

## OUTDOOR CALENDAR

## ARCHERY

**OPEN SHOOTING**  
Open shooting hours at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield are 7-10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 4-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 661-9610 for more information.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

Detroit Archers will offer a youth education league beginning Saturday, Nov. 2, at its clubhouse in West Bloomfield. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 661-9610 for more information.

## CLASSES/CLUBS

## HUNTER EDUCATION

**(ROMULUS)**  
The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold two DNR-sanctioned hunter education classes on Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 19-20 and Nov. 2-3. Parental consent is required. These classes are for ages 12 and older and adults are welcomed. All participants must provide a social security number and a birth certificate. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

## HUNTER EDUCATION

**(DEARBORN)**  
Dearborn Parks and Recreation is offering a DNR-sanctioned hunter education course on Oct. 28, 30, Nov. 2, 5, and 7. Cost is \$1.50 per person and parental consent is required. These classes are for ages 12 and older and adults are welcomed. All participants must provide a social security number and a birth certificate. Call (313) 535-0436 to register and for more information.

## FISHING CLUBS

## METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-0521 for more information.

## FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 856-0556 for more information.

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

## BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

## FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Call Sam Pilato at (313) 420-0521 for more information.

## METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

## CIDER MAKING

Use a hand press to make your own apple cider during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday at Indian Springs. Participants should bring a bushel of apples and three one-gallon plastic jugs. Please call ahead to reserve press time.

## KIDS-N-BIRDS

Children ages six and older will learn about birds through activities, a walk, and a banding demonstration during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

## LEAF PRINT T-SHIRTS

Learn how to identify some common native leaves the fun way - by putting them on your t-shirt - during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

## LEAF LEARNING

Learn about fall colors, then decorate a t-shirt with leaf prints during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

## FALL COLOR WALK

A naturalist-led hike to enjoy the colors of fall begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## SEE WHAT YOU CAN SEE

An outdoor program in which participants will learn how human senses stack up against animal senses begins at 3 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

## OAKLAND PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

## TUNING YOUR TOT INTO FALL

Children ages three to six, accompanied by an adult, will learn appreciation for nature while exploring all five of their senses during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. today and again at 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

## AUTUMN MAGIC

An afternoon of family fun including face painting, cider making, hay rides, crafts, Rocco the Clown and more, begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks.

## TREE-MENDOUS TREK

A naturalist-led hike on some of the park's more distant trails begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at

Independence Oaks. This hike is not suitable for children under six.

## STATE PARKS

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Enjoy some traditional fall harvest activities such as basket weaving, blacksmithing, rope

making, wool spinning and much more during this program, which begins at noon Saturday, Oct. 13, at Maybury.

## FISHING DERBY

A fishing derby will be held Sunday, Oct. 20, on Cass Lake at Dodge No. 4 State Park. Registration fees at 5 a.m. Tournament begins at first safe light and ends with a bass weigh-in at 3 p.m. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

## HALLOWEEN WEEKEND FOR CAMPERS

Prizes for the best campground and costume highlight many exciting and scary activities planned for campers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-27, at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. The campground will be closed to all traffic during trick-or-treating hours to ensure safety. Similar programs are scheduled at the Metamora, Hadley and Holly recreation areas.

## Area resources offer youthful adventures



PARKER

An acquaintance approached me the other day with a gripe. This man has a 10-year-old son who "had nothing to do over the summer." The father was aggravated because he felt the village government should provide a youth center or some activity for his child. "There's nothing for him to do," was his complaint.

I was instantly distraught. This family lives less than a mile from a state recreation area, less than a block from a stocked trout stream and less than a half-mile from a large inland lake with public access.

When I was a kid, there wasn't enough time in a day to do all the things there were to do on a summer day. I grew up about a mile from where this family lives and all the options I had still exist.

Fishing was best early in the mornings and late in the evenings. Between trips to the lake or local canal we searched for bait - worms, night crawlers, grasshoppers, frogs, crayfish - which was often an adventure in itself.

Boat (rowing, of course) and canoe races offered an opportunity to "rule the neighborhood." And everyone my age that lived in the neighborhood had a tree house so there were always repairs to be made somewhere. Every so often we'd go exploring on state land and we never ran out of discoveries. We found the remains of a "pioneer settlement," an "Indian burial ground," several "Tarzan vines" for swinging and even a few "secret fishing holes."

Once a week I'd head out and cut the lawn of a couple of the neighbors so I always had money for a new Mepps spinner, a mask and snorkel set, or a No. 1 stop-loss trap.

I was fortunate. I had parents who valued our wealth of natural resources and who instilled in me, at an early age, a genuine interest and respect for those resources. Unfortunately, my acquaintance didn't have - or maybe didn't make - the opportunity to introduce his son to the exciting world of the outdoors. Unfortunately, this youngster doesn't even know what he's missing.

Cooke are trying to make a difference in the lack of outdoor experiences for youths.

One night a month, Campbell and Cooke get together with a group of children between the ages of eight and 18 at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Walled Lake for a formal meeting of the Multi-Lakes Junior Conservation Club. Multi-Lakes had a junior conservation program in the early 1980's, but it fizzled out several years ago. Multi-Lakes currently offers several youth programs including hunts safety, junior rifle shooting, and archery, but nothing that stressed the importance of conservation.

"We want to teach them the safe and proper way to enjoy the outdoors and our natural resources," said Campbell. "We want to teach them the truth about wildlife and our natural resources."

To date, there are 56 members in the junior conservation club. The group meets once a month and also participates in activities such as canoe trips, clean-ups, nature hikes and the like. Membership in the Multi-Lakes Junior Conservation Club includes membership in Michigan United Conservation Clubs and a subscription to MUCC's monthly magazine Michigan-Out-Of-Doors.

Campbell and Cooke - and the entire Board of Directors at Multi-Lakes - should be commended for their dedication to youth education and enrichment.

Our children hold the key to the future of our outdoor heritage. Too many of today's children are preoccupied with skate boards and video games to spend time learning about and enjoying our great outdoors.

If you're a member of a conservation club consider starting a junior conservation program in your organization. You won't be disappointed. The joy and satisfaction on the face of a youngster who has just mastered the art of canoeing, watched a whitetail graze from just 30-yards away, or learned how to properly pitch a tent is a face you won't soon forget.

"I really didn't have the extra time, but I found the time," added Campbell. "I saw the importance and the need, so I made the time."

Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Quotas and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

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