11 & 25  
9 - 10:30 a.m.  
For adults and accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated

Kick off your weekend with our volunteers! We will walk the trails of Riverside Park, helping to make it clean and kid-friendly by picking up trash and removing graffiti.

## URBAN ADVENTURES

*Advanced registration is required for all Urban Ecology Center Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration. Cancellation Policy: When payment is required in advance for a program, you may cancel up to 48 hours in advance without penalty. If the Center cancels a program for any reason, the payment will be refunded or can be used toward a future program. Call the Center at (414) 964-8505 to register at least two days before the trip. Trips run as scheduled rain or shine, at the discretion of the trip leader.*

### OPEN CLIMBS ON THE TOWER WALL



Tuesdays starting September 9, 4 - 6 p.m.  
Sundays, starting September 14  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
For everyone  
Adults: \$10 (Nonmembers - \$15)  
Children: \$8 (Nonmembers - \$12)  
Call to register, 964-8505, no walk-ins

Build strength, balance and confidence by climbing on our tower's rock wall! All climbers must have a completed and signed waiver before climbing, available at [www.urbanecologycenter.org](http://www.urbanecologycenter.org). Please call ahead to register, no walk-ins.

### COLLEGE CLIMB NIGHT



Tuesday, September 9  
5:45 - 7 p.m.  
For college students  
\$3 per climb  
Call to register, 964-8505

It's college night at the Center! Get your friends together and scale the Center's observation tower using our 40 foot climbing wall and gear. Instruction provided.

### WATER SAFETY COURSE FOR CANOE LENDING PROGRAM



Thursdays, starting September 11  
6 - 6:30 p.m.  
For everyone  
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)  
Call to register, 964-8505.

Interested in borrowing our canoes? Take a 30-minute water safety course to make sure that you are ready to get out on the water. This is a requirement of the canoe/kayak lending program. Registration required.

### FULL MOON CANOE TRIP

Monday, September 15  
5:15 - 9:30 p.m.  
For adults and accompanied children  
Adults: \$30 (Nonmembers - \$35)  
Children: \$15 (Nonmembers - \$20)  
Call to register, 964-8505



Join us for an evening paddle under the Harvest Moon to downtown. We will launch the canoes at the Rowing Club Boathouse (1990 Commerce St.) and paddle downstream where we will enjoy a picnic dinner in Pere Marquette Park. Please bring your own dinner.



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## INTEREST GROUPS

**EARLY MORNING BIRDWALKS**

Thursdays  
8 a.m.  
For adults and accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated



Kick start your day with fresh air and bird song. Interested bird watchers of all ability levels are invited to explore bird life with us. Binoculars available.

**SAVOR THE TASTE OF SUMMER\***

Thursdays,  
September 4 & 18  
6 - 8:30 p.m.  
For adults  
\$25 for Urban Ecology Center or CSA members  
(Nonmembers - \$35)  
Call to register, 964-8505



September 4: **Tomato Fest.**  
Summer tomatoes are delicious and plentiful — the perfect combination to put up jars for storage. Your winter soups and stews will never taste better than with your own preserved summer tomatoes. This is a hands-on class. All the canning materials, fruit and handouts with instructions and recipes included.

September 18: **A Canner's Choice Evening.** Canners with some experience are encouraged to bring in their own fruits or vegetables to can with the help of a trained instructor to answer questions. Participants are encouraged to provide their own canning jars, caps and lids, although some may be available for purchase. Other essential equipment will be available as well as recipes.

**UEC PHOTO CLUB\***

Thursdays, September 4 & October 2  
6:30 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated



Explore nature in an artistic light and develop new skills.

**MAJOR TAYLOR BIKE CLUB**

Saturdays,  
September 6 & October 18  
9 a.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Washington Park



Interested in bike riding and educating your community? Join the Major Taylor Bike Club!

This group is a nonprofit social/recreational club that promotes safe and fun cycling geared towards the African-American communities. Membership is open to anyone.

