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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring gives us all

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The beauty of winter will give way to yet another glorious birth of spring in just a few weeks. The season of spring yields the emergence of new plants, fresh tender leaves, migrations of birds and animals back from more southerly climates, and hibernators resuming full strength for the raising of young. We humans also look forward to the lengthening of the daylight hours, and it seems we

will continue to save daylight once again this first weekend in March.

Spring gives us all a chance to have fresh or renewed perspectives. With all the spring activity I say we take the opportunity to be alert, to be kind, to be compassionate, to be authentic, to be generous, to be

forgiving, to be honest, to be open, to be creative, to be strong, to be curious, and to live by one's intentions and not simply one's habitats—no wait, I mean habits. The latter list is a morphed excerpt from a poem/prayer I read to start most days.

Also in springtime, we are happy to share with you a renovated website. It includes some beneficial accessibility features including the ability to view it in Spanish or Hmong. We plan to make regular updates to sections like our habitat projects, our regular education programs, and our trail conditions. You will find this *Dunesletter* electronically along with our weekly *Ripples from the Dunes* articles for future reference. Did you know our Ripples articles are posted on Thursdays, and you can find them on Seahafer news, our Facebook feed, and our website?

By the time you read this our last Tropical Blast will have taken off. We are so grateful for the nine years of creative fun and energy that went into this event. Thank you to all that supported us in this venture from sponsors, to volunteers, to raffle donors, to blast attendees. We will be using our creative minds going forward to build fundraisers that will help us help you to continue your strong

investment in nature and nature education.

Our large Forget-Me-Not Creek project continues to challenge us with tough site conditions.

We have been on hold for some time now. I will continue to provide updates as we make progress. I look

forward to the days when we can show off the site with greatly improved habitat for many species, including fish, birds, amphibians, and mammals - not to mention better water quality for the stream and lake.

Did you know that in 2024 Woodland Dunes Nature Center served about 5,100 eager nature learners through 200 plus programs that engaged us for over 300 hours? Talk about true sharing of cool facts and fun about nature!

With that I implore you to get out there.

Participate in a nature program, hike a trail, share your curiosity of nature with a friend, or enjoy a solo moment. Whatever you choose, soak up all the beauty our preserve is waiting for you to enjoy!

~ Sue Crowley, executive director

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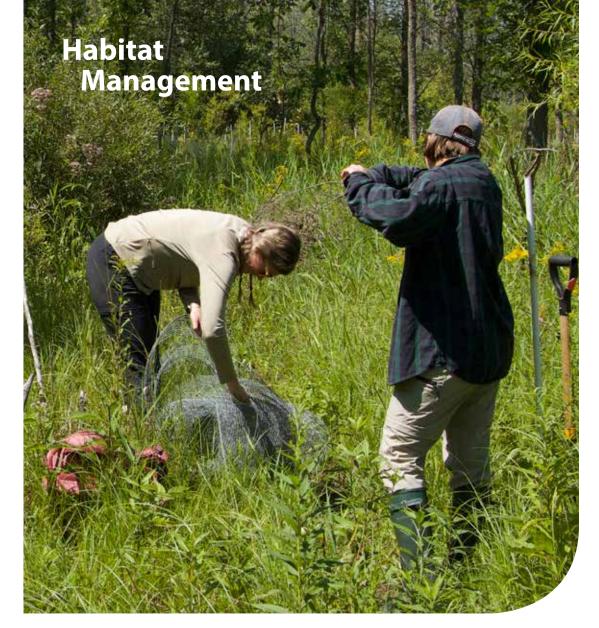
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We have two big habitat restoration projects slated to begin this spring, both of which are funded through grants from the US Forest Service (USFS). These grants support the hiring of six habitat restoration interns, who will be at the forefront of battling invasive species, planting native trees and shrubs, and building another much larger deer exclosure.

The first project is a continuation of the one we started last year. Its focus is on mitigating the loss of our ash trees throughout the Preserve by planting a diverse range of native trees and shrubs. Last spring and summer, we planted 850 trees and shrubs north of our Goldenrod Loop. This year we will plant an additional 1600 trees and shrubs. Those planted this year will find a home along Columbus Street, south of Conifer Trail, where staff and volunteers have cleared and treated large colonies of invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle.

