

**Austin Audubon and the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
presents “HOOTS, CHITTERS AND SQUAWKS” with
Karla Kinstler on Tuesday, April 20th 7:00 PM**

Experience the wide variety of hoots, chitters, and squawks made by Great Horned Owls as you hear the soap opera story of Alice, the Great Horned Owl and her wild neighbors in Perkins Valley just outside of Houston. Alice and company are the basis for the first vocal study on their species, conducted by Karla Kinstler, Alice’s handler and the Director/Naturalist of the Houston Nature Center. You’ll also find out how you can help with Karla’s plan to continue her research by breeding captive Great Horned Owls and observing them using remote cameras and microphones. This program is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by April 20th by calling 437-7519 or email jchnatur@smig.net Come and meet Alice, the Great Horned Owl!

**KSMQ and the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center present - 40th Anniversary of Sesame
Street
“MAY DAY, FAMILY NATURE DAY” on Saturday, May 1
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM Barred Owl Program at 2:30 PM (Rain or Shine) FREE
EVENT!**

Experience Nature with your family and friends! You and your family are cordially invited to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Sesame Street with a dance around the Maypole, outdoor games, stories in the log cabin, trail activities and art activities in the Ruby Rupner Auditorium. Come and meet the live fox snakes and tiger salamanders in the visitor center and visit the new children’s “tree” room. Don’t miss the Barred Owl presentation at 2:30 PM with intern, Ryan Leveque. He will present “Owl Talk” with Guka, our live education bird. Enter the 2 free drawings for two owl t-shirts and KSMQ gifts.

Get out and discover nature! 1:00 -4:00 PM

May Pole Dance: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Outdoor Games: 2:00-2:30 p.m. Located outside of the auditorium - gunny sack races, egg and spoon and more. Prizes will be awarded.

In the Ruby Rupner Auditorium: Nature rubbings on paper with crayons. Stamp animal paw prints on paper or hand/face with washable ink. Make May baskets. Select a trail activity to take a walk on the Nature Center trails. The Owl Talk is at 2:30 p.m. with Ryan Leveque and “Guka” the Barred Owl. Sign up to win prizes! One drawing will be at the end of owl program at 3:00 p.m. The KSMQ gift bag drawing will be at 4:00 p.m. You must be present to win.

In the Visitor Center: Meet the fox snakes, tiger salamanders and visit the new children’s tree nature activity room. Refreshments in the basement of the visitor center.

In the Log Cabin: Enjoy reading books and listening to stories in the log cabin.

BIRD WATCHING WALKS- MAY 4, 6, 11, 13 and 18th

Meet in the Nature Center parking lot at 6:30 AM and join fellow birders for a hike on the Nature Center trails. Join us for any part of an hour and a half. This is the prime migration period and an excellent time to see a variety of colorful birds. This program is FREE and open to anyone interested in birding by sight or sound. Binoculars will be provided upon request. (Co-sponsored with Austin Audubon)

THURSDAY NATURE PLAY – JUNE 17 - AUGUST 19 1-5:00 PM

Enjoy and *experience nature* with your child with **FREE** canoe rentals-for an adult 16 and older with a child, pond scooping, insect or butterfly netting and/or self guided trail activities every Thursday afternoon from 1:00-5:00 PM -June 17 - August 19.

Adult must accompany the child. (first come, first serve)
Discover nature with your child!

NEW!!! SUMMER SENIOR SPECIALS July 8, 15 & 22 - August 5 & 19 19

This new program for seniors 55 and older will provide patrons with **FREE** coffee, cookies, a nature program and an opportunity to take a short tour of the trails on 2 access vehicles. **PRE-REGISTRATION is REQUIRED** for all of the programs and a separate access vehicle sign up. We can accommodate up to 12 people on the access vehicles. Call 437-7519 or email jchnatur@smig.net to reserve your seats for the programs and or trail access vehicle tours. The programs and refreshments will be held in the Ruby Rupner auditorium. The auditorium will be open from 9:00-11:00 am. The morning programs are 30 minutes long.

Thursday, July 8 1:30 PM **Ole Oleson's "Immigrant Tales"** - 60 minute program

Roger Hellesvig's reenactment of Norwegian Immigrants **No tours or trail access vehicles for the July 8th afternoon program.**

Thursday, July 15 9:00 AM **"Nature's Animal Ambassadors"** - 30 minute program

Tour # 1. 9:30 am 10:15 am - 45 minute tour Tour # 2. 10:15 am -11:00 am - 45 minute tour Presenter: Ryan Leveque

Thursday, July 22 9:00 AM **"The History of the Jay. C. Hormel**

Nature Center" Tour # 1. 9:30 am 10:15 am - 45 minute tour Tour # 2. 10:15 am -11:00 am - 45 minute tour Presenters: Larry Dolphin and Ryan

Thursday, August 5 9:00 AM **"Owl Talk"** Meet our Barred Owl "Guka" a live education bird Tour # 1. 9:30 am 10:15 am - 45 minute tour Tour # 2. 10:15 am -11:00 am - 45 minute tour Presenter: Larry Dolphin

Thursday, August 19 9:00 AM **"Butterflies - Monarchs on the Move"**

Tagging Monarchs Tour # 1. 9:30 am 10:15 am - 45 minute tour Tour # 2. 10:15 am -11:00 am - 45 minute tour Presenters: Larry and Ryan **For more details on the program please check out our website www.hormelnaturecenter.org**

CANOE RENTALS

The Nature Center canoe rental for use on Dobbins Creek to East Side Lake is \$10.00 for one half day rental (4 hours). Canoe rental is available Monday through Saturday. There are no canoe rentals on Sundays or City of Austin holidays. (first come, first serve)
Rental dates are May 22 to September 25 for 2010.

