

# 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna

**Nature Center Building**

1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM



## AGENDA

### In-Person

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call - Verification of a quorum
3. Public Appearances
4. Reading and Approval Minutes
  - a. [1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Minutes of February 16, 2023](#)
5. Financial Report
  - a. [February Financial Report](#)
  - b. [2022 Endowment Summary](#)
6. Correspondence
7. The Friends of 1000 Islands Report
8. Naturalist Report
  - a. [February Naturalist Report](#)
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Administrative/Finance Committee Reports
  - b. Education Committee Report
    - i. [Receive and Place on File minutes of January 6, 2023 Education Sub-Committee Meeting](#)
    - ii. [Summary of March 16, 2023 Education Sub-Committee Meeting](#)
    - iii. [2023 Summer Public Program Schedule](#)
  - c. Building & Grounds Committee Reports
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Good of the Center
13. Next Meeting - Thursday, April 20, 2023

#### 14. Adjournment

#### NOTICES

**THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. IF REQUESTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.**

1000 Islands Environmental Center Mission Statement: To provide children, adults and families the knowledge and skills needed to build a sustainable balance among the environment, economy and community through education, conservation and recreation.

## **Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023**

**Members Present:** Breitzman, Carlson, Eggleston, Hietpas, Pautz, Van Berkel and White

**Not Present:** Gertz, Jakel, Manion and Nowak

**Also Present:** Maureen Feldt and Brad Garrity

Chair, Pautz called the February Committee Meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum is present.

### **January 19, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Carlson made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the January 19, 2023 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

**Public Appearances:** None

### **January Financial Report**

Eggleston made a motion to accept and put on file the January Financial Report. Seconded by Van Berkel. Motion carried.

Endowment Summary: Eggleston made a motion to table the Endowment Summary until the March Committee Meeting. Seconded by Van Berkel. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Another memorial donation was received in memory of Michaeline Steffens. A donation was made in honor of Phil & Maryann DeBruin by Joan McGinnis Hue. Squirrel feeders were donated by the Landreman's and 14 bird houses were donated to the gift shop by Marv Braun. Field Guide books on Mammals and Birds were donated by Suzanne Klein.

### **Friends of 1000 Islands Report**

Sugar Bush: Started tapping trees last week and have already collected sap. We are implementing a new filter press this year that will streamline the process and produce clearer syrup. Additional discussion on future goals of the sugar bush program.

Art Fair: Vendor applications were sent out early January and we have approximately 20 vendors signed so far. Our goal is to have 50 artists.

### **Naturalist's Report**

Carlson made a motion to accept the January Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

### **Admin and Finance Sub-Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Education Sub-Committee**

Eagle Days: Review of Eagle Day visitor statistics and noted how far people travel to come to this event. All three live Eagle presentation were well attended and the Library had a larger than normal crowd for their live birds of prey presentation by W.O.W. The Friends made \$371 on the Food Stand.

### **Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee**

Site Manager, Brad Garrity gave an overview of the new flooring being installed this week and he is taking the opportunity to paint several walls while exhibit displays are moved out of the way. Completion will be this weekend.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.

**Good for the Center**

Nothing to report.