The second project will take place at our Bugler
Preserve. Here our interns will begin work on clearing
25 acres of invasive species as well as constructing
another deer exclosure. This exclosure will protect a
nine-acre parcel of upland woods filled with mature
sugar maple, red oak, hemlock, beech, and white
pine. The goal of this project is to prevent deer
browse within the understory so that we can protect
the seedlings until they reach the next class size.
In addition, we will plant a diverse range of native
woodland wildflowers to enhance habitat for the
endangered rusty patched bumblebee.

We should know our summer intern team in early March, shortly after our interviews at the end of February. Stay tuned for introductions in our summer newsletter!

Max Kornetzke, land manager
 Photo by Max Kornetzke



The Butterfly & Bee Garden

Thank you to Wendy Lutzke who served as our Dorothy Star Butterfly Garden Coordinator for eight years. You worked so hard to make the pollinator garden an exuberant display of native plant beauty, both for our local pollinators as well as our visitors. I look forward to working with you in a volunteer capacity in the future!

This spring, as the new Dorothy Star Butterfly Garden Coordinator, I look forward to getting my hands in the dirt with the many wonderful Butterfly Garden volunteers.

From the Garden:

Carex, or Sedges, are a genus of plants closely related to grasses that grow in the cooler seasons of spring and fall. There are over 150 different species of Carex in Wisconsin alone. Some of these species are abundant in our

everyday landscapes while others are rare or even endangered. Woodland Dunes, with its varied habitats, hosts a large diversity of natural sedge species. Some are uniquely adapted to the wettest swales and others the driest ridges. Sedges, like our native grasses, are also host plants for various moths and butterflies, including the federally endangered Mitchell's Satyr butterfly.

Currently, our butterfly garden is host to only one sedge species: Pennsylvania Sedge (Carex pensylvanica). Also known as Common Oak Sedge, this is one of the more commonly used species in native landscaping. Its low stature and rhizomatous root system make it an appealing "lawn" alternative for a drier shade garden. Pennsylvania sedges will produce dozens of cream-yellow flowers in early spring, followed by light green blades that grow only

a few inches before weeping over and forming an elegant ground cover. This very shade tolerant plant can also handle nearly full sun in well-draining soils with consistent moisture.

Whether you're building a rain garden, looking for ground cover in your shade garden, or even building a small wildflower meadow — you can find a sedge that can help. Some species are easier to grow by seed than others, but with the continued interest in native landscaping, more nurseries are beginning to carry sedges as landscaping options. To find some for your own garden, try going to some Wisconsin native plant nurseries like Stone Silo Prairie Gardens in De Pere, Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls, or check out online Nurseries like Prairie Nursery and Agrecol.

- Max Kornetzke, butterfly garden coordinator

Partnerships in Action!

This October, Woodland Dunes was a partner in the 2024 Mammoth Hike Challenge sponsored by the Ice Age Trail Alliance. We share portions of Trillium Trail together, so this was a perfect fit for us. This year's Challenge was a huge **success** with over 9,000 people registered to participate.

From one of the participants:
"As part of the challenge I visited trail communities that were new to me, including Manitowoc - Two Rivers.I live in Waukesha County so typically hike there. It was great to visit new segments, new communities, and see something different. I don't always visit the businesses, so it was nice to visit shops/stores to contribute locally and also get to know others!"

- Sarah, Oconomowoc

Image Source: Ice Age Trail Alliance website

Congratulations, Ice Age Trail Alliance! We're proud to partner with you and bring awareness to our great community and its wonderful trail systems.





Created in 2018, the Bald Eagle Nest Watch (BENW) program was started as a partnership between the Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance (formerly Madison Audubon) and the Wisconsin DNR.

The BENW is a citizen science program where volunteers across the state are assigned an eagle nest to monitor and gather data from during the nesting season. There are multiple partner organizations that help coordinate nest monitoring, Woodland Dunes being one of them. I have been the coordinator for the BENW's Manitowoc County area for the past few years.

