

Scoutings

September, 2010

If you have an idea you would like to include in the next issue of SCOUTINGS, please send them to me via email. You will find my address on the last page of this issue. Thank you.

The Alpine Shop

Intro to Bike Maintenance Sep 15, 2010 7-8:30pm Free

Help keep your bike in good shape by learning how to take care of it at home and while you're on the road or trail. Step by step, we'll take you through the best basic bicycle maintenance you can do by yourself. We'll also go over on-the-trail (and on-the-road) repairs to help you take care of some of the most common problems you might face away from home.

St Louis Art Museum

Family Sundays

Every Sunday afternoon from 1:00–4:00 pm for hands-on art activities and a lively 30-minute family tour through the galleries. Once a month, enjoy a special family performance or artist's demonstration. Each month's activities focus on a different, family-friendly theme. Family Tour leaves at 2:30 pm.

Family Workshops for 7–10 Year Olds *Saturday, 10:30–12:00 pm*

These workshops meet the third Saturday of every month. Sept 18, Treasures of the Tombs. Members \$8, Non-members \$10

Missouri Department of Conservation

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area 801 Strodtman Road, St Louis, 63138 Office hours Wed-Fri 8am-5pm Sat-Sun 8am-4pm

For Reservations call (314) 877-6014 Wed-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat-Sun 8am-4pm If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-270 north take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north approximately 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/areas/bottom/

Magnificent Monarchs September 12 Sunday 12:30-2pm (families).

The Monarch butterfly is probably the most recognized species of all butterflies, and we are used to seeing them at this time of year. However, experts tell us Monarch butterfly populations are now at their lowest on record. Learn about the Monarch's unique life cycle, its importance in our ecosystem, why numbers are so low, and how we can contribute to their survival. We do not want to lose them! (Reservations begin August 29.)

Discover Nature Families: 2nd Annual Confluence Campout! *Sep 18-19 Saturday 3 p.m. – Sunday 1 p.m.*

(Families) Last year was so much fun we're doing it again, but even better! Activities will be expanded to include campfire cooking and other outdoor skills. Bring your own tent or borrow one of ours made for four. Registration packets will be available August 18th. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 10th. Your registration is not complete until we have confirmed receipt of your completed form. Spaces and tents are limited, so hurry!

Full Moon Over the Prairie Sep 24 *Friday 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.*

(Ages 7 & up) Ever explore a moonlit prairie while listening to a chorus of clicking, chirping, buzzing, and humming? Search for eye shine amidst the tall grasses while breathing in the soft earthy scents? The sights, sounds and smells you'll experience under the full moon make fascinating investigative material. Observe and experience the special adaptations of those night time denizens who make Columbia Bottom their home. (Reservations begin September 10.)

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 441-4554 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 2 miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/busch/

Monarch Tagging Event

Saturday Noon – 4 p.m. September 18

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(Ages 8 & up) Did you know the monarch is the only butterfly that migrates thousands of miles to overwinter in Mexico? At the *Monarch Tagging Event*, you will learn about this amazing insect, the incredible migration and their trip back north to repopulate. Then you will learn to net and tag monarchs to help with ongoing research. The event will be held at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Site. (Reservations begin September 3.)

Dutch Oven Cooking Thursday

September 23, 5-7pm

(Families) Let's face it, with our busy schedules most of us don't have much time to spend with our families, much less make them a good home-cooked meal. You can accomplish both with our Dutch Oven Cooking program. Bring the family and spend a little time together around a Dutch oven making dinner for each other. You will learn basic Dutch oven skills and then enjoy the fantastic meal prepared by you and your family! All food will be provided, please mention any food allergies when making your reservation. (Reservations begin September 9.)

Bike from Research Park to KATY Trail

September 25 Saturday 8am – 10am

(Ages 12 & up) Join us for a bike ride on the new Research Park Bike Trail at Weldon Spring. This new trail was completed by The Great Rivers Greenway District and the program is in cooperation with Trailnet. Your MDC Naturalists will guide you along the paved trail and will include several stops to learn about plants and wildlife in the surrounding forest of the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. (Reservations begin September 10.)

Rockwoods Reservation 2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For reservations call (636) 458-2236 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, then immediately right on Glencoe Road. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, then immediately right on Glencoe Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis/

Wild Jams and Jellies September 8 Wednesday 10 a.m. – Noon

(Ages 8 & up) Learn how to turn wild fruits into delicious jams and jellies. We'll learn how to identify and prepare these tasty treats. We'll be using gooseberries, elderberries and smooth sumac. (Reservations begin August 25.)

