

2018 Summer Fun With The Butler County Conservation Board

June 19-23, Butler County Fair, Fairgrounds, Allison

Visit us in the historic log cabin at the Butler County Fair. Check out our wishing well, identify wildlife skins and skulls, check out our animal displays, try your skill at cutting with one and two person crosscut saws, or learn about dutch oven cooking with a dutch oven cooking demonstration Tuesday through Friday.



June 30, Out Of This World! Program, Camp Comfort Shelter House, 8:30 p.m.

Join Naturalist Intern Katie Cantin for “Out of this World!”, a program all about the final frontier: space! This program will be located at Camp Comfort. Join Katy on Saturday, June 30th from 8:30 pm to 9:15 pm to learn more about the planets in our solar system and some cool facts about them, the differences



between asteroids, comets, meteorites, and discover more about the Milky Way, Super Novas, and constellations and how to find them in the night sky. Participants will be able to check out constellations and will hopefully

be able to see a planet (or two!).

July 7, Nature Art, Heery Woods Lodge, 11:00 a.m.

Looking for something for the kids to do during the week of the 4th of July? Head on out to Heery Woods Nature Center for “Nature Art”, a program for all ages to come create and decorate their own works of art

using things found in nature. This program will be located at Heery Woods Nature Center. Join Katy on Saturday, July 7th from 11 am to 12:30 pm to flaunt your artistic side to create a new masterpiece. Some crafts will include creating nature faces, leaf people, wind catchers and nature wands: all out of things you would find outside! All participants will be able to take their crafts they make home to keep or share.

July 19, Basic Kayak Instruction, Sportsman Park, 5:30 p.m.

Join Naturalist Steve Martin for a Basic Kayak Instruction program at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 19 at Sportsman Park. During the program participants will learn how to safely enter and exit their kayak, basic paddling techniques, steering skills, and discuss what to do if you flip your kayak.



July 29, BCCB Environmental Education 30th Anniversary Celebration, Heery Woods Nature Center, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join the Butler County Conservation Board and the Friends of Heery Woods Nature Center for a Celebration of 30-years of Environmental Education and Outdoor Recreation programming through Heery Woods Nature Center. The Celebration will include speakers, the story of The Lorax, hikes led by former interns who are now conservation professionals, music by the Double J Wranglers, a visit from a special character from Heery Woods past. Hotdogs, chips, and bars will be available at the end of the program.

August 18, Canoe and Kayak Float, Renning's Landing to Shell Rock Park, 9:30 a.m.

Join Naturalist Steve Martin for a relaxing float down the Shell Rock River from Renning's Landing to the Shell Rock Recreation Area. The program will include a short kayak and canoe safety program followed by a float down the river. Participants should bring extra water and a snack. A hat, sunglasses, and sunblock are recommended. A limited number of kayaks will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



August 25, Monarch Tagging, Shell Rock Recreation Area, 11: a.m.

Have you ever wanted to see a monarch butterfly up close? This is the program for you! Sponsored by the Butler County Conservation Board, "Monarchs: Take Flight" is a program all about monarchs. This program will be located at the Shell Rock Recreational Area is located at 22562 West Main Street, Shell Rock, Iowa 50670. Join Katy on Saturday, August 25th from 11 am to 11:45 am to learn more about monarch life cycles, their long migration, and we will be tagging and releasing monarchs as they make their way back down to Mexico to overwinter



September 8, Dutch Oven Gathering and Cooking Basics, Shell Rock Recreation Area, 10:30 a.m.

The First Annual Dutch Oven Gathering and Dutch Oven Basics Program is a program that is sure to have something for those wanting to learn about cooking with dutch ovens or those with years of experi-



ence. The program will include the basics of dutch ovens, cast iron care, restoring cast iron cookware, and give participants a chance to try to their hand at dutch oven cooking. While the food is cooking participants can visit with others in the group and learn more about the art of Dutch Oven Cooking.

October 6, Fall Change of Colors Hike, Heery Woods North Side Shelter #1, 10:30 a.m.

Join Naturalist Steve Martin for a fall hike through Heery Woods State Park for the Fall Change of Colors Hike at Heery Woods State Park. During the hike you can learn what makes leaves change from green to brilliant shade of yellow, gold, purple, and red and maybe locate a few landmarks from the days when the park was still a farm. After the hike you can enjoy a apple cider, roast marshmallows over a fire, and maybe even make a s'more or two. Participants should dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes. The hike will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes and cover both paved and unpaved ground



October Date TBA, Annual Halloween Hikes, Heery Woods Nature Center, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

While this year's Annual Halloween Hike theme has yet to be determined, it always provides a howling good time! Participants hike along the trails near Heery Woods Nature Center where 5 different characters wait to tell their story and help people learn about the natural world. Keep your eyes and ears open for this program.

For more information to register for these programs or other programs presented by the Butler County Conservation Board, please call Heery Woods Nature Center or the Butler County Conservation Board at (319) 278-1130.