When gazing out across the marsh at Woodland Dunes, it isn't uncommon to see a Bald eagle searching for food near the West Twin River. When an eagle soars overhead during a school program or guided hike, the ooos and aahs echo across the marsh. Who doesn't love seeing the magnificent raptor, with its brownfeathered wings stretching over seven feet wide contrasting against its white-feathered head? Though it is fairly common to see them here now, that was not always the case.

Bald eagles almost vanished from Wisconsin in the mid-1900s due to various factors like habitat loss, illegal hunting, and pesticides. One such pesticide, DDT, used in both agricultural and domestic settings, caused the eagle's population a lot of harm. After entering the water as a pollutant, DDT bioaccumulated in

the food chain. By the time it reached the eagles it was highly concentrated. This chemical caused a lack of calcium within the eggshells, which led to the eggs being crushed during incubation. This caused their population to drastically decline.

By 1972, there were only 100 nesting pairs in Wisconsin. As their population continued to decline, the eagle's outlook seemed bleak. What took place next was one of the greatest conservation success stories - the rise of the bald eagle population. In 1972, DDT was banned from use in the United States. Soon after, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was signed with the bald eagle being one of the first animals to be protected under that law. Thanks to the federal laws protecting them as well as various recovery and conservation efforts, the bald eagle's population rose enough to have it removed from the ESA in 2007.

Today, Wisconsin has one of the highest eagle nesting populations in the country. Though DDT is no longer in use, the eagles still face other threats such as nest disturbance, lead poisoning, disease, and car collisions. There are various groups (like the BENW) that continue to monitor the eagle's population to ensure that we are not causing it to decline once more. We are honored to be a part of this program, ensuring that future generations can visit our preserve and still see bald eagles soaring like we do today.

By Kennedy Zittel, naturalist Photo by Cornell, All About Birds.

The Dalliance of Eagles by Walt Whitman

Skirting the river road, (my forenoon walk, my rest,) Skyward in air a sudden muffled sound, the dalliance of the eagles, The rushing amorous contact high in space together, The clinching interlocking claws, a living, fierce, gyrating wheel, Four beating wings, two beaks, a swirling mass tight grappling, In tumbling turning clustering loops, straight downward falling, Till o'er the river pois'd, the twain yet one, a moment's lull, A motionless still balance in the air, then parting, talons loosing, Upward again on slow-firm pinions slanting, their separate diverse flight, She hers, he his, pursuing.



Volunteers Needed to Plant Trees!

This April, we will be receiving 500 bare root trees as a part of our effort to mitigate the loss of ash trees in our preserve due to the invasive emerald ash borer. If you're interested in helping plant these trees, please contact maxk@woodlanddunes.org and join the 2025 Tree Planting Volunteer list. Once there is a definitive date for tree delivery, Max will send out a message to those who sign up with further details on time, location and what to bring. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGITE

Jessica Pech & Andrew Schopieray

How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and why did you decide to get involved?

Jessica: I began volunteering in 2004, assisting
Bernie with the Northern Saw-whet Owl banding project. After some time living out of the state,
I returned to Wisconsin and to Woodland Dunes as a Saw-whet Owl bander in 2019. I credit Bernie for introducing me to saw-whets as a young child.

That experience filled me with awe and curiosity.
I volunteer because I care deeply about raptors and this species in particular. The data we collect as banders is used to track Saw-whet owl numbers and movements over time. The more we understand, the more we are able to do our part to protect and preserve. Andrew: I've been volunteering for 4 years.

What do you enjoy most about being involved at Woodland Dunes? Jessica: The friendships that I've formed while volunteering. Being out under the stars, in nature, and sharing that experience with family and friends is very special. Andrew: Meeting other like-minded volunteers.

What are some of your favorite pastimes and hobbies?

Jessica: I volunteer with the raptor team at Schlitz Audubon as a raptor educator. I love biking and hiking, and I am an egg artist on the side. Andrew: I enjoy ice climbing and running.



Words of wisdom for other volunteers? Jessica: Stay curious — there is always something to learn and discover about the world around us and each other. Andrew: Cherish the opportunity to help preserve something so special.

Anything else to add? Jessica: Special thanks to Jim Knickelbine for teaching me the tricks of the trade, and to Woodland Dunes for this incredible opportunity.



Spring Caption Contest!