Life jackets, canoe paddles and canoe carrier are provided. Call 437-7519 for more information.

David Stokes-Guest Naturalist- June 8, 9 and 10

David is a national award winning naturalist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. David will present one evening show and will be a guest naturalist on June 12th with the Ecoblitz sessions. Please RSVP for the evening program by calling 437-7519 or email jchnatur@smig.net David Stokes' classes "Little Explorers in Nature" for ages 4-5 and "Nature Detectives" for ages 6-7 can be seen in detail on page six. David's classes fill up fast so be sure to sign up early!

David Stokes Program

Wednesday, June 9

7:30-PM-9:30 PM

"Sights and Sounds of an Early Summer Evening"

*This is a **FREE** program,
but pre-registration is required and limited to 30*

participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be prepared to walk a half mile

on the trails.

Please RSVP at 437-7519 or email jchnatur@smig.net by June 7.

Summer Solstice Ecoblitz

Saturday-June 12

8:30 am - 3:15 pm FREE Family Event Program!

Bring your family out to the nature center for a morning & or afternoon session of outdoor summer fun. Ecoblitz is the discovery and exploration of our natural world. Come out and discover the joy of outdoor activities with your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew. A parent/adult guardian and child must PRE-REGISTER and participate together for either the morning or afternoon sessions. Select 3 activities from the 5 different offerings. Complete 3 of the 5 activities and receive prizes and raffle chances. 437-7519

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for the morning or afternoon sessions and select 3 activities from the 5 offerings. Sign up forms are available at the Nature Center. Ecoblitz begins at 8:30 AM! **Prizes and Awards at 3:15 PM**

9-9:45 AM

10-10:45 AM

11-11:45 AM

1-1:45 PM

2-2:45 PM

3:15 Prizes

1. Timed Canoe Race on the Pond

2. Bird Migration Survival Course

3. Scoop the Pond for Aquatic Critters

4. Bird Walk with Austin Audubon Birders

5. David Stokes -Nature activities

Stop in the visitor center for trail activities, face painting, a coloring contest and an art activity.

Complete three of the five activities and turn in your Ecoblitz form and take home one compact fluorescent light bulb and a pack of wildflower seeds to plant (one package per family).

Your Ecoblitz form will also be entered in the 3:15 PM prize drawings for t-shirts, canoe rentals and more!!! The best time at the pond canoe race will win 2 canoe rentals valued at \$20.00.

The Summer Solstice Ecoblitz is co-sponsored by Austin Audubon and the Friends of the Hormel Nature Center. Special thanks to Austin Utilities for donating the compact florescent bulbs for this event.

2010 Summer Youth Adventure Programs

2010 SUMMER ADVENTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Full Scholarships are available for the Zumbro-Zollman Zoo River Canoe Trip in June, the Shell Rock -Fossil Canoe trip in August and the Radical Raptor Class. 1/2 fee scholarships are available for Canoeing the Root River-Exploring the Blufflands trip and Heritage Survival Class. To receive a scholarship, a student must write three to five complete sentences as to why they want to attend a specific summer adventure class. Please submit to the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center by June 3. Please include the following information: name, address, city/state, zip code, phone number and age. The scholarships will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. Please submit your request and paragraph to Larry Dolphin, Julie Champlin or Ryan Leveque at the visitor center. You can mail your request to the Nature Center at P.O. Box 673, Austin, Minnesota 55912. If you have any questions please call 437-7519. We gave out 41 scholarships to area children in 2009! *The 2010 scholarships are donated by Austin Audubon, Austin Izaak Walton League, Mable Hjelman, Beverly Smith-in honor of Dick Smaby and Terry Dorsey, and the Friends of the Hormel Nature Center. Thank you donors!*

Sign up for classes begins March 30, 2010 at 8:00 am.

New website: www.hormelnaturecenter.org

FEEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE AND NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED BY PHONE. (Cash or check only)

*****Little Explorers;-Hand in Hand in Nature**

Ages 4-5 Fee: \$15.00

June 8, 9 & 10 - 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM

David Stokes is a father, educator, naturalist and entertainer who has performed throughout the United States and Canada. This class is especially designed for a parent/grandparent to spend "quality time" in nature with their 4 or 5 year old child. Each day our adventure will begin inside and then head outdoors to explore. Please dress for the weather and bring insect repellent. Don't apply the repellent until you need it. Parents may also want to bring a camera for "Kodak" moments. Space will be limited to 12 preschoolers and their parent/grandparent/adult/guardian.

