

January - April 2026 Public Programs



- Monday, January 5 **Seedling Sale Kick Off** While we may be in the traditionally coldest and snowiest days of winter, it's time to think Spring! Our annual seedling sale, sponsored by Kaukauna Utilities, is open for orders now through April 1st (or while available quantities last). Visit our [website](#) or stop by the Nature Center for information and an order form. Seedling distribution is scheduled for April 24-25, 2026.
- Friday, January 9 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Eagles** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Eagles** by Amy McDonald, explore the outdoors, and make a themed craft. This program will be indoors and outdoors, so come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, January 10 **Bird Feeder Clinic** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Join us for a fun and hands-on bird feeder clinic! Using upcycled containers (coffee mugs, teacups, candle holders, decorative glasses, etc.) we will create unique feeders to help our bird friends find nutrition in the winter landscape. Once your birdfeeder is complete, take it home to hang outside. Bring your own item to upcycle or choose one of those provided. We will also have materials for kids to make pinecone feeders! Birdseed/suet mix and string for hanging provided. **Registration is required, and group size is limited. FREE (Donations Appreciated)**
- Saturday, January 10 **Great Backyard Bird Count Kick-Off** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Get ready for the Great Backyard Bird Count! Learn tips & tricks to identify backyard birds to help you have a successful bird count on February 13-16. Information and assistance will also be available about the e-bird app, where you can report your findings for the bird count. For more information about the Great Backyard Bird Count, visit www.birdcount.org **FREE**
- Sunday, January 11 **Friends of 1000 Islands Annual Meeting** (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM) Join the Friends of 1000 Islands for their annual meeting. Learn more about the organization, membership and benefits, and how you can get involved in supporting the mission of 1000 Islands! Our Naturalist will also give a brief presentation about what is currently happening in the Conservancy Zone as well as future plans and projects. Light refreshments will be served. Join or renew your existing membership at the meeting to be entered into a prize drawing!

- Tuesday, January 13 **Junior Naturalist Program** (4:00 PM – 5:15 PM) Our Junior Naturalist program is here to turn middle schoolers into wilderness experts. Learn to navigate the wild, identify plants and wildlife, and so much more! Once they have mastered these skills, students will have the chance to become teachers themselves, sharing their knowledge and experiences with their peers. This hands-on approach not only reinforces their learning but also boosts their confidence and leadership skills. **Grades 5-8. Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE**
- Wednesday, January 14 **Grounded and Resilient: Moving Meditation in Nature with Becky McMorrow**
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- Friday, January 16 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **No Two Alike** by Keith Baker on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. After you read the book, be sure to stop inside the nature center for a make-and-take craft courtesy of the Kaukauna Public Library. **FREE**
- Sunday, January 25 **Grounded and Resilient: Moving Meditation in Nature with Becky McMorrow**
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- Saturday, January 31 **Eagle Days** (7:00 AM – 5:00 PM) Join us at 1000 Islands as we celebrate the Bald Eagle. See a live Bald Eagle presentation by the National Eagle Center, sponsored by the Friends of 1000 Islands. Visit one of our viewing sites to see if you can spot a Bald Eagle and participate in other hands-on activities. Other highlights include a special edition storybook walk presented by Kaukauna Public Library, eagle themed crafts, and a presentation by Native American Outreach & Engagement Coordinator Kim Cackowski on the cultural significance of eagles and the requirements of being an eagle feather holder. Check our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates and more information. **FREE (Donations Appreciated)**

Saturday, February 7 **Winter Survival & Tracking** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Get practical tips for staying safe and prepared in cold weather from a Naturalist, then slip on snowshoes for a fun, easygoing hike through the Conservancy Zone as you search for animal tracks. Snowshoeing is weather-dependent, and snowshoes will be available for use during the program. ***Pre-registration is appreciated. FREE***

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Friday, February 13 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Backyard Birds** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book ***Sparrow, Eagle, Penguin, and Seagull*** by Brian Cleary, explore the outdoors, and make a themed craft. This program will be indoors and outdoors, so come dressed for the weather. ***Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE***

Friday, February 13 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Moon Child* by Nadia Krilanovich on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. After you read the book, be sure to stop inside the Nature Center for a make-and-take craft courtesy of the Kaukauna Public Library. ***FREE***

Friday, February 13 **Great Backyard Bird Count** (all day) Join us Friday, February 13th through Monday, February 16th for the Great Backyard Bird Count, which is hosted through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Spend some time outside on our trails to observe the birds around you, identify them, and record your findings to help scientists around the world understand and protect our local birds. When the nature center is open, binoculars, educational materials and paper copies of the record sheets will be available to help you in your count. For more information, visit www.birdcount.org. ***FREE***

Saturday, February 14 **Lip Balm Make and Take Workshop** (1st Session: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM; 2nd Session: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM) Looking for a unique Valentine's Day date/activity or perhaps a little fun with your "Galentines?" Join us and our local beekeepers Paula and Megan to learn how to make your own unique lip balm from beeswax! Choose from several flavors, materials will be provided. ***Pre-registration is required, and group size is limited. Cost is \$5 with one lip balm included; additional lip balms can be made for an additional fee.***