**Next Committee Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,  
Acting Secretary

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4	<b>General Ledger - 1000 Islands Environmental Center</b>													
5	<b>February 2023 Budget Analysis</b>													
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8	<b>Account</b>		<b>Description</b>			<b>Feb. Actuals</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>			<b>% Var</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>		
9	<b>Revenue</b>													
10	101-46820-4695*		Env Center Chgs For Service			361.03		1,004.03			95.00		18,000.00	
11	101-46740-4694		Building Rental (Taxable)			-6.01		-6.01			0.00		3,000.00	
12	101-46740-4695		Building Rental (Non-Taxable)			0.00		0.00			0.00		2,000.00	
13	101-46740-4696		Programing Fees			235.00		255.00			96.00		7,000.00	
14	101-46750-4716		Gift Shop Sales			132.04		755.04			87.00		6,000.00	
15	101-48100-4810		Interest Income			0.00		0.00			0.00		6,000.00	
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17	201-43790-4391		Kaukauna School Dist Aids			0.00		0.00			0.00		15,000.00	
18	201-43790-4392		Outagamie County Aids			0.00		5,000.00			50.00		10,000.00	
19	201-48500-4913		Memorial Purchases			0.00		200.00			0.00		0.00	
20	201-48500-4914		Education			0.00		0.00			0.00		0.00	
21	201-48500-4915		Building & Grounds Donation			0.00		0.00			0.00		0.00	
22	201-48500-4911		Fundraising Sales			2,270.00		2,270.00			0.00		0.00	
23	201-48500-4910		Env Center Restricted Donations			0.00		266.57			0.00		0.00	
24	201-48500-4912		Env Center Donations			410.00		955.00			95.00		20,000.00	
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26			<b>REVENUE TOTALS:</b>			<b>\$3,041.03</b>		<b>\$9,695.60</b>					<b>\$69,000.00</b>	
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28	<b>*Env Center Chrgs for Service amount is total for Building Rental (tax &amp; non-tax), Programming Fees and Gift Shop sales.</b>													

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30	<b>General Ledger - 1000 Islands Environmental Center Con't Page 2</b>														
31			<b>Description</b>			<b>Feb. Actuals</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>				<b>% Var</b>		<b>2023 Budget</b>	
32	<b>Expenses</b>														
33	101-56900-5101		Regular Payroll			10,293.74		25,337.98				85.00		169,078.00	
34	101-56900-5104		Temporary Payroll			0.00		0.00				0.00		5,990.00	
35	101-56900-5119		Longevity Pay			0.00		0.00				0.00		400.00	
36	101-56900-5151		Retirement Plan			431.92		1,178.43				85.00		7,854.00	
37	101-56900-5152		Residency			381.11		1,039.80				85.00		6,930.00	
38	101-56900-5154		Social Security			488.64		1,332.98				86.00		9,700.00	
39	101-56900-5157		Group Health Insurance			1,796.04		4,392.08				82.00		24,088.00	
40	101-56900-5160		Group Life Insurance			21.32		42.64				85.00		281.00	
41	101-56900-5163		Workers Compensation			233.38		648.61				85.00		4,326.00	
42	101-56900-5205		Seminar Expense			0.00		0.00				0.00		2,500.00	
43	101-56900-5211		Education & Memberships			0.00		0.00				0.00		500.00	
44	101-56900-5260		Animal & Bird Care			43.03		43.03				97.00		1,600.00	
45	101-56900-5264		Programs			177.24		177.24				92.00		2,200.00	
46	101-56900-5276		Conservancy Zone Maint			6.29		143.79				93.00		2,000.00	
47	101-56900-5303		Communications			75.00		150.00				83.00		900.00	
48	101-56900-5306		Heating Fuels			413.01		413.01				86.00		3,000.00	
49	101-56900-5309		Water Sewer & Electric			815.18		815.18				91.00		9,000.00	
50	101-56900-5312		Maintenance - Buildings			819.00		1,638.00				89.00		15,500.00	
51	101-56900-5315		Maintenance - Office Equipment			105.10		216.81				86.00		1,500.00	
52	101-56900-5318		Maintenance - Automotive			0.00		0.00				0.00		100.00	
53	101-56900-5321		Maintenance - All Other Equipmen			0.00		0.00				0.00		500.00	
54	101-56900-5325		Contractual Services			294.96		279.92				77.00		1,200.00	
55	101-56900-5326		Printing Expenses			0.00		0.00				0.00		700.00	
56	101-56900-5401		Office Supplies			86.94		86.94				86.00		600.00	
57	101-56900-5404		Clothing Expenses			0.00		0.00				0.00		700.00	
58	101-56900-5407		Automotive Supplies			0.00		0.00				0.00		300.00	
59	101-56900-5410		General Supplies			127.32		127.32				94.00		2,000.00	
60	101-56900-5416		Custodial Supplies			191.58		373.26				53.00		800.00	
61	101-56900-5431		Postage			0.00		0.00				0.00		100.00	
62	101-56900-5440		Consession Products			979.69		979.69				74.00		3,700.00	
63	101-56900-5499		Miscellaneous			0.00		0.00				0.00		1,500.00	
64	101-56900-5804		Office Equipment			0.00		0.00				0.00		1,650.00	
65	101-56900-5804		Machinery, Tools & Instruments			0.00		0.00				0.00		1,200.00	
66	201-56900-5898		Restricted Funds			20,895.58		21,495.58				0.00		0.00	
67			<b>EXPENSE TOTALS:</b>			<b>\$38,676.07</b>		<b>\$23,192.66</b>						<b>\$282,397.00</b>	

