

Located at the corner of Gingell Road and Waters Road, Johannesburg, MI

Spring/Summer 2015 Events

Free Fun in Any Weather with Kids Outdoors Otsego

Saturday, March 14, 2015 - 10 a.m. to Noon
Otsego County Parks and Recreation and Kids Outdoors Otsego want to show families that outdoors fun is possible in all weather conditions. The activities will be weather dependent and may include snowshoeing or hiking in the woods, scavenger hunt, snow castle building, make your own granola, and hot chocolate.

Age: Children birth to 8 years with their families

Cost: Free

Registration: Not Required



Introduction to Nature Photography with Jan Kellogg

Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This class includes tips for getting the results you want from your camera, such as composition, lighting, exposure, depth of field, and how your camera's modes work. Participants will then spend time taking photos at the nature preserve. There will be a short lunch break followed by a photograph sharing session. **Items to bring:** camera ("point and shoot" or DSLR), tripod (if you have one), macro lens (if you have one), sack lunch, water, bug repellent, & a hat.

Age: 16 years of age and older

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Participation: Limited to 10 Participants

Registration: Deadline May 16, 2015.

Call 989-732-6521 to register.



Free 4-H Spring Extravaganza Events

Hands on Wildlife Demonstration And Animal Bingo

Monday, April 6, 2015 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will be investigating pelts, replicas of skulls, scat, and tracks of beaver, coyote, raccoon, and rabbit. After a short discussion about the animals, we will go for a hike in the woods and a game of animal Bingo.

Age: Children 9 to 19 years old with their parents

Cost: Free

Registration: Deadline is March 20, 2015. Call the 4-H office at 989-731-0273 to register.



Build Your Own Birdhouse

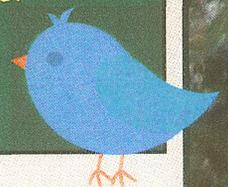
Friday, April 10, 2015 from 10 a.m. to Noon

This hands-on activity will teach children some basic woodworking skills as they build and decorate their own bird houses. We will also explore why birdhouses are important and what types of birds might nest in the birdhouses that we create.

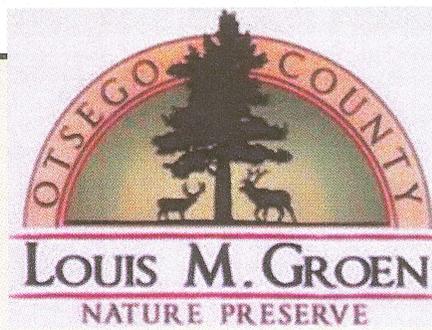
Age: Children 9 to 19 years old with their parents

Cost: Free

Registration: Deadline is March 20, 2015.
Call 4-H at 989-731-0273 to register.



For questions about these programs or the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve, contact the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Department at 989-732-6521 or 989-731-6448.



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Introduction to Shibori with Cheri Leach

Friday, June 12, 2015 from 10 a.m. to noon

Attention all artisans and crafters! Come to the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve to learn a beautiful fabric dyeing technique. Class participants will make two silk Shibori scarfs. Participants should wear old clothing that can be thrown away if they come in contact with the Shibori dye.

Age: 11 years of age and older

Cost: \$11.00 per person

Participation: Limited to 10 Participants

Registration: Deadline June 5, 2015.

Call Otsego County Parks and Recreation at 989-732-6521 to register.



Free Create Your Own Fairy or Gnome House

Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 10 a.m. to noon

Join the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Department at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve to learn how to build enchanted fairy and gnome houses. Participants will discover the hidden secrets to building fairy and gnome houses including what style homes and building materials are preferred by fairies/gnomes and where to place these houses to attract the largest number of fairies.

Age: Children 5 - 13 years old with their parents

Cost: Free

Registration: Deadline is June 22, 2015. Call 989-732-6521 to register.



Free Night Sky Presentation with Mary Stewart Adams

Friday, August 7, 2015 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Every year the meteor shower season kicks off with the well-known Perseid Meteor Shower. Headlands International Dark Sky Park Program Director Mary Stewart Adams will lead us through the science and the story of the Perseids, as a way to get ready for the peak of the shower later in August. This program is interactive, so come prepared to participate, and for August views of the Milky Way, the Summer constellations, and this month's visible planets.

Age: All Ages

Cost: Free

Registration: Not Required



Free Wings of Wonder Owl

Presentation with Rebecca Lessard

Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come meet Rebecca Lessard and the resident owls at the Wings of Wonder Raptor Sanctuary. Rebecca introduces participants to the wonders of owls including what they eat, where they live, how they hunt and when/where to look for owls in the wild. After visiting with the owls from Wings of Wonder, participants will dissect real owl pellet.

Age: Children 5 - 13 years old with their parents

Cost: Free

Registration: Deadline is July 27, 2015. Call 989-732-6521 to register.