Saturday, February 21 **1000 Little Wonders – Saturday Edition: Backyard Birds** (10:30 AM – 12:30 PM) Did you miss the 1000 Little Wonders this month? Join us for a drop-in edition, where you and your child can read a themed book together and do a craft at your own pace. An outdoor scavenger hunt will also be available to bring your learning outside. ***Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. FREE***

Sunday, February 22 **Grounded and Resilient: Moving Meditation in Nature with Becky McMorro**
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Friday, March 6 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Enjoy the outdoors and read the book ***Springtime Storks*** by Carol Joy Munro on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. After you read the book, be sure to stop inside the Nature Center for a make-and-take craft courtesy of the Kaukauna Public Library. ***FREE***

Friday, March 6 **Last Light Hike** (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM) Join us and the Kaukauna Public Library at 1000 Islands as we celebrate the moon and the return of daylight savings time. Take a magical, self-guided night hike along our illuminated boardwalk trail. Kids will enjoy reading ***Springtime Storks*** by Carol Joy Munro along our storybook walk loop. End the night by relaxing with your loved ones by the fire and enjoying some popcorn and hot chocolate. ***FREE (Donations Appreciated for Refreshments)***



Saturday, March 7

Exotic Pet Surrender Event (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM) Do you have an exotic pet that you are no longer able to care for? Don't release it into the wild! Instead, you can surrender it at J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue's Exotic Pet Surrender Event, hosted by 1000 Islands. The organization will be accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals, and plants - no questions asked. Birds, reptiles, and mammals originating from outside WI must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Domestic pets and farm animals including but not limited to dogs, cats, rats, mice, rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, horses, pigs, and chickens are not accepted - please contact your local Humane Society for options. They also cannot accept Wisconsin native animals taken from the wild. There will be animal ambassadors you can meet and learn about, and a photo booth where you can take your picture with a rescued pet! **FREE (Donations Appreciated for J&R Aquatics)**

Saturday, March 7

Survival Series (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Discover how to make camp meals, explore freeze-dried and dehydrated options for backpacking, and pick up plenty of outdoor tips from local Scout leaders! This program is open to all ages. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended but not required. These are hands-on sessions and may be held outdoors; please plan accordingly. **Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE**

Tuesday, March 10

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Friday, March 13

1000 Little Wonders — Class Theme: Maple Syrup (9:30 AM — 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Curious George Makes Maple Syrup** by H.A. Rey, explore the outdoors, and make a themed craft. This program will be indoors and outdoors, so come dressed for the weather. **Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE**

- Saturday, March 21 **Friends of 1000 Islands Pancake & Porkie Breakfast** (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, applesauce, and our very own pure maple syrup. Stop in the Sugar Shack to see our wood-fired evaporator in operation. Come watch and learn how pure maple syrup is made. Tickets at the door – \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children aged 4 – 10.
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- Friday, April 3 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure** (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Enjoy the outdoors and read the book ***Wake Up, Little Pin!*** By Loretta Garbutt on our kid-friendly boardwalk trail. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. After you read the book, be sure to stop inside the Nature Center for a make-and-take craft courtesy of the Kaukauna Public Library. ***FREE***
- Friday, April 3 **1000 Little Wonders – Class Theme: Frogs & Toads** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book ***Toads*** by Eileen Ziesler, explore the outdoors, and make a themed craft. This program will be indoors and outdoors, so come dressed for the weather. ***Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. FREE***
- Saturday, April 4 **Survival Series** (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Explore the fundamentals of lashing and discover how to advance from a simple shelter to a more tactical setup, guided by local Scout leaders! This program is open to all ages. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended but not required. These are hands-on sessions and may be held outdoors; please plan accordingly. ***Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE***
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- Saturday, April 18 **Earth Day Wellbeing Saturday** (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Enjoy a day of wellbeing to celebrate Earth Day 2026! **Pre-Registration Not Required FREE (Donations Appreciated)**
- Join us for a special all ages edition of **Grounded and Resilient – Moving Meditation in Nature** with Becky McMorrow. Participants will engage in gentle yet powerful movement and standing yoga poses. This program empowers each participant to reconnect with themselves and the living world. **Watch for more details on our Facebook Page!**
 - Take a self-directed hike on our trail today to win FABULOUS prizes! After your hike, stop at the Nature Center to fill out an entry. Bring your own tracking device (phone/watch/pedometer) to count your steps/distance, and earn additional entries based on your numbers.
 - Stop in the Nature Center to enjoy making a recycled Earth Day craft and take your picture or a selfie in front of our Earth Day backdrop.
 - Enjoy the “fruits” of the earth with a healthy snack (while supplies last).
- Sunday, April 26 **Grounded and Resilient: Moving Meditation in Nature with Becky McMorrow**
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Please call the Nature Center building at 920-766-4733 or email thousandisland@kaukauna.gov to register for a class.

1000 Islands Environmental Center is proud to provide the majority of our programming free of charge. Please help us keep these programs free in the future by making a donation when attending or visiting.