Environmental Center Investment Balance										
Acct#	Bal 12/31/21	Interest	In	Out	Current Bal	%	# of Days	Accrual	Interest Paid	
7585	\$33,219.04	\$886.95		(\$886.95)	\$33,219.04	2.67%	823	\$1,999.89	10/6/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
0404	\$43,650.66	\$781.35		(\$781.35)	\$43,650.66	1.79%	212	\$453.82	10/19/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
4597	\$64,561.72	\$1,026.23		(\$1,026.23)	\$64,561.72	1.59%	31	\$87.87	12/14/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
1302	\$28,763.46	\$357.67		(\$356.67)	\$28,763.46	0.70%	365	\$201.34	10/16/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
0493	\$21,594.18	\$693.17		(\$693.17)	\$21,594.18	3.21%	548	\$1,038.54	10/2/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
2191	\$18,169.97	\$226.90		(\$226.90)	\$18,169.97	3.50%	183	\$318.85	12/14/22	*posted semi-annually - tsfr to golden passbook
3081	\$11,254.38	\$84.41		(\$84.41)	\$11,254.38	1.50%	366	\$169.28	8/21/22	*posted semi-annually - tsfr to golden passbook
2028	\$63,749.12	\$637.49		(\$637.49)	\$63,749.12	1.00%	31	\$55.14	12/12/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
5757	\$65,411.79	\$1,138.17		(\$1,138.17)	\$65,411.79	1.74%	762	\$2,376.11	12/19/22	*posted qtty -ck sent to 1000is
3717	\$3,700.00	\$56.13	\$8,086.94	(\$56.13)	\$11,786.94	2.50%	366	\$92.75	10/6/22	*posted semi-annually - tsfr to golden passbook
816	\$15,576.62	\$25.46	\$12,941.75	(\$15,206.75)	\$13,337.08					
TOTALS	\$369,650.94	\$5,913.93	\$21,028.69	(\$21,094.22)	\$375,498.34			\$6,793.59		
Adjustment										

## Naturalist Report February 2023

### Admin/Finance

- I recently met with the Mayor and several other department heads on how 1000 Islands can better utilize resources from these other departments to meet our needs. Several ideas were discussed, but no changes have been implemented at this time.
- After discovering that that title change from Naturalist to Director/Naturalist was never approved at the Council level, it was approved through the Finance and Personnel Committee on February 22.

### Education

- Staff had concerns about Jabber's health after repeated instances of him falling from his perch. He was seen at the Animal Medical Center and had a physical exam, x-rays and blood work. He has many signs of old age including cataracts in both eyes and suspected arthritis in at least one leg. More concerning is that he was diagnosed with a heart murmur and heart disease. In order to improve his overall health and prevent suspected fainting episodes, the veterinarian prescribed daily medication. Staff has begun making adjustments to his cage and diet including daily doses of medicine. The veterinarian will re-check blood work after 1-2 months to evaluate the medicine's effectiveness. If this treatment plan is effective, we may need to look at outside funding sources to support the cost of the medicine, which runs around \$90 per month.
- The Bald Eagle Nest Watch season is officially underway. The official count for the Fox Valley area includes 36 nests being monitored by 90 volunteers. As of the end of February, there are 19 nests that are already showing signs of incubation.
- Our summer public program schedule has been set. Most programming options are similar to previous years including collaborating with the Kaukauna Public Library on several programs and offering 3 different day camps. A new offering this summer is a volunteer program series. Created by Site Manager Garrity, one Saturday per month will be offered as a work day on the property and includes a small reward or incentive for participating.