**FRIENDS OF REAL FOOD\***

Wednesdays,  
September 10 & October 8  
6 - 8 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505



Share a potluck dinner and join the enthusiastic, informative discussion.

**September: Savor Local Food: Join the Eat Local Challenge!**

Share a potluck dinner of fresh local food from our gardens, area farmers and locally owned businesses. We'll discuss how we've defined our Challenge goals and share stories about our experiences.

**October: Reviving Victory Gardens.** During WWII the Victory Garden program mobilized Americans to grow their own food to build community, increase food security and reduce our impact on the environment. Yards, rooftops, window boxes and unused land were turned into organic food production areas. Learn more about these historic and current efforts and consider the possibilities for our area.

**URBAN ECHO POETS\***

Thursday, September 11 & October 9  
7 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated



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.

**URBAN STARGAZERS\***

Thursday, September 11 & October 9  
7 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated



Join us for information and stargazing.

**VEGETARIAN POTLUCK\***

Thursdays,  
September 18 & October 16  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
For adults & accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated



Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to pass.

**PATHS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE\***

Tuesday,  
October 21  
6 - 8 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated (Nonmembers - \$5)  
Childcare available: \$4 (Nonmembers - \$6))  
Call to register, 964-8505



In lieu of a meeting in September, we will be participating in the Center's Fall Festival & Sustainable Living Conference on September 27th & 28th (see page 6 for details).

**October: Potluck & Brainstorming.** Please bring a dish to share and join the conversation about our next steps as an organization - how to foster real change in our communities. Dinnerware provided.

## ART AT THE CENTER

**URBAN WILDERNESS PROJECT**

Show runs through late September  
Co-sponsored by Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers



Eddee Daniel's Urban Wilderness Project uses photography to promote the interrelationship of urban and natural environments. The project celebrates the joy of experiencing nature in an urban setting, documents conditions within the Milwaukee River watershed, and proposes a vision for the preservation and restoration of natural areas.

**THREE WHITE CRANES, TWO FLYWAYS, ONE WORLD CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBIT**

Sunday, October 5  
2 - 4 p.m.  
For everyone  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505  
Show runs through late December



The International Crane Foundation's education program links teachers and students in the central city of Milwaukee along the flyway for the two North American crane species with teachers and students along the crane flyway in east Asia. As part of the program, students across cultures are connected through art. Students in Milwaukee, China and Russia created the artwork for this exhibition related to cranes and their ecosystems.

## URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TOURS

**WEDNESDAY WALK WITH KEN**

Wednesdays  
9 a.m. - UEC Building, 10 a.m. - Riverside Park  
For adults and accompanied children  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call ahead to confirm (414) 964-8505.



You're invited to a special tour as you explore Riverside Park and/or our green facility with Executive Director Ken Leinbach (staff substitution on occasion).

**BETH'S BUILDING TOUR**

Thursday  
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
For adults  
Free - donations appreciated  
Call to register, 964-8505.



Explore our green facility with Senior Director of Education and Strategic Planning, Beth Fetterley, and learn about the Center's innovative building design and programming (occasional substitutions).



## THANK YOU FROM THE CENTER

The Urban Ecology Center receives a majority of its support from local foundations, corporations and individuals. This page of our newsletter is reserved each issue to thank you and the many supporters of the Center. **The names listed are those who made a contribution to the Urban Ecology Center in the two months since our previous newsletter.**

We thank those of you who have begun a new membership, renewed your membership or given a gift membership. Since our membership has grown to 2200 households we no longer can list all of our new and renewing members here. When space is available we will print the list of in kind donations. Rest assured we appreciate every donation and membership and are working hard to make your investment in the Center produce results 7 days a week, 357 days of the year! Call Ginger at the Center if your name has not appeared as you expected.

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they put into the ground, it will be fun to see what they accomplish next summer! Interested in helping keep the gardens beautiful? Join us Saturdays at 10 a.m. for Burdock Brigade! Questions? Call the Center at 344-5460.