Send us your best caption for this photo and win a Woodland Dunes ballcap or coffee mug. The winning caption will be published in the next newsletter. Please submit your clever entry to nancyn@woodlanddunes.org by April 1, 2025. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Unless otherwise stated, registration is required for all programs. Please note **registration deadlines** and program location. To register, email Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org or call 920-793-4007.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Wild Wanderers

9:00-10:30am Members: \$3/child Non-members: \$4/child

A complimentary program to the Raising a Wild Child Series, Wild Wanderers is for children 5-8 years old (older and younger siblings are welcome to join) and an adult. Take a deeper dive into various nature topics through guided activities, games, and nature hikes! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Some portions of this program will be led by staff while others will be for families to explore on their own. Dress for the weather - a majority of the program will take place outdoors. Registration is required by the Monday before each session, space is limited.

Saturday, March 8th: Conifer Trees



Explore what makes conifer trees so special as we hike through the forest and then come back for some handson activities and exploration.

Saturday, April 5th:

How are animals able to see in the dark? Who is awake while we sleep? Learn about the awesome nocturnal animals that live here and how they navigate when it is dark.

Saturday, May 3rd: Backyard Birds

Fly on over to learn about the birds we commonly see at our bird feeders! After we learn about our feathered friends we will go for a quick hike to try and see them.

Raising a Wild Child

Thursday, March 13th: Maple Syrup Thursday, April 10th: Woodpeckers Thursday, May 8th: Salamanders Session 1: 9:00-10:15am Session 2: 10:45am-Noon Members: \$2/child Non-members: \$3/child



Experience the wonders of nature with your 2-5 year old through nature hikes, play, and guided activities. Help your child notice the natural

world and ignite their curiosity! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather, majority of the program takes place outdoors. Registration required by the Monday before each session, space is limited.

Spring Break Activity Bingo

Monday, March 17th-Monday, March 31st
Looking for some fun over spring break? Visit
Woodland Dunes for a self-guided
BINGO game that will take you around
various parts of the preserve perfect
for families looking for both indoor
and outdoor fun! Bingo sheets will
be available at the front desk and the
outdoor kiosk near the main entrance.

Name That Baby Trail

Friday, April 18th-Wednesday, April 30th
Do you know what a baby hawk is called? How
about a baby fish? Informational signs will
be posted on the first part of Willow Trail and
Goldenrod Loop. Bring the whole family for a walk
outside and learn some new baby names. Trail is
available from dawn to dusk during posted dates.



Bird Breakfast a Migration Celebration Bird Breakfast and Migration Celebration

Saturday, May 17th | 8:00-11:00am
Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day and the return of many of our migratory songbirds!
Guided bird hikes will be available throughout the morning (registration appreciated for the 7am and 8am hikes), and self-guided activities for families will also be available. We will also be offering a delicious ham and pancake breakfast. Our friends from Barnwood Coffee Company will also be here serving their certified bird-friendly coffee. Reservations and details about the Breakfast and guided bird hikes will be available Thursday, May 1st.

Spring Star Party

Saturday, May 17th | 9:00-10:00pm
View night sky constellations with
astronomers Al and Ben, along with the
moon and other celestial objects through
the big telescope in the Sky Shed. You can
even bring your own telescope if you need
help figuring out how to set it up. Weather
and sky conditions permitting. Program
takes place outside the Nature Center.
Registration appreciated by Thursday, May
15th. Sponsored by The Winston Group.

ADULT LEARNING SERIES

All programs in this series have a sliding scale fee of \$1-\$10 per person. This will be collected at check-in, cash is preferred.

Trail Camera Highlights

Wednesday, March 26th | 6:30-7:30pm

Woodland Dunes Nature Center has several off-trail cameras stationed in the preserve to monitor wildlife. Enjoy an indoor presentation of some of the best photos and video clips collected over the last few years and learn interesting facts about the animals captured on camera. Registration required by Monday, March 24th. Sponsored by the Winston Group.

Birding by Ear for Beginners

Tuesday, April 8th | 9:00am

Listening to a birds' song is a helpful tool for identification and it's a rewarding way to expand your bird knowledge. Learn tips and tricks to identify the sounds of some of the common birds of the area. Resources will be shared and we'll take a short bird walk to practice. Registration is required by Friday, April 4th. Sponsored by the Winston Group.

