



## Nature

In the cool, leafy woods in Independence Oaks County Park away from the hot sun, it's easy to learn about the environment, as these members of a day camp discover with county parks naturalist Kathleen Dougherty (left). She conducts tours relating to natural history with emphasis on the environment throughout the seasons and also gives presentations in area schools.

## Oakland Outdoors

# County parks teach nature

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A new name is showing up in the cause of outdoors education, a field heretofore dominated by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is offering guided tours and films at two parks this summer. It's not that there's any rivalry between the regional and the county parks system. We all can use all the knowledge of nature we can get.

The county has hired a new, fulltime publicist, Janet Pung. That's why you are seeing more about county parks in the paper this year. Previously, a PR firm was retained.

**GUIDED TOURS** will be conducted at Independence Oaks County Park, Clarkston. Take 1-75 to the Sashabaw Road exit and go north. Here's the schedule:

- Saturday, Aug. 4 — Ferns and flowers will be observed during at 8 a.m. hike.
- Saturday, Aug. 11 — Learning to recognize summer insect sounds will be the focus of a program beginning at 8:30 p.m. (which is a good time to hear insects).
- Friday, Aug. 17 — A walk to observe nocturnal wildlife will begin at 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 26 — Native and naturalized trees and shrubs will be discussed at 8:30 a.m.

Call Independence Oaks at 625-0877 if you have questions.

FILMS WILL be shown at Addison Oaks County Park, Romeo west of Rochester roads in Addison Township. Showings start at dusk in the old lodge.

The schedule: Aug. 4, "The American Bald Eagle"; Aug. 18, "Wildlife Babes"; Sept. 1, "Swamps, Bogs and Marshes." Call Addison Oaks at 693-2432 with questions. There's a vehicle entry fee, but all programs are free.

**MORE THAN 2,000** boys and girls, ages 10-15, started taking part this morning in the metropolitan youth fitness meet at Metro Beach on Lake St. Clair near Mount Clemens.

They will compete in the 50-yard, 60-yard and 75-yard dashes; softball throw; running broad jump, standing broad jump and hop-step-jump; shuttle relay and chin-ups.

These Oakland groups are among 50 sending participants: Birmingham School District, Farmington Hills Recreation Commission, Lathrup Village, Southfield and West Bloomfield Township.

**NO WORD YET** on when the swimming ban will be lifted at Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester.

Beaches have been closed a week after dozens of swimmers reported flu-like symptoms. It's the first time swimming has been prohibited at the 15-year-old metropark.

Other facilities are still open — bike-hike trails, picnic areas, the boat launch and food service. You may sun yourself on the beach, but don't go near the water.

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## County road surfacing OK'd

Paving of a little over a half-mile of Harding Road, from Livernois east to the Rochester city limits, will begin next week in Avon Township.

The \$293,531 contract for the work, which includes curb and gutter installation and widening the intersection of Harding and Livernois roads, was recently approved by the Oakland County Road Commission.

Cost of the Harding Road paving will

be shared equally by the road commission and the township. Low bidder was Sterling Garrett Contracting Co. of Walled Lake. The work is expected to be completed during the fall.

Black top resurfacing of 1.1 miles of Rochester Road from Gerst Road to Boardman in Addison Township was also recently approved. The \$53,532 resurfacing job will begin in late summer.

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