

July - August
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HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

Volunteer Connection

MMSD Partnership Makes a “Splash”

Havenwoods is partnering with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to provide a watershed education program for 5th and 6th graders. Dubbed “Splash,” the program was developed by our very own Beth Mittermaier. The naturalists taught five pilot programs in spring and received a lot of positive feedback. With Friends of Havenwoods as our fiscal agent, MMSD has reimbursed Havenwoods for our teaching costs. They also paid for buses to transport students. We are currently evaluating the program and developing a way to gauge its efficacy and will make minor improvements for the fall teaching season.

New Directions in Education

It’s important for us to keep adapting our whole education program to meet the changing needs of the schools and teachers who choose Havenwoods for class field trips. We are currently aligning our programs with the Next Generation Science Standards, which engage children in learning and practicing the methods of science while they learn science concepts. Beth is developing several new programs that use science process, and we are adapting our current programs.

Here is a request from Beth to help her find teaching tools for a new kindergarten program. (Yes, this *will* teach kids the *process* of science. The learning tools are just more fun for little kids.)

We would like to acquire 5 sets of Teeny Beans to use in a new field trip we are developing for kindergartners. It will focus on animals’ survival needs and their food chains. Look in your closet and watch for them at rummage sales. They can easily be found 4 for a \$1. Tags are not needed, but clean and smoke-free are! Here is our wish list of herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores!

Quacks the duck
Smoochy the frog
Inch the worm
Rocket the blue jay
Nuts the squirrel
Coral the fish
Slither the snake
Lucky the ladybug
Bumble the bee
Spinner the spider
Flitter the butterfly
Springy the bunny
Skunkers the skunk



We need the more realistic Beans shown here, (not the big-eyed, funky-colored Beany Boos!)

Help Needed

We currently need volunteers to help with:

- Weeding – especially around the nature center and in the rain garden
- Manual removal of invasive species
- Buds ‘n Sprouts Garden – many tasks, including weeding, mulching, and watering.

If you’d like to help, either call Judy to schedule a time or stop into the building for instructions and tools. Thank you!

Wanted Items

Please save these items and bring to Havenwoods.

- Peanut butter jars - clear, plastic, clean, preferably with labels removed
- Spice shakers - clear, plastic, any size, any color top; Preferred: attached lid, clean, with labels removed



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Notes from the gardens



We are so fortunate that Laura Spencer is conducting the Buds 'n Sprouts program this summer for her fifth year!



There are four groups of Buds 'n Sprouts kids this summer. In addition to growing vegetables in the gardens here, each child is getting a donated potted plant to take home to grow.

The prairie in bloom

What's flowering?

bergamot
common milkweed
butterfly weed
yarrow
purple coneflower
gray-headed coneflower

showy sunflower
brown-eyed Susan
black-eyed Susan
Culver's root
hoary vervain
compass plant

common goldenrod
annual fleabane
daisy fleabane
anise hyssop
Tell us if you have seen others.

Heritage gardens: New wooden signs are now posted in the Heritage Gardens, which are maintained by Master Gardener Volunteers. A friend of MGV Marcy Keefe made them, using a router to create the text and graphics on each one. Our thanks to him for creating such great signs.



Stop by and visit the gardens anytime. If the Master Gardeners are there, they'd love to tell you about the plants they are growing.

Garden irrigation: After having multiple problems with broken and leaking pipes this spring and summer, the staff has finally been able to replace the old irrigation system that services all of the Havenwoods' gardens. The PVC pipe system has been in use for about 30 years. Many thanks to Sarah Long and Jesse Hill, our Parks and Rec Specialists, for all their work researching, purchasing, and installing the new system. May this one last 30 years, too!

