

June - July
2018

HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

Volunteer Connection

So Much to Do

We need lots of help during the summer to keep the Forest a great place to visit. Call the center at 414-527-0232 if you are interested in volunteering for any of these jobs:

- Be one of the people who mows the lawn around the nature center and parking lot. We provide the sitting mower!
- Trim around trees and shrubs after mowing is done.
- Weed and water in the kids' Buds 'n Sprouts garden, rain garden, or butterfly garden.

- Help prepare simple snacks right before Buds 'n Sprouts programs start.
- Pick up litter along Hopkins or inside the Forest.
- Make lists of species you see and share them with us so we can post them for other visitors—prairie flowers, butterflies, frogs, or snakes.
- Remove invasive plants!
- Help with simple cleaning in the nature center.

Sarah and Jesse will gladly accept your help and get you started.

New Naturalists



Kali Hoefert comes to us from Hawthorn Glen Outdoor Education

Center, where she has worked for the last two years. Kali loves working with animals here and at the Glen, and especially enjoys teaching the lower elementary level kids who come here for field trips.



Haley Marzolf recently completed her service in the Peace Corps. She was stationed

in Paraguay as an environmental educator and has fascinating stories to tell of her experiences there. Haley also speaks Spanish and Guarani, the language of the people she lived and worked with in Paraguay.



Liz Van Duyn is our new coordinator and naturalist for the Buds 'n Sprouts children's garden program. She is an avid organic gardener and has used her knowledge in jobs at a garden center and a country club.

Liz has four groups of kids in the Buds 'n Sprouts program. Our thanks to all who donated this year to keep this great program going.

Adult program

Butterfly Walk

July 28, 10:30 am - noon (Sat.)

We'll spend a short time inside learning how to identify butterflies, and then we'll head out for the count. This count helps us track both the number and kinds of butterflies at the Forest from year to year. For adults and youth over 12.

Save the dates!

Shakespeare Returns

August 10, 7-8 pm performance

The Summit Players are coming back, this time with "Twelfth Night". Rain or shine.

Snake & Turtle Fest

October 6, 10 am-4 pm (Sat.)

What could be more fun than a nature center full of reptiles? Put it on your calendar now, but don't call us yet. We will start asking for volunteers in August—to help us with activities, crafts, food sales, set-up, and clean-up.

Want to rent a garden?

As of June 23, a number of the rental garden plots here are still available. They are about 20' x 20'. The fee, payable to UWEX, is \$30. If you are interested, call the UWEX Garden Rental office at (414) 256-4606 (Tues.—Thurs. 9 am—noon).

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- www.friendsofhavenwoods.org
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Unidentified flying objects

For the last month, three strange-looking black and white objects have been hanging from trees surrounding the parking lot. You could easily guess they are bird feeders. Not so. They are alien traps.

One of the DNR foresters has placed the traps here as part of a general survey looking for non-native bark and ambrosia beetles that damage native trees.

The primary structure of each trap is a series of funnels nested within each other. The traps are baited with a distinct chemical lure to attract the beetles. They fly in and fall to the bottom into a collection cup filled with a preservative. Every two weeks forestry staff check and replenish the traps. If invasive beetles are found in the traps, an eradication program will be put in place.



A really big snapper

Check out who's been swimming around in Havenwoods' west pond. She has been here for a couple years, and it seems to me she's been through a big growth spurt since I last saw her. Look out, frogs!



Fighting purple loosestrife with beetles



Painted lady

Clouded sulfur

This is our nursery for "Cella" beetles, which is located on the north side of the garage. All the Cellas eat is purple loosestrife, an invasive plant that takes over wetlands. We are growing the beetles in these pots along with loosestrife plants. By mid-July, they will multiply into as many as 1,000 beetles per plant. Then we will release them at our wetlands among the loosestrife plants, and let them do their job.

Thanks to Sarah, our Park and Recreation Specialist, for coordinating this project. She has observed a definite weakening of the loosestrife population and stunting of individual plants since last summer.

Beautiful and graceful, varied and enchanting, small but approachable, butterflies lead you to the sunny side of life. And everyone deserves a little sunshine. *Jeffrey Glassberg: biologist, author, founder of North American Butterfly Association*