

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

LIFE LINKS

Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 693-5338.

LAND NAVIGATION

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 for information.

BACKPACKING

Learn the basics of backpacking during this hands-on course, which runs April 16-May 17 and is offered by the School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR). Cost is \$76. Call Jim Young at (810) 731-2504 for more information.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 681-9610 or (313) 835-2110.

BANQUETS

BIG GAME HUNTERS
The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual fund raiser and banquet on Sunday, April 26, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. The event includes dinner, awards, raffles, auctions and door prizes and much more. Tickets are \$40 and doors open at 4 p.m. Call (313) 613-7471 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, at the St.

Joseph Hotel in St. Joseph. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

LICENSES

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expire March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs April 1-24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gill and bowfin runs April 1-May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

PIKE

Pike season opens April 26 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

Smolt netting season runs through May 31 south of M-72 and April 1-May 31 north of M-72.

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

SHOWS

WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL
The 15th annual Michigan

Wildlife Art Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, will take place March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion. Show hours are 4-9 p.m. March 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 28 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29. Admission is \$8. Children under 12 are admitted free.

STEELHEADERS

Huron Valley Steelheaders will hold its Spring Show 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the Southgate Civic Center. Rodford's Bob Mitchell will be a guest speaker and will give a presentation on salmon trolling and Great Lakes fishing beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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.

MAPLE SUGARING

Learn how maple sap is transformed into sweet maple syrup during this program, which is held every Saturday and Sunday in March at Indian Springs. Call the park at (248) 625-7280 for specific times.

TRAVELS WITH A NATURALIST

Take a slide-illustrated trip to the Pacific Northwest with nature photographer Doug Locke during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at Stony Creek.

LIVING ON THE EDGE

Learn about natural communities that exist where one habitat meets another during this program at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Kensington.

BIRDING BASICS

An introduction to the world of birds including information on identification, equipment, books and techniques at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at Kensington.

1998 PERMITS

Huron-Clinton Metroparks vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Call 1-800-477-PARKS for prices and more information.

DNR fishing program aimed at state's youth

Give the Michigan Department of Natural Resources a round of applause.

For years, the young children have pretty much been disregarded when it came to conservation efforts and the promotion of our natural resources. There was not much focus or attention given to our future outdoor enthusiasts, especially those under the age of 12.

On Tuesday, that notorious tradition came to an end as the DNR announced the beginning of a new full-filled fishing club for anglers age 11 and under. Get real; go fishing; get hooked is the theme that was emphasized Tuesday on Belle Isle when the Small Fry Fishing Club was officially introduced.

Membership in the Small Fry Fishing Club is free to anyone under the age of 12 and every angler who joins the club will receive a colorful collector's patch and a subscription to the club's quarterly newsletter, Fun-Caster.

"We have a very simple message for kids today: Fishing is fun, and fishing in Michigan is the best so get real... go fishing... get hooked," said DNR Director K.L. Coel.

Here in Michigan, we're blessed with tens of thousands of inland lakes, rivers and streams, not to mention the Great Lakes. Fishing opportunities abound. Even right here in Metro Detroit, the most populated region of the state, fishing opportunities are present within an hour drive, or less.

Although the Small Fry Fishing Club was designed specifically for children under the age of 12, the DNR hopes the program

will encourage families to fish together.

"The Small Fry Fishing Club is part of the DNR's effort to get more young anglers involved in fishing, and more families into fishing," said Coel. "Fishing is a tremendous family activity that gets kids outdoors in the fresh air, learning a skill they can enjoy for the rest of their lives. And catching a fish is just plain exciting, whatever your age."

Last year the DNR initiated the Young Angler Program, for anglers age 12-16. For \$2 youngsters can purchase a Junior Voluntary All-Species Fishing license and membership in the Young Angler Program. Members of the Young Angler Program receive a collector's patch (different from the Small Fry Fishing Club patch) and the quarterly newsletter Fish On.

The Small Fry Fishing Club furthers this effort by introducing and encouraging the youngest of anglers to actively participate in the sport.

By involving kids in healthy outdoor activities like fishing, hunting, hiking, boating and camping we are nurturing their roles as environmental stewards and insuring that our outdoor heritage and traditions will survive and even flourish well into the next millennium.

Forms for the Small Fry Fishing Club will soon be available at all DNR offices, on the DNR web site at <http://www.dnr.state.mi.us> and at hunting and fishing license dealers. If you don't want to wait for a form send the child's name, age, date of birth, address and phone number to: Small Fry Fishing Club, Michigan DNR, P.O. Box 30690, Lansing, MI 48909-8190. Junior All-Species licenses are also available at DNR offices and license dealers statewide.

Wildlife habitat festival

Just a reminder that the Michigan Wildlife Art Festival will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Southfield





Pavilion.

This is a great show. Not only from the standpoint of all the beautiful wildlife art, but also because the show supports the restoration of wildlife habitat across the state. A portion of the proceeds from the show is earmarked for wildlife habitat restoration in Michigan. Since 1974 Wildlife Art Festivals have raised more than \$750,000 for wildlife from admission and art sales.

The Southfield festival features the Midwest's largest juried show of wildlife and environmental art and includes 60 nationally acclaimed artists. Thousands of affordable paintings, prints, photos, carvings, etchings, sculptures, stained glass pieces, batiks, and scratchboards will be on sale. Many of Michigan's leading conservation organizations will also have exhibits at the show. There will also be seminars on an African safari (11 a.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday), backyard habitat (12:30 p.m. Saturday), bats (2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday), snakes (3:30 p.m. Saturday), native American links to wildlife (5 p.m. Saturday), wolf behavior (2:30 p.m. Sunday) and urban wildlife (4 p.m. Sunday). A celebrity decoy painting contest is also on tap.


Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Parking is free. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free.


The Southfield Pavilion is located on Evergreen Road between 10 and 11 mile roads. (Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oc.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

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






NAME	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Ronald Blackshear	G	6'04"	Camilla, GA	Mitchell-Baker
Keyon Dooling	PG	6'03"	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Dillard
Dan Gadzuric	C	6'11"	Hague, Holland	Governor Dunner Academy
Adam Harrington	G	6'03"	Bernardston, MA	Pioneer Valley
Al Harrington	F	6'09"	Roselle, NJ	St. Patrick's
Cory Hightower	G	6'06"	Flint, MI	Mt. Zion
Kristoffer Lang	C	6'10"	Gastonia, NC	Hunter Huss
Paris London	F	6'08"	Memphis, TN	Hamilton
Kevin Lyde	C	6'09"	Forest Heights, MD	Oak Hill Academy
Lloyd Price	F	6'05"	Wilmington, DE	Oak Hill Academy

NAME	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Antonio Gates	F	6'05"	Detroit, MI	Central
Clarence Gilbert	G	6'02"	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Dillard
Rashard Lewis	C/F	6'10"	Houston, TX	Alief Elsik
Michael Miller	G	6'08"	Mitchell, SD	Mitchell Senior
Joel Pryzbilla	C	7'00"	Monticello, MN	Monticello
Terrell Riggs	G	6'06"	Detroit, MI	Detroit Finney
Frank Williams	PG	6'04"	Peoria, IL	Peoria
Lance Williams	C	6'09"	Chicago, IL	Julian
Vincent Yarbrough	F	6'07"	Cleveland, TN	Cleveland
Ray Young	F	6'05"	Oakland, CA	St. Joseph Notre Dame

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21
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7:30 PM

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