



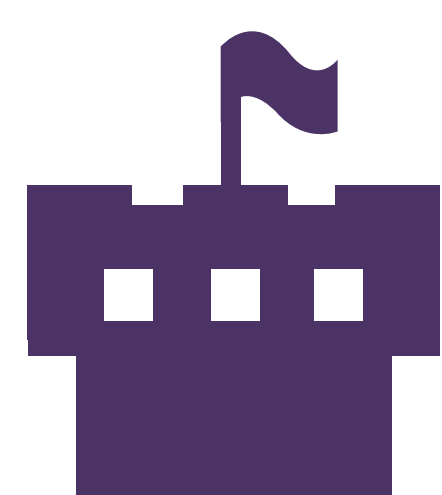
Douglas Center

July - August 2015



FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT HIKE AND BEACH CAMPFIRE

Enjoy the beach with a campfire after hiking 2.5 miles from the Douglas Center to the beach. Relax with smores, stories and a sunset. Hike with a ranger at night back to the center.



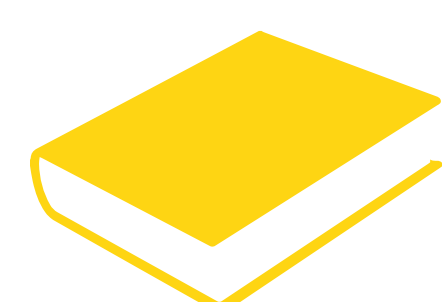
FORT BUILDING CONTEST

Form a team and test your architectural skills in the nature play zone. Fun prizes will be awarded throughout the day.



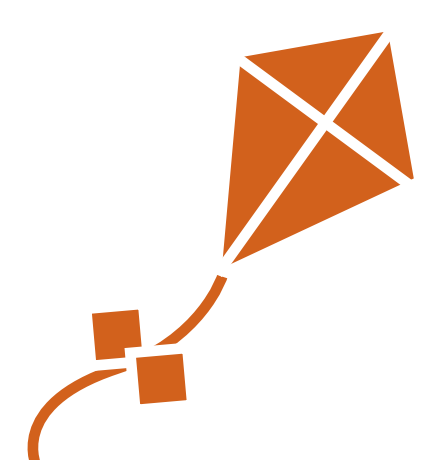
PICNIC LUNCH WITH A RANGER

Bring your lunch and questions for a ranger while enjoying a relaxing "nature side" meal in the picnic area adjacent to the center.



NATURE TOTS

Join a ranger with your 2-5 year old for some storytelling, games and a nature hike every second Wednesday of the month. This program is free and no pre-registration is required.



KITE MAKING

Supplies are furnished during today's open house to build your own kite in keeping with the return of the Gary Air Show theme.



SOUNDWALK IN THE DUNES

Join members of the Midwest Society for Acoustic Ecology celebrating World Listening Day. Tips on listening to the symphony of sounds of nature and humans will be shared.



ARTFUL LANDSCAPES OF MILLER WOODS

Families will create a drawing of the Miller Woods in mixed media on paper. Art masters that drew upon nature will be discussed and participants will have the opinion of an art critique when sharing their masterpiece at the end of the session. Free art supplies furnished.

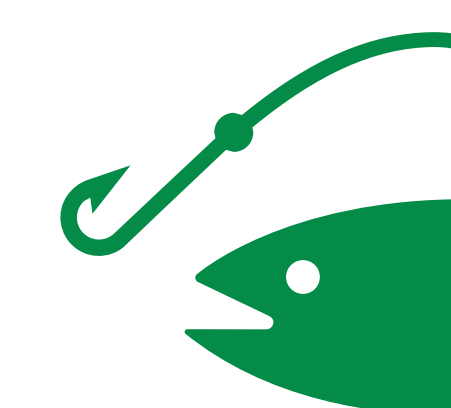
July 3 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
August 7



KAYAKING IN MARQUETTE LAGOON

Bring your kayak, paddle and life vests and meet a ranger to paddle around the Marquette lagoon. Get an up close view of waterfowl and beaver activities. Meet at Marquette Park west parking lot.

July 4 10 AM to 4 PM
August 2



FAMILY FISHING TIME

Learn some basic fishing skills and drop a line into Marquette Park. Equipment provided. Children under 18 years do not need a license. Meet at Marquette Park lagoon.

July 5 11 AM to 1 PM



FLINTKNAPPING

Could you have survived as an early Woodland Indian? Making weapons and tools from flint rock was an essential skill that you can watch a ranger do today.

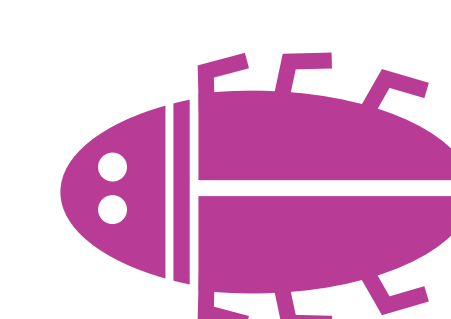
July 8 10 AM to 12 PM
August 12



HIKE UNDER THE BLUE MOON

Enjoy a 3 mile round trip evening hike under the rare blue moon and lean about the moon cycles while listening for evening critters.

July 11 & 12 9 AM and 3 PM



INSECTS OF THE INDIANA DUNES

Learn of the importance of these most numerous animals on earth as you join Chicago Field Museum expert Jim Louderman. He will show insects that have been found in the Indiana Dunes and a few other places in the world.

July 18 11 AM to 12:30 PM



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate our 99th birthday and learn about the early harrowing days of establishing our National Park Service.

July 18 1 PM to 3 PM
August 15



HIKE UNDER THE STURGEON MOON

Enjoy a 3 mile round trip evening hike under the rare blue moon and lean about the moon cycles while listening for evening critters.

July 19 10 AM to 2 PM
August 16

July 25 9 AM to 12 PM
August 9

July 26 12 PM to 2 PM

July 31 8 PM to 9:30 PM

--- 11 AM to 3 PM
August 1

--- 1:30 PM and 3 PM
August 23

--- 8 PM to 9:30 PM
August 29

Miller Woods Hike
Every Sunday through August 23
1:30 PM to 3 PM

Spectacular Miller Woods shares its secrets during this ranger-led hike varying in length from 1/2 mile to 3.25 miles.



Stewardship Days in Miller Woods
4th Saturdays of the month
9 AM to 12 PM

Cut brush and remove invasive plants to help restore the very rare oak savanna habitat adjacent to the center. Dress for the weather. Contact Ted Winterfeld at 395-1661 with questions or to sign up.