I have been overwhelmed by the response to this project. I want to thank Peggy McGuire who connected us to Prairie Nursery. And a special thanks to Prairie Nursery, the Milwaukee County Parks Department and the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board for their extremely generous donations. Because of their generosity and our crew's hard work there is a brighter, beautiful future for Washington Park.



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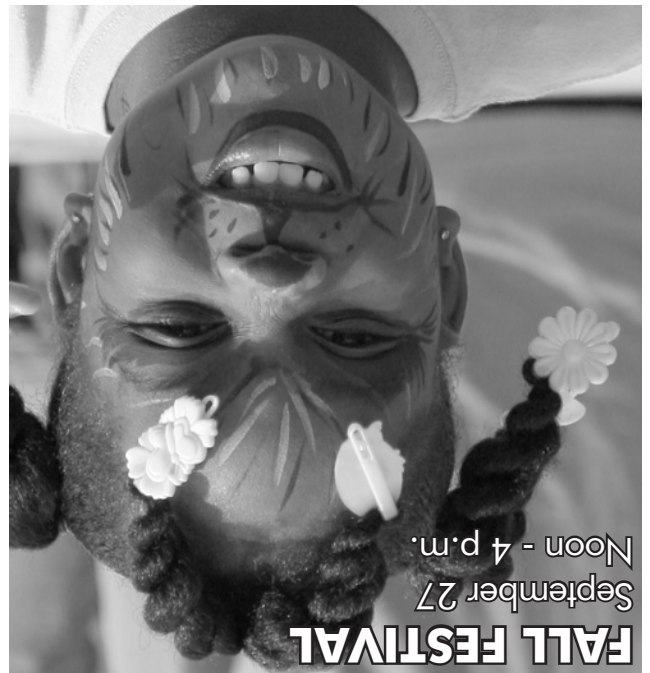
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# URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER PROGRAMS

(RP) = Riverside Park (WP) = Washington Park

# SEPTEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Urban Wilderness Project Art show runs through late September. Co-sponsored by Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers	2 Burdock Brigade (RP) Timing And Cycles In The Lives Of Birds Part 1 (RP) Menu For The Future Discussion Course Kick-Off Meeting (RP)	3 Building Tour with Ken (RP) Walk with Ken (RP) Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP)	4 Birdwalk Volunteer Teacher Orientation Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) Beth's Building Tour (RP) Savor the Taste of Summer (RP) Photography Club (RP)	5 River Educator Volunteer Training	6 Science Saturdays (RP) (every Saturday, 9:30a-4:30p) topic: The Solar System Major Taylor Bike Club (WP) Burdock Brigade (RP) Burdock Brigade (WP) 10:30a Volunteer Orientation (RP) Monarch Tagging (RP) 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP)
7 Science Sundays (RP) (every Saturday, 9:30a-4:30p) topic: The Solar System Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP)	8 Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP)	9 Bird Banding (RP) Burdock Brigade (RP) Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP) College Climb Night (RP) The Good I herait the Earth? (RP) Menu For The Future Discussion Course (RP)	10 Building Tour with Ken (RP) Walk with Ken (RP) Volunteer Orientation (RP) Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP) Friends of Real Food (RP)	11 Birdwalk Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) Beth's Building Tour (RP) Water Safety Course (RP) Urban Echo Poets (RP) Urban Stargazers (RP)	12	13 Saturday Stewards (RP) Storytelling (RP) Burdock Brigade (WP) 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP) 1p Urban Kayak and Campfire (RP) 2p Nature Journaling (RP)
14 Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) Open Climbs on the Tower Wall	15 Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 5:15p Full Moon Canoe Trip (RP) 6:30p Eco-Homes Series: Solar Heating & Cooling (RP)	16 Bird Banding (RP) Burdock Brigade (RP) Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP) Volunteer Orientation (RP) 6:30p Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association meeting	17 Building Tour with Ken (RP) Walk with Ken (RP) Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP)	18 Birdwalk Papemaking(RP) Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) Beth's Building Tour (RP) Savor the Taste of Summer (RP) Water Safety Course (RP) Vegetarian Politck (RP)	19	20 Mushroom Weekend Foray (RP) Burdock Brigade (RP) 10a Burdock Brigade (WP) 10a Eco Book Club (RP) 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP)
21 Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 1p Mushroom Weekend Workshop (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP)	22 Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 4-7p	23 Bird Banding (RP) Burdock Brigade (RP) Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP) Menu For The Future Discussion Course (RP) 6:30p Riverside Neighborhood Association meeting 7p Murray Hill Neighborhood Association meeting	24 Building Tour with Ken (RP) Walk with Ken (RP) Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP)	25 Birdwalk Papemaking(RP) Urban Cycling (RP) Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) Beth's Building Tour (RP) Water Safety Course (RP)	26	27 Saturday Stewards (RP) 10a Burdock Brigade (WP) Fall Festival for Afternoon Nappers 10:30a - noon (RP) Fall Festival Noon - 4p (RP) 1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP) Independent America 6:30-8:30p (RP)
28 Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 12-2p Sustainable Living Con- ference 1 - 4p (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP)	29	30 Bird Banding (RP) Burdock Brigade (RP) Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP)				

# URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER PROGRAMS

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# OCTOBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9a Building Tour with Ken (RP) 10a Walk with Ken (RP) 5p Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP) 5p Timing And Cycles In The Lives Of Birds Part 2 (RP)	8a Birdwalk 4p Papermaking(RP) 5:30p Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) 5:30p Beth's Building Tour (RP) 6p Water Safety Course (RP) 7:30p Photography Club (RP) 7:30p Co-existing with Urban Wildlife (RP)		Science Saturdays (RP) (every Saturday, 9:30a-4:30p) topic: Nature in Fall 12-2p Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 2p Three Write Games Exhibit Opening (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP)
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12-2p Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 12:30p YogaKids! ages 6 - 9 (RP) 1:45p YogaKids! ages 10 - 12 (RP) 2p Family Series: Costume Creation Party (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP) 3p YogaTeens! (RP)	13 4-7p Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 6:30p Eco-Homes Series: Canaries in a Coal Mine (RP)	14 Early Bird Banding (RP) 4p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP) 7p Find Leopold on Lake Tlicca (RP)	15 9a Building Tour with Ken (RP) 10a Walk with Ken (RP) 5p Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP) <b>Climate Change Solutions with Arctic Explorer Will Stegner 7 - 9p (RP)</b>	16 8a Birdwalk 4p Papermaking(RP) 5:30p Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) 6p Water Safety Course (RP) 5:30p Beth's Building Tour (RP) 6:30p For Canoe Leading Program (RP) 6:30p Volunteer Orientation (RP) 6:30p Vegetarian Potluck (RP)	17 9a Meier Taylor Bike Club (WP) 9a Burdock Brigade (RP) 10a Burdock Brigade (WP) 10:30a Bike and Kite (RP)	18 9a Meier Taylor Bike Club (WP) 9a Burdock Brigade (RP) 10a Burdock Brigade (WP) 10:30a Bike and Kite (RP)
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12-2p Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP) 2p Nature Detectives (RP) 2:30p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP)	4-7p Sustainable Building Exhibit Hours (RP)	4p Open Climbs on the Tower Wall (RP) 6:30p Riverside Neighborhood Association meeting 7p Murray Hill Neighborhood Association meeting	9a Building Tour with Ken (RP) 10a Walk with Ken (RP) 5p Fishing with E.B. Garner (WP)	8a Birdwalk 4p Papermaking(RP) 5:30p Intro to T'ai Chi (RP) 5:30p Beth's Building Tour (RP) 6p Water Safety Course (RP)	9a Creepy Caving (RP)	1p Animal Feeding Time (WP & RP)