*****Nature Detectives; Ages 6-7 Fee: \$15.00**

June 8, 9 & 10 - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Everything is the same as in the description above except the parents are welcome, but not required and the "detective" activities will be age appropriate for 6 to 7 year old children. Space will be limited to 12 participants.

*****Zumbro River and Zollman Zoo Youth Canoe Trip:**

June 14 and 15 Ages: 12- 14 Fee: \$20.00 - Full Scholarship is available

Leaders are Larry Dolphin and Ryan Leveque

June 14 - Canoe practice 1:00-3:00 PM

June 15 - Canoe the Zumbro River- 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Canoe the Zumbro River and visit the critters who make their homes at the Zollman Zoo!

Please bring your own lunch on June 15th. Space is limited to 9 participants and full scholarships are available.

*****Junior Ranger Rick Ages: 6-7 Fee: \$15.00**

Ryan Leveque -Instructor

Session 1 - June 24 and 25 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Session 2 - June 24 and 25 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Come join us as we explore the secret traces that animals leave behind in nature. Space is limited to 10 participants per session.

*****Canoeing the Root River and Exploring the Bluffland: Ages 11-12 Fee: \$100.00 (1/2 fee scholarship are available)**

Leaders are Larry Dolphin, Ryan Leveque and a female leader

JUNE 28- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Canoe practice on Dobbins Creek to East Side Lake at the Nature Center

JUNE 29- Depart at 8:00 AM and explore the Mystery Caves. After lunch at Forestville State Park we will travel to the Eagle Bluff Environmental Center and get settled in for our overnight stay. In the afternoon we will challenge the high ropes and enjoy dinner and an evening program at the center. Please bring your own lunch on June 29.

JUNE 30 Enjoy breakfast at Eagle Bluff and canoe an eight mile stretch of the Root River. We will return to the Nature Center by 4:30 PM. Fee includes lodging, admission fees for Forestville State Park, Mystery Cave, canoes, lifejackets, paddles, high rope challenge course, three meals-dinner on June 29 and breakfast and lunch on June 30. Space is limited to 9 participants and 1/2 fee scholarships are available.

*****Heritage Survival Class-Ages 10-11 Fee: \$60.00 (1/2 fee scholarship are available)(4 day class) July 6, 7 8 9:00 AM- noon AND July 9- 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

Participants will learn to flintknapp, make arrowheads and throw the atl atl with Dan Block. Ole Oleson, will be here to share stories of Norwegian immigrants. Native American Stories will be shared. Participants will make candles, build fires, make their own lunch over an open fire, play old time games and learn about the first people with Native American stories. Space is limited to 16 participants and 1/2 fee scholarships are available.

Thursday, July 8 1:30 PM **Ole Oleson's "Immigrant Tales"** -
FREE Ruby Rupner program in the auditorium - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

*****Junior Naturalists: Ages 8 and 9 Fee: \$15.00**

Session 1 - July 20 and 21 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Session 2 - July 20 and 21 1:30- 3:30 PM

Come join us as we explore ways to tell what animals live at the nature center from the clues they leave behind. Space is limited to 10 participants per session.

*****Radical Raptor: Ages 9, 10 & 11 Fee: \$40.00 (Full scholarship available)**

July 26 - 1:00-3:00 PM Hawk talk, games and competition

July 26 - 8:30 PM Family/Participant Owl Talk and Calling Program at the Nature Center.

July 28- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Day trip to Whitewater State Park and the National Bald Eagle

Center in Wabasha, MN. We will meet the four Eagle education birds, Columbia, Harriet, Angel and Donald the Golden Eagle that reside at the center. Using our sight and binoculars we will identify birds of prey as we travel to Whitewater State Park and the *new* National Bald Eagle Center. Please bring your own lunch on July 28. Space is limited to 12 participants and full scholarships are available.

*****Monarch Magic: Ages 8, 9 & 10 Fee: \$10.00**

Class 1 - July 27 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Class 2- August 3 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM

This class will capture the mystery and resilience of the Monarch from egg to migration. Activities will include finding caterpillars to raise for tagging and release. Space is limited to 10 participants.

*****Shell Rock River Youth Canoe, and Fossil Trip:**

Ages 12 - 14 Fee: \$20.00 Full scholarship are available

August 3 - Canoe Practice 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

August 4 - Canoe and Fossil Trip - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Enjoy canoeing and collecting fossils in Rockford, Iowa. Please bring your own lunch on August 4. Space is limited to 9 participants and full scholarships are available.

*****Monarch Tagging: Ages 10, 11 & 12 Fee: \$10.00**

Class 1 - August 17 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Class 2 - August 18 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Class 3 - August 24 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Monarchs born after August 15 in this latitude are generally considered migratory. The Nature Center will have tags to tag the individual Monarchs. Students in this class will be certified to sign out tags for tagging Monarchs at home. Space is limited to 8 participants per session.