



# Summer Highlights

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The Nature Center offers programs daily in July and August! For a full listing of our events calendar, please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#), or give us a call. All programs meet at the Nature Center and are free unless otherwise stated.

## RECURRING EVENTS

### FULL MOON HIKE

**Monday, July 3 // 8:45 p.m. *Buck Supermoon***  
**Tuesday, August 1 // 8:15 p.m. *Sturgeon Moon***  
**Wednesday, August 30 // 7:15 p.m. *Blue Moon***

Join us on our trails for monthly full moon hikes! Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing for warmth, and bring your own headlamp and/or flashlight. Following the hike we'll host a bonfire and snacks! Program subject to weather. Please call to preregister.

### RIVERKEEPER TRAINING & KAYAKING

**Thursdays in July (except 7/13) and August // 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Come learn about how you can become a Riverkeeper volunteer while brushing up on your kayaking skills! Perfect for those new to kayaking or more experienced paddlers wanting a refresher on proper paddling technique. *Save The River* will help us learn about the various factors that threaten the health of our river and what you can do to help. Must be 18 or older to participate. Participants will receive a t-shirt and an invasive species guide. \$10 per person.

### ADIRONDACK RAPTORS

**Friday, July 7 // 1:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, August 4 // 1:00 p.m.**

Join Mark Manske of Adirondack Raptors and his educational birds for an exceptional opportunity to get up close and personal with live birds of prey!

### TALL TALES FROM NATURE

**Friday, July 21 // 10:00 a.m.**  
**Thursday, August 3 // 10:00 a.m.**

Listen to fun and exciting folktales from around the world, retold by professional storyteller Lynn Morgan. Stories are for all ages. Lynn encourages participants to be a part of her wonderful stories.

## **LIGHTS OUT**

**Friday, July 7 // 10:00 a.m.**

Learn about the effects of light pollution in *Lights Out* by Marsha Diane Arnold. Marsha is an avid night sky lover and tells a story of a fox and beetle on a journey to find their beloved dark sky and twinkling lights. Readers will follow these two characters and meet several other friends along the way. After the story, take part in activities from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA).

## **MUSHROOM HIKE WITH JEAN FAHEY**

**Friday, July 21 // 1:00 p.m.**

Jean Fahey, President of the CNY Mycological Society, will be at the Nature Center to teach about the wild mushrooms that grow on Wellesley Island. Learn how mushrooms grow, followed by a hike to look for wild mushrooms on our trails.

## **HAAS THE GREAT BLUE HERON: THE BEGINNING OF AN ADVENTURE**

**Saturday, July 22 // 10:00 a.m.**

Join *Save The River* for a reading of *Haas the Great Blue Heron* written by local author Juliane B. Flora. This heartwarming story is about a father great blue heron who anxiously awaits the arrival of his chick. Learn about the fascinating world of this amazing bird and its habitat along the St. Lawrence River. After the reading, kids can explore a great blue heron nest, test their wingspan, and try out other fun hands-on heron-themed activities.

## **CYBERCHASE DAY**

**Friday, July 28 // 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 5 // 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Summer can be a great time to build your child's science, technology, engineering, and math (#STEM) skills in a way that doesn't require a lot of worksheets. The Nature Center has teamed up with WPBS to offer Cyberchase workshops and activities. Sign up to receive free videos and activities from the PBS KIDS show #Cyberchase, sent right to your phone! Text STARS to 30644 to sign up today and start getting texts!

## **CARE OF MAGICAL CREATURES**

**Monday, July 31 // 1:00 p.m.**

Our creatures have been petrified! Help us find them all in this Hogwarts-inspired scavenger hunt. In celebration of Harry Potter's birthday, join us for this fun activity followed by a movie.

## **MY LITTLE BOOK OF PAINTED TURTLES**

**Friday, August 4 // 10:00 a.m.**

*My Little Book of Painted Turtles* was written by local author Hope Irvin Marston. Youth can follow along as the story is read aloud, learning about a new family of painted turtles. In this story, kids learn what turtles eat, who their predators are, and how painted turtles protect themselves. They'll also learn the basic life cycle of a turtle; from egg to hatchling to adult. After the story, take part in an activity that explores how items sink or float.

## **SPIDER RYBAK MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY**

**Saturday, August 19 // 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**

Join the fun at our fishing derby for children 14 and under! Prizes for: Longest, Most Fish Caught, and "Luck of the Draw." BYO: Bring Your Own Bait & Tackle. Fish must be taken with rod and reel; all legal baits allowed. Derby fee is waived in honor of Spider Rybaak. Prizes sponsored by the Barbara & Daniel Butts Enrichment Fund.