### Building & Grounds

- The flooring installation is complete. Although the floor prep took more time than anticipated, the installation went smoothly, allowing the Nature Center to open back up as scheduled and was on budget. A big Thank You goes out to the Committee Members, volunteers and Street Department workers that were able to help us move furniture. We have received lots of positive feedback from visitors on the new look.
- Site Manager Garrity and volunteer Ross Schuh have continued working on invasive species management through the winter months. Target species include buckthorn and phragmites.



# 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

## EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna  
**Nature Center Building**  
 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna



Friday, January 06, 2023 at 9:00 AM

### MINUTES

#### In-Person

#### 1. Call to Order

Pautz called meeting to order at 9:01 AM

Members Present: Pautz, Breitzman, Jakel, White, Carlson

Also Present: Nowak, Ironside

#### 2. Reading and Approval Minutes

##### a. 1000 Islands Education Sub-Committee Minutes of November 1, 2022

Pautz pointed out two typing errors in the minutes for correction. Breitzman also pointed out an error in the spelling of her name.

Carlson moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes with the corrections mentioned. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

#### 3. Old Business

##### a. Update on 2023 Eagle Days

Nowak provided an update on the Eagle Days event. Most activities are set and ready. Nowak is currently recruiting and scheduling volunteers for various activities. Help from the Kaukauna High School Key Club has been requested. Although we do not know how many Key Club volunteers are helping yet, there is usually a good turnout.

Nowak is still working on Door Prizes and Coloring Contest Prizes. There are a couple of media interviews scheduled for the week before the event.

The National Eagle Center presentations have been sponsored this year by a memorial donation from the family of Michael Cleveland. Nowak is working with Michael's wife on plans for a memorial acknowledgement to have on display during the event.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Approve Snowshoe Replacement Plan including expenditure of up to \$4000.00 to purchase new Tubbs snowshoes

Discussion was held on the idea of replacing the old, wooden snowshoes with modern snowshoes. Nowak shared a plan for the replacement including the quantity and sizes of the snowshoes, cost to purchase the snowshoes and where funding would come from.

White made a motion to recommend to the full Committee the approval of an expenditure of up to \$6,000 to purchase new snowshoes through Tubbs Snowshoes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

There were concerns regarding the current fees for snowshoe rentals as listed on the User Fee Schedule. Discussion surrounded what price would be beneficial for 1000 Islands, but still reasonable for families. Nowak provided some comparisons from other nature centers and various outfitters.

Jakel shared concerns regarding off-site rentals and the possibility of not getting the snowshoes back. Especially with concern of not having snowshoes for upcoming groups. It was suggested to have a flat deposit amount of \$100 as well as a form for renters to fill out signing off on liability for the cost of repair and replacement of snowshoes. A drivers license can be held to secure an on-site rental instead of the deposit, but both on-site and off-site rentals should utilize a rental form.

Carlson made a motion to recommend that the full committee approve a change in snowshoe rental fees to \$5 per pair for on-site rentals for visitors 16 years and older with a drivers license as well as \$15 per pair for an off-site rental up to 4 days with \$100 deposit. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

b. Discuss 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Ideas

Nowak gave an overview of a webinar she attended regard the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant managed through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The program aims to provide educational support and learning experiences for children outside of the regular school day and over school holidays. There is a lot of potential to create after school programs or days off of school programs for students in the Kaukauna Area School District with these grant funds. Current staffing levels won't support the addition of a program like this, but the idea will be kept for possible future implementation.

5. Other Sub-Committee Items

Pautz asked for an update on the summer program list and program evaluation form. Nowak informed the group that both have been completed. The summer program list has already been shared with a couple of groups looking to schedule a program for the summer. The first evaluation form link was just sent out for the start of 2023.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Jakel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Breitzman. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.



