



Friends of the Gorman Nature Center Newsletter

Richland County Park District

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GORMAN NATURE CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SUMMER 2014

Tue	June 3	9:30 pm	The Night Sky - monthly telescope program at GNC - only if the sky is clear. (JL)
F-S	June 6-7		Time & Optics 2nd Annual Optics Fling - Call 419-884-3764 / 330-674-0210 for details!
S-S	June 14-15		1st Annual Ohio Fern Foray - Call 419-884-3764 for details. (JL)
Wed	June 18	9 & 10	Moms & Kids (for parents and their pre-school children, sessions 9-10 and 10-11 am) (JF)
Sat	June 21	7:00 am	Birds & Breakfast Bird Walk - meet at GNC. (JL)
Sat	June 21	1:00 pm	Invasive Species Removal Work Day (Woody Plants) - meet at GNC. (JL)
Sat	Jun 28	9-1	8th Annual Bobolinks & Butterflies Festival at Byers Woods - a Bobolink Festival, with much more, sponsored by Greater Mohican Audubon Society, see gmasohio.org for details.
Wed	July 2	9:30 pm	The Night Sky - monthly telescope program at GNC - only if the sky is clear. (JL)
Sun	July 13	2:00 pm	Butterflies & Skippers! - join us for a walk around the property, as part of our ATBI study, as we try and identify as many species of butterflies and skippers as we can - meet at GNC. Call 419-884-3764 for details. (JL)
Wed	July 16	9 & 10	Moms & Kids (JL)
Fri	July 18	9:30 pm	Owl Prowl - join us as we learn all about local owls, get to see an owl up-close and then take a hike out in the GNC woods as we "hoot and holler" for our resident owl species - meet at GNC. (JL)
Sat	July 19	7:00 am	Birds & Breakfast Bird Walk - meet at GNC. (JL)
Sat	July 19	10:30 am	Knot Tying Workshop - join instructor Brad Van Hook and learn to tie a variety of knots useful for outdoor activities. This program is free, but participants must pre-register. Limited to 12 participants. Approx. 1 hr. Call 419-884-3764 and ask for Jason to register.
Sat	July 26	2:00 pm	Dragonflies & Damselflies! - join us as we explore the GNC ponds and streams, as part of our ATBI study, as we try and identify as many species of dragonflies and damselflies as we can - meet at GNC. Call 419-884-3764 for details. (JL)
Sat	July 26	9:30 pm	Magnificent Moths! - See pg. 2 for details or call 419-884-3764.
Wed	July 30	9:30 pm	The Night Sky - monthly telescope program at GNC - only if the sky is clear. (JL)
Sat	Aug 2	8:30 am	Fossil Field Trip - program and field trip to discover Richland County fossils. See pg. 2 for details or call 419-884-3764. (SM)
Thu	Aug 7	1:30 pm	Summer Nature Walk for Seniors (JF, JL or SM)
M-T	Aug 11-12		GNC Perseid Meteor Shower Overnight! - See pg. 2 for details or call 419-884-3764.
Fri	Aug 15	9:00 pm	Owl Prowl - join us as we learn all about local owls, get to see an owl up-close and then take a hike out in the GNC woods as we "hoot and holler" for our resident owl species - meet at GNC. (JL)
Sat	Aug 16	7:30 am	Birds & Breakfast Bird Walk - meet at GNC. (JL)
Wed	Aug 20	9 & 10	Moms & Kids (JL)
Thu	Aug 21	7:00 pm	The Flight for Life: Midwest Monarchs - come learn how you can make a difference!
Sat	Aug 23	3:00 pm	Dr. Richard Bradley - a REAL spider man! - See pg. 2 for details or call 419-884-3764.
Thu	Aug 28	9:30 pm	The Night Sky - monthly telescope program at GNC - only if the sky is clear. (JL)
Wed	Sept 17	9 & 10	Moms & Kids (JL)
Sat	Sept 20	8:00 am	Birds & Breakfast Bird Walk - meet at GNC. (JL)
Sat	Sept 20	1-5 pm	Invasive Species Removal Workshop - meet at GNC. (JL)

All programs free to the public. (JF=Jan Ferrell, JL=Jason Larson, SM=Steve McKee)

Green Newsletter

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Fossil Field Trip

Saturday, August 2 at 8:30 am

On Saturday, August 2 our public program will be a Fossil Field Trip. Meeting at 8:30 am at the Gorman Nature Center, we will look at examples of the common Richland County fossils. From there we will car-pool to a collecting site in northern Richland County. Plan to spend most of the morning and bring shoes for walking in the creek. For more information call the Gorman Nature Center at (419) 884-3764.

Perseid Meteor Shower Overnight

Monday-Tuesday, August 11-12: 9:00 pm - 6:30 am

The Perseid meteor shower is one of the brightest meteor showers to occur in the Northern Hemisphere. Join us at GNC for a night of astronomy and star gazing, as we settle down and try to see as many meteors as we possibly can. While we wait, we will take the time to look for planets, constellations, galaxies and much more during the evening and early morning. Best viewing times for the meteors will be right before dawn. Bring sleeping bags and plan on spending the evening! Early morning viewing will be followed by a hearty breakfast, featuring apple cider doughnuts from Apple Hill Orchard! Call us at 419-884-3764 for additional details.

Dr. Richard Bradley - a REAL Spider Man!

Saturday, August 23 at 3:00 pm

Arachnophobia is an acquired fear that can be reversed by knowledge and exposure. Face your spider fears, by coming to Gorman Nature Center! This fascinating 2 ½ hr. program, will begin with a PowerPoint program indoors (45 min.-1 hr.), after which we will go outdoors and search for spiders including sweep netting and beat sheet work. A show and tell session will follow the search. Dr Bradley's books; **Ohio's Backyard: Spiders** and **Common Spiders of North America** will be available for purchase and signing at the program.

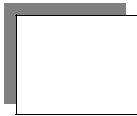
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Magnificent Moths!

Saturday, July 26 at 9:30 pm - 12:00 am



Come search for moths of all colors, shapes and sizes. We will use black lights, sheets and bait traps to attract a wide variety of moth species. Bring a camera and a lawn chair and prepare to be amazed!



A red X in the box at the right means that it is time to renew your "Friends of the Nature Center" membership. Thanks for you support!

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