Saturday Morning Bird Walk

Saturday, April 19th | 8:00am

Join local birder, Joel Trick, for a guided bird walk along the trails at



Woodland Dunes. Look and listen for migrants and resident birds during the spring migration. Bring your binoculars and register by Thursday, April 17th. Space is limited, so register early! The walk will last at least one hour, but may be longer if the birding is good. Program is weather dependent. Sponsored by the Winston Group.

Frogs of Woodland Dunes

Thursday, May 8th | 6:00-7:00pm Learn how to identify the frog species that live

at the Dunes by sight and sound. Then enjoy a short walk to practice your new skills.

Registration required by Monday, May 5th. Please note, there will be a family frog night in June.

Sponsored by the Winston Group.

Guided Walks

Members: Free | Non-members: Sliding scale \$3-\$10/person

Join a staff member on a guided hike along one of our trails. Some hikes will have a specific topic while others will be about whatever nature presents to us that day. Registration is required the Monday before the hike takes place, as space is limited and meeting locations may vary. Hikes will be under a mile in distance unless specified.

March is Moving!

Tuesday, March 11th - 2:30pm

Discover what's breaking loose and moving around on the Preserve. Trail TBD.

Evening Spring Walk

Thursday, March 27th - 6:00pm

Enjoy a guided hike as we look for the early signs of spring. Trail TBD.

Fools of Nature

Tuesday, April 1st - 2:30pm

Solitude, yes, but humor? Yes! Let's find fools in nature together! Trail TBD.



Searching for Osprey

Wednesday, April 16th - 9:00am

Hike along Cattail Trail to search for osprey that call the marsh home and learn more about the mighty raptor.

The Brilliant Serviceberry

Monday, May 5th - 2:30pm

Walk our Black Cherry Trail and observe the enchanting color of our native serviceberries.

Spring Flowers

Thursday, May 22nd - 10:00am

Walk our Trillium trail and see the beautiful array of spring flowers in bloom. This hike will be about 1.5 miles.



Midwest Annual Crane Count Volunteer

Saturday, April 12th | 5:30-7:30am

Only a few Sandhill Cranes were left in
Wisconsin in the 1930's, but due to protection,
their population now exceeds 10,000. Each year,
volunteers visit designated sites in Manitowoc County
to count courting sandhills in a coordinated effort.
If you would like to help, or join a seasoned crane counter
to learn, contact Jess Johnsrud at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org.

Thank You!

Donations are recognized on a quarterly basis. If you don't see your donation on here, it missed the cutoff and will be in the next issue. Thank you.



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Thank You Cellcom

Cellcom awarded Woodland Dunes a grant to build an outdoor storage cabinet for pond dipping supplies. This storage unit will give families access to outdoor nature tools and activities when the Center is closed.

The Green Gifts program uses funds generated from Cellcom's cell phone recycling program to fund green nonprofit initiatives.

Cellcom's Green Gift program completes the green cycle that starts with consumers being environmentally conscious and donating their devices.

Thank you, Cellcom!

Left to right: Cellcom representative, Jake Gibson, with Sue Crowley, Kennedy Zittel, and Jessica Johnsrud, Woodland Dunes staff.

A flying squirrel was documented on our preserve last fall, adding a new species to our ever-growing preserve's list. We now have documented 42 species of mammals!

Creator: EEI_Tony Credit: Getty Images/iStockphoto Copyright: EEI_Tony



It's time to Gift or Renew! We Need You!

Did you know that you can increase your support for Woodland Dunes at any time? The easiest way to do that is by giving monthly through an automatic credit card payment or checking account transfer. A \$10 - \$25 monthly donation, a sacrifice of a sweet treat just once a month, makes all the difference to us. Monthly support helps us the most because it keeps funds coming in year 'round, not just at membership renewal time. And we work hard with your dollars to preserve nature all 12 months throughout the year.