Dutch Oven Cooking Thursday 10 a.m. – Noon September 9

(Ages 9 & up) Learn how to prepare and cook in the outdoors as we teach you how to use a Dutch oven. We'll learn the tricks in being successful using this cooking method. (Reservations begin August 26.) *Wildlife Paparazzi August 17 10am-noon Ages 10 & up*

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

Building hours: Tuesday through Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed

Area and trails: Open seven days a week 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. during Central Standard Time and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time. **For reservations call (314) 301-1500**

If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 east to Kirkwood, take S. Kirkwood Road (Route 61/67). Follow Route 61/67 to Watson Road. Go west on Watson Road to Geyer Road. Go north on Geyer Road 200 yards to Cragwold Road. Go 1 mile west on Cragwold Road. Visit www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/powder/

Scout Discovery Table: Bird ID/Flyways

September 4 Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(All ages) Discover the wonders of Missouri birds and the location of their flyways while working on badges. Activities are designed for Junior Girl Scouts, Cub Scout Wolves and Webelos. **Juniors** can work on Let's Get Outdoors: Wildlife 3 and 8. **Wolves** can work on Birds: Elective 13d. **Webelos** can work on Outdoor Group: Naturalist 4-6. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. (No reservations required.)

Discover Nature Families: Fishy Fun!

September 11 Saturday 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7 & up) What makes a fish a fish? Dive into the world of fishy fun as we learn about anatomy and identification of fish. Then we'll do some practice casting to prepare you for your own fishing adventures. (Reservations begin August 27.)

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September 15 Wednesday 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. (All Ages) Once a month Powder Valley's building hours will be extended until 8 p.m. Enjoy the exhibits and gift shop as you "linger longer" at the nature center! Please check your newsletter each month for future dates. (No reservations required.)

Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m For reservations call (314) 877-1309 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice. From I-44 take Kingshighway north to West Pine Boulevard, turn left. Follow West Pine to Lindell, turn left onto Lindell. Continue on Lindell past Union Drive to Cricket, turn left. Take first available right onto Grand Drive The Visitors Center is the tan brick, red tile-roofed building with arched windows, and a clock tower. It will be on the right side of the street. Free parking is available in the double lot to the left or on the street.

What's Happening in September?

Plenty! While the Naturalist is getting ready for and presenting Confluence Campout at Columbia Bottom, our flora and fauna are getting busy before winter. Here are just a few events listed on **Missouri's Wildlife To Do List**. (Dates are, of course, approximate.)

- 2• nd – Harmless black and yellow garden spiders are around houses.
- 4• th – Jewelweed seedpods explode when touched.
- 6• th – Watch for glowworms (lightning bug larvae) in low water.
- 7• th – Monarchs begin migrating, some as far as 2,000 miles.
- 11• th – Common nighthawks begin migration.
- 12• th – White-tailed deer breed through November.
- 15• th – Hazelnuts ripen; watch for their ruffled seed cases.
- 16• th – Sassafras, sumac, and Virginia creeper show fall color.
- 17• th – Watch for puffballs and other fungi.
- 20• th – After a cold front, watch for migrating broad-winged hawks.
- 22• nd – Autumnal Equinox
- 24• th – Hickory nuts ripen and begin to fall.
- 25• th – Persimmons start to ripen.
- 26• th – Acorns begin to fall.
- 29• th – Pawpaws ripen and katydids sing in the trees at night.
- 30• th – Black gum, bittersweet, and dogwood show fall color.

Explore and enjoy! For more information on these and other natural events, check out <http://www.mdc.mo.gov>

Missouri Conservation Frontiers <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/programs/frontiers/>

is a program that will help you learn about Missouri's natural resources and how to enjoy and protect them. We hope it will also help you become a good conservationist. You will learn about our state's natural resources by doing the activities in this Program Guide. As you complete the activities, you will earn points that make you eligible to receive special Frontiers awards. Adult leaders may also earn points and receive awards. The points and awards are described in the next section. Your Frontiers leader will help you get started in the program. Talk to your leader if you have questions or need help with any of the activities. If you start the program through a school or youth organization, you may get a parent or other adult to be your sponsor. As long as you have a sponsor, you may continue in the program. (Note: Many activities, such as identification activities, should be conducted outdoors.)

Bass Pro Shop

FLY TYING Sep 2, 2010 Sep 16, 2010 Sep 30, 2010

Learn different techniques of tying flies. Share your ideas & patterns with other fly tiers. Everything from freshwater to saltwater, we will show & help you to create your own. Enjoy a couple hours of creating your own personal baits. This FREE class will meet in the White River Fly Shop at 7pm. Pre registration is required. Stop by or call the Fishing Dept. at 636.688.2500.