## Summer 2023 Public Programs

- Thursday, June 8 **Bird House Building Clinic** (10 – 11 AM) Put together a wooden bird house using pre-cut wood pieces in this building clinic. All wood pieces and nails will be provided. This is an on-site building clinic and we encourage everyone to stay at the Nature Center to build the bird house. Once your bird house is built, take it home and decorate it or hang it up as it is in your yard. Bring a hammer if you have one. **Registration is required and group size is limited. \$5.00 per kit donation appreciated.**
- Friday, June 9 **1000 Little Wonders - Sowbugs** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to **The Bugliest Bug** by Carol Diggory Shields. Participate in a obstacle course and learn where they live. This program will take place outdoors and indoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- June 13, 15, 16 **River Critter Camp** (10 AM – 12 PM) This three-day camp is geared towards children ages 5 to 10 and will focus on the animals that live in the river. We will look for crayfish, learn how to fish, and take a walk along the Fox River. The majority of the program is outdoors so please wear appropriate clothing, bring sunscreen and bug spray. Bring a water bottle as well. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this camp is \$15 per student.**
- Friday, June 16 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt** (9 AM – 7 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt** by Kate Messner 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 a station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! **FREE**
- Saturday, June 17 **Service Saturday – Dig in like Dad** (8 AM – Noon) Dear old Dad – He works hard and plays hard. 1000 Islands is a lot like that too as a place for both conservation and recreation, so let's 'build some character' with a morning of service work and celebrate afterwards with a **Free Picnic Lunch for All Volunteers at Noon! Free Special Gift for Dads**
- Tuesday, June 20 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (9:30 – 11 AM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. **FREE**
- Thursday, June 22 **Basics of Bees** (10 – 11 AM) Are you scared of bees? No need to be! The more you know, the less you fear! Join beekeeper Brian Jacobs to learn the difference between bees and wasps by exploring their nests by dissecting old hives, looking inside an active bee hive here on the property, and tasting some of the honey our resident bees make. Ages 6 – 10. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Thursday, June 22 **Bees with Brian** (6 – 8 PM) Join beekeeper Brian Jacobs to learn about the bee hives on the property and what he does to manage the colony. Taste last year's honey and check out some honeycomb as we learn about the process of how bees make honey. This program is geared towards adults. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, June 23 **1000 Little Wonders - Bees** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Save the Bees** by Bethany Stahl. Pretend you are a bee and collect pollen. Learn how a bee grows up from a egg. This program will take place outdoors and indoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, June 24 **Basic Survival Skills for Adults** (1 - 3 PM) Want to learn basic survival skills? Join us as we explore shelter building, fire starting, and how to make water safe to drink. Minimum age to attend is 13 years old with an adult. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$8 per person.**

- Tuesday, June 27 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (12:30 – 2 PM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. **FREE**
- Thursday, June 29 **Fishing Basics** (9:30 – 11 AM) Join us as we explore the basics of fishing. Learn how to cast a fishing rod, learn fun facts about fish, and participate in a fish scavenger hunt around the nature center. This program is geared towards children 5 – 10 years old. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Friday, June 30 **Birding Basics** (1 - 2 PM) Join us at the Kaukauna Public Library as we learn about birds. Participate in a indoor bird walk and listen to different bird calls. Learn how to identify birds by sight and sound. This program is geared towards younger children. **FREE**
- Friday, July 7 **1000 Little Wonders - Trees** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Be a Tree!** by Maria Gianferrari. Experience a tree with your four senses and take a bark rubbing. Make collages with leaves you find as we take a walk. This program will take place outdoors and indoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, July 8 **Service Saturday – Celebrate U.S.nA.ture!** (8 AM – Noon) Happy Birthday America! Celebrate our nation and its leadership in conservation with a day of service on the 1000 Islands Conservancy! **Free Snacks and Lemonade for All Volunteers at Noon! Free Gift for ALL VOLUNTEERS!**
- Tuesday, July 11 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (9:30 – 11 AM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. **FREE**
- Saturday, July 15 **World Snake Day Celebration** (Noon-2 PM) Come celebrate World Snake Day with Steve Keller's Traveling Snake Show! Learn about snakes & get a chance to have a hands-on experience with one of the world's most misunderstood creatures! **FREE**
- Tuesday, July 18 **Bird Feeder Building Clinic** (10 – 11 AM) Put together a wooden bird feeder using pre-cut wood pieces in this building clinic. All wood pieces and nails will be provided. This is an on-site building clinic and we encourage everyone to stay at the Nature Center to build the bird feeder. Once your bird feeder is built, take it home and decorate it or hang it up as it is in your yard. Bring a hammer if you have one. **Registration is required and group size is limited. \$5.00 per kit donation appreciated.**
- Wednesday, July 19 **Pollinators Galore!** (11 – 11:45 AM) Join us at the Kaukauna Public Library as we explore the world of pollinators. See a preserved specimen of a bat and learn ways to help bats. Discover the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly and the important role milkweed plants play in it. Explore the different roles honey bees have and the plants that help attract them. **FREE**
- Friday, July 21 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure - Diary of a Worm** (9 AM – 7 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book **Diary of a Worm** by Doreen Cronin 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 a station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! **FREE**
- Friday, July 21 **1000 Little Wonders - Centipedes** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book **Bug on a Rug** by Sophia Gholz. Learn how many legs centipedes have and make your own centipede to take home. This program will take place outdoors and indoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Saturday, July 22 **Nature Journaling for Adults** (10 – 11:30 AM) Practice your journaling skills as we learn about different journaling techniques. Get your own nature journal and start it as we explore different places on our property. This program is geared for adults. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$8 per adult.**
- July 25, 27, and 28 **Animal Homes** (10 AM – 12 PM) This three-day camp focuses on different animal homes. We will explore our property to find different animal homes and even try to build some human sized animal homes ourselves. Hunt for bugs under logs and try your luck at crayfishing. This camp is geared towards children 5 – 10 years old. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this camp is \$15 per student.**