Benefits of being a member:

- Receive our quarterly "Dunesletter" newsletter and monthly electronic reminders of events happening at the Dunes
- Discounts on admissions to most of Woodland Dunes programs and events
- 10% discount in the Nature Shop
- The satisfaction of supporting a non-profit organization that is working hard to educate the community and preserve the natural world.

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If a membership is paid after October 1, it covers the end of the year plus the next year.

Please send this form and your tax-deductable membership to Woodland Dunes, PO Box 486, Two Rivers, WI 54241-0486.

Two Rivers Community Showcase

WorldAtlas just published a listing of the 10 Most Neighborly Towns in Wisconsin and Two Rivers was the very first one mentioned.

"Two Rivers is a quiet town on the shores of Lake Michigan with a rich natural atmosphere that reassures your safety."

The article highlights some of our great natural resources such as beaches and forested trails. It then highlights nine other communities and finishes with this:

hospitality firsthand as you interact with its welcoming locals, showcasing a different personality of the Badger State. Between the rich park areas in Stevens Point and the smalltown flair of Thiensville, any of them presents the perfect destination for unhurried escapes coasted in genuine neighborliness in the United States.²⁹

Congratulations, Two Rivers! We're hometown proud!



Is your business or organization a Corporate Member of Woodland Dunes?

Your membership is a financially sound investment with many benefits. Please contact Nancy Nabak at nancyn@woodlanddunes. org to receive a membership packet which outlines various partnership opportunities and benefits. Together, we can strengthen important local conservation efforts, increase needed environmental education instruction, and experience the joys of outdoor recreation.

Becoming a Corporate Member means you are invested in Woodland Dunes' mission 12 months out of the year - not during just one event. We are changing our support philosophy to accommodate your needs better as we strive to meet the challenges we experience on the Preserve year-round - invasive species, water quality, erosion control, habitat loss and more.



One request - that's it. Your support is being asked for only one time during the year, not at each special event or campaign. We've also updated our benefits package to reflect greater recognition than in the past. We feel

you will receive more out of your Corporate Membership than you have as a single event sponsor.

Don't wait! Sign up today and take advantage of as many benefits as possible! We look forward to adding you...

Corporate Membership Levels and Benefits	\$250-\$499	\$500- \$999	\$1,000 - \$2499	\$2500 - \$4,999"	\$5,000 +
Newsletter listing in Corporate Support Section	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Website Recognition	listed	logo size reflects level	logo size reflects level	logo size reflects level	logo size reflects level
Social Media Group Thank You"		Х	Х	Х	Х
Recognition on all event posters	listed	logo size reflects level	logo size reflects level	logo size reflects level	logo size reflects level
Comp tickets to events		2	4	6	10
Free staff led hike for employees or guests			Х	Х	Х
One free Facility Rental in the West Foundation Room (up to 4 hours)				1	2
Logo in front entrance kiosk					Х



2025 Candlelight Night Wrap Up

It was a beautiful night for the Candlelight Night event! Guests enjoyed the luminaries on Willow Trail, Goldenrod Loop, and walked through the marsh on Cattail Trail. The astronomers were in the Sky Shed, the fires were toasty, and many s'mores were made! Jeff and Ben Schmidt played fun tunes inside, and there were many smiling faces.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our amazing volunteers who made the event a success. Special thanks to Thrivent for sponsoring this event.



New Website Coming!

We are excited to announce that we are on the cusp of launching our brand new website! It has taken the cross examination skills of a seasoned attorney to find every nuance and update to

be changed, but it's worth it. The new site is user-friendly, including accessibility features, and has a fresh look and feel. Keep watching Facebook and other media sources

for our announcement of the grand launch! Special thanks to our webmaster, Karen Grupe, for working closely with us during these months of creative thinking.



PO Box 486 | Two Rivers, WI 54241-0486

Conservation
Environmental Education
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A FUN SPRING TRADITION! Saturday, May 17th 8-11 am

Members: \$7/person Non-members: \$9/person Kids under 4, free. Includes: ham, pancakes, fruit compote, real maple syrup and beverage

- Guided bird hikes (registration required)
- ▶ Family-friendly activities

Reservation and payment must be made in advance, no day-of orders or walk-ins. Reservations open Monday, May 1st. Call 920-793-4007 to place your order!

Funds raised support nature-based education and land management programs.

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