FLY CASTING Sep 11, 2010 Sep 25, 2010

Learn the basics of fly casting, roll casting, and lure presentation on a trout stream. You will also learn rod and reel selection for the species of fish you're pursuing. Get a chance to practice your casting. This FREE class will meet in the White River Fly Shop at 9am. Pre registration is required. Stop by or call the Fishing Dept. at 636.688.2500.

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The Magic House

Model "A" Display

Sunday, September 12, 11:00 am-5:30 pm

Celebrate the past this Grandparent's Day with a trip to The Magic House. Visitors of all ages are sure to get revved up over the Model "A" Car Display on The Magic House's exhibit patio. The Model "A" was a popular automobile manufactured from 1928-1931 that followed in the famous tire tracks of its predecessor the Model "T". Join members from the Missouri Valley Region Model "A" Restorers Club on Sunday, September 12 from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm as they answer questions about the Model "A" and show off their classic cars. It's sure to be a blast from the past! **Cost:** Free with museum admission.

28th Annual Kids' Flea Market

Sunday, September 26, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Gone sour on lemonade stands this summer? Searching for a new way to make some extra spending money? Join us on Sunday, September 26 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for our 28th Annual Kids' Flea Market! We're looking for enterprising kids 16 years and younger to sell their outgrown toys, books, CDs, games and handmade craft items. This event is also great for bargain hunters. There are all kinds of hidden treasures to discover!

Reservations can be made online or by calling 314-822-8900 ext. 18. Event occurs rain or shine. Payment is non-refundable.

Registration Fee: \$15 per table Free to attend and shop. Table reservations are required in advance.

St Louis Science Center

Free Public Telescope Viewing

Friday, Sep 3, 2010 6:45 PM

The St. Louis Astronomical Society hosts public Star Parties at the Science Center on the First Friday of each month from January-October. Weather permitting, the St. Louis Astronomical Society and the Science Center will set up a number of telescopes and be on hand to answer visitor questions. Regardless of the weather outside, indoor events are scheduled for each Star Party and held inside the Planetarium's Orthwein Starbay. These events feature our popular program "The Sky Tonight" now in its 10th year and periodic special guest lectures on a variety of

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DinoQuest: A Tropical Trek Through Time Exhibit 5/1/2010 - 10/3/2010

Cost: \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children aged 3-12; In addition to regular garden admission

For more information call: (314) 577-5100

The Missouri Botanical Garden is marking the golden anniversary of the Climatron[®] by transporting visitors back in time to the golden age of dinosaurs. Feel the thrill of encountering a hulking Placeras, bird-like Bambiraptor or soaring Sordes. A dozen installations depict dinosaurs and reptiles from the Cretaceous, Jurassic, Triassic and Permian periods. The dinosaur discovery continues as visitors exit the Climatron[®] into the Brookings Interpretive Center where visitors can view a one-and-one-half-ton slab of sandstone containing over 200 bones from dinosaurs, turtles, fish and birds. Children can hone their own paleontology skills by unearthing faux bones at a mini-dino dig site, climb and play in a dinosaur nest, envision themselves in the days of dinosaurs through green screen technology, and get an up-close look at the Dino Egg Incubator, an original prop from the set of the movie "Jurassic Park III."

Jurassic Dark. Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2010

Bring your family to experience the wonder of the Missouri Botanical Garden and the DinoQuest dinosaur exhibition—after hours! Take an evening trek through the Climatron[®] tropical rain forest, where dramatic lighting and fog elements enhance the dinosaurs' habitat. 6 to 10 p.m.; last entry at 9:30 p.m. \$9 adults, \$7 children (ages three to 12), \$5 Garden members, \$3 members' children.

Japanese Festival September 4-6, 2010

Celebrating the history, culture, and people of Japan, the Japanese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden is one of the largest and oldest festivals of its kind in the United States.

Since 1977 the Garden has proudly hosted this unique event at one of the largest Japanese gardens in North America. A fruitful collaboration with several local Japanese-American organizations provides authentic Japanese music, art, dance, food, and entertainment for thousands of visitors each year.