- Thursday, August 3 **Bee Protectors** (11 – 11:45 AM) Join us and the Kaukauna Public Library at 1000 Islands Environmental Center as we look for bees around our property. Participate in the Bumble Bee Watch and be part of a citizen science project. This program is a continuation of the *Pollinators Galore!* program at the Kaukauna Public Library on July 19<sup>th</sup>. **FREE**
- Friday, August 4 **1000 Little Wonders – Crayfish** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/guardian. Listen to the book *Crawdad Creek* by Scott Russell Sanders. Touch a live crayfish and learn where they live. This program will take place outdoors and indoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- August 8, 10, 11 **Basic Survival Camp** (10 AM – 12 PM) This three-day camp teaches basic survival skills to children ages 5 to 10. We will focus on shelter building, the importance of water, the role of fire, and ways to signal for help. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this camp is \$15 per student.**
- Thursday, August 10 **Kitchen Compost Adult Workshop** (6 – 7:30 PM) Ever wonder if you could compost on your kitchen counter? You can! Join us as we explore the reason for composting and what you can compost. Make your own starter compost kit. This workshop is geared for adults. **Registration is required and group size is limited. The cost of this program is \$20 per person.**
- Saturday, August 12 **Service Saturday – Fun in the Sun** (8 AM – Noon) Hot, hot, hot! All winter we dream of spending summer days at 1000 Islands, so come hang out with us for a morning of service. **Free Ice Cream Social for All Volunteers at Noon!**
- Tuesday, August 15 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (9:30 – 11 AM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. **FREE**
- Friday, August 18 **A Storybook Walk and Adventure – They All Saw a Cat** (9 AM – 7 PM) This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel 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 a station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails! **FREE**
- Friday, August 18 **1000 Little Wonders - Snakes** (9:30 – 10:30 AM) This class is for children 3-5 years old and their parent/other guardian. Listen to the book *The Greedy Python* by Eric Carle. Touch a real snake skin and move like a snake through an obstacle course. This program will take place indoors and outdoors. Please come dressed for the weather. **Registration is required and group size is limited. FREE**
- Monday, August 21 **Fairy Walk** (5 – 7 PM) We'll have lots of new ways to explore and celebrate fairies and nature during this year's event. **Visit the Kaukauna Library website for more details. Registration recommended through the Kaukauna Public Library. FREE**
- Tuesday, August 29 **Crayfish and Critter Hunt** (12:30 – 2 PM) Join the staff for an exciting adventure in the Konkapot Creek catching crayfish and other aquatic critters. Wear shoes to walk in the water and bring a net and bucket if you have one. **FREE**

Please call the Nature Center at 920-766-4733 or  
email [thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org](mailto:thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org) to register for a class.

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