

September  
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HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

# Volunteer Connection

## New support for education

We were pleased to learn this summer that Johnson Controls Foundation gave a grant to the Friends of Havenwoods for our children's education program. Specifically, we have identified two elementary schools in the Choice Neighborhood for whom our naturalists will provide free field trips either this fall or next spring, to include K4 - grade 5. The grant will also cover their bus fees. We appreciate JCF's support of our work to get local kids into nature.

## Upcoming programs for adults

### Fall Birding Hike

Sept. 18, 9:00 - 10:30 am (Mon.)

Birding is best in spring, but fall provides some great opportunities as well. Join DNR Wildlife Biologist Dianne Robinson here to search for birds moving through the city and enjoy the (hopefully) crisp fall weather. RSVP to Dianne at (262) 424-9827 or [Dianne.Robinson@wi.gov](mailto:Dianne.Robinson@wi.gov) by September 13.

### Havenwoods History Hike

Sept. 23, 11 am - noon (Sat.)

This land has a fascinating story to tell of farms, prisons, missiles, and healing. We'll use old maps, photos, and blueprints to search for traces left behind. If weather gets in the way of a hike, we will dig through the history archives indoors.



### Fall Foraging: Nature's Harvest

Sept. 30, 10 - 11:30 am (Sat.)

Fall is a time of abundance for the savvy forager. Come search for the fruits (and nuts, roots, leaves, and fungi) of nature's labors. Learn how to identify some fall edibles that may be growing in a park, woodlot, or yard near you.

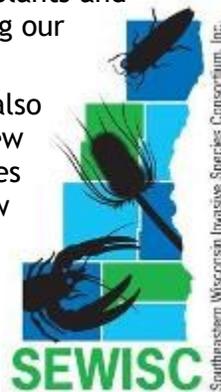
### Invasive Species Symposium

Nov. 15, 1 - 4 pm (Wed.)

Join us at Havenwoods for the tenth annual educational gathering of the SE Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium. The event is free and open to all. No registration is needed.

The programs will focus on exotic aquatic plants and animals invading our region.

The afternoon also includes a review of 2017 activities and an overview of 2018 plans, awards, and refreshments.



## Help needed



Are you interested in talking with visitors about Havenwoods? We need help at Doors Open on Saturday and Sunday during two shifts - 10 am - 1:30 pm and 1:30 - 5:00 pm. You will greet visitors, answer their questions, show them where the activities are, and keep an attendance count. Contact Judy and let her know which day and shift you can work.

**Let us be good stewards of the Earth we inherited. All of us have to share the Earth's fragile ecosystems and precious resources, and each of us has a role to play in preserving them. If we are to go on living together on this earth, we must all be responsible for it. Kofi Annan: Ghanian Diplomat, 7th UN Secretary-General, 2001 Nobel Peace Prize winner**



## Stay in Touch

- [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/havenwoods/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/havenwoods/)
- [www.friendsofhavenwoods.org](http://www.friendsofhavenwoods.org)
- [www.facebook.com/HavenwoodsStateForest](https://www.facebook.com/HavenwoodsStateForest)



## This summer in the Forest



UWEX Master Gardeners again grew beautiful gardens that were used in the kids' Buds 'n Sprouts program. All the produce is donated to a food pantry.



Kids' programs ventured to the pond, fields, and woods to explore nature.



Summit Players brought Shakespeare in the Parks here for the third year in June. The troupe traveled the state again to share their talents and love of Shakespeare with State Parks visitors. Our attendance was 32 for the kids' workshop and 90 for the play, *Comedy of Errors*.



The battle against purple loosestrife continues. Ozaukee Washington Land Trust staff brought us a fresh supply of loosestrife beetles (*Galerucella* spp.), that spend their lives feeding on the invasive plants. The team worked with Parks Specialist Sarah to place 30 pots of beetle-infested plants amid the thriving loosestrife here. Chow down, *Cellas*!



Sarah became a master at using the tractor to control other invasives, maintain trails, and move anything that got in her way!



Our youngest volunteer this year, at 12 years old, is Julaya. She often helped out with her mom, Dawn, a naturalist on our staff.