<http://www.mobot.org/events/japanesefestival/JF%20Event%20Schedule2010.pdf>

Grandparents' Day Sunday, September 12, 2010

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Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with your grandchild. Enjoy a snack, make a botanical craft, and explore the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden. Complimentary commemorative photos will be provided by [Creve Coeur Camera](#). Free for members, but registration is required. Please call (314) 577-9570 or [RSVP online today](#). Sunday, September 12 1 to 3 p.m Children's Garden and Cohen Amphitheater

Gateway Arch-Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

St. Louis Riverfront St. Louis, MO 63102 Phone: (314) 982-1410 Toll-Free: (877) 982-1410
Public Email: info@gatewayarch.com URL: www.gatewayarch.com

Ranger Led Walking Tours Daily through Labor Day 10:00 a.m.

A National Park Ranger will be on hand to lead a walking tour on a variety of topics, out on the Gateway Arch grounds.

Lewis & Clark www.lewisandclarkcenter.org

Lewis & Clark Patch

<http://www.lewisandclarkcenter.org/Boy%20Scout%20L%20C%20Patch%20Requirements.doc>

Application for the Patch <http://www.lewisandclarkcenter.org/Application%20form%20for%20patch.doc>

Cahokia Mounds <http://cahokiamounds.org/>

American Indian Educational Days

Sept 11-12

Indian Individuals and groups demonstrate and sell crafts, provide educational information, and offer hands-on activities for kids 10 am - 5 pm.

Fall Equinox Sunrise Observance Sep 19

Hear an explanation of the discovery, form and function of the ancient post circle calendar. Arrive by 6:30am at the reconstructed Woodhenge.

Nature/Culture Hike September 25

3-mile hike with an archaeologist and a naturalist through ecological and archaeological zones. 9:30am -1pm. Bring water and dress for the weather. Canceled if raining.

Daniel Boone Home/Farm

This center has a program for Cub Scouts to work on various badges. There is a lot of information regarding it and I've run out of room on this edition of Scoutings to post it. Please check the website for more information.

<http://www.lindenwood.edu/boone/scouts.asp> <http://www.lindenwood.edu/boone/k12.asp>

Gordon Moore Park

Tuesday, April 13 - October 26, 2010 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Gordon Moore Park 4550 College Ave. Alton, IL 62002

Enjoy weekly evening guided walks through the Heartland Prairie at Gordon Moore Park. Follow the Prairie Restoration signs on 140 to the trailhead. The walks will last for one hour. See flowers in bloom during the different seasons. The topics will include: insects, plants, history, birds, photography or ecology. Wear comfortable shoes for this half-mile walk. Call the Nature Institute for more information at (618) 466-9930. The walks are free, and no reservations are required.

The Great Godfrey Maze

Glazebrook Park, 1401 Stamper Lane September 3 - October 31, 2010 Fridays: 6 pm - 10 pm Saturdays: 11 am - 10 pm

Sundays: 1 pm to dusk

Seven acre outdoor maze using tall corn as walls. Special events will be held during the open months (September and October)

Admission Fees. Group rates and rentals available For more information, or for group reservations, call 618-466-1483 or visit www.greatgodfreymaze.com

Jersey County Victorian Festival

Jerseyville, IL Sept 4-6, 2010 7am-5pm

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Located 1.5 miles north of Jerseyville on Route 67 at the 60 acre Hazel Dell farm
Large Civil War reenactment, sutlers, arts, crafts, antiques, large variety of festival food, steam engines, draft horses, tractors, threshing, saw milling, and plowing. The festival is centered around the 1866 Fulkerson Mansion, which is open for tours.
Adults-\$8, Children-\$2, under 6 free. Free parking. For more information call 618-498-5590

NATIVE AMERICAN AND HERITAGE FEST

Pere Marquette State Park Grafton, IL Sunday, September 12, 2010 11 am - 3 pm

Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center

Pere Marquette Park is steeped in natural and cultural history. Come and celebrate Native American and history and heritage at Pere Marquette Lodge. This festival features crafters and artisans, live music in the Great Room, and fun activities for the whole family.

Free For more information call 618-786-2331 ext. 338

MISSISSIPPI EARTHTONES FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 18, 2010 Alton, IL 11 am - 6 pm Riverfront Park

Join the celebration of Illinois Watersheds through Education, Recreation, and Conservation. This festival is "sustainable" and FUN! Come and learn about native plants and animals, address threats to the health of our ecosystem, and protect the history & culture of life on the river. Live music, over 30 free hands-on activity booths, and refreshments.

Free For more information call 618-462-6802

ANNUAL HERITAGE DAYS

Godfrey, IL **September 25 - September 26, 2010** 9 am - 5 pm each day, rain or shine Lewis & Clark Community College

5800 Godfrey Road (Route 67) This annual event is a re-creation of period history, food, clothing, black powder shoot, primitive encampments, demonstrations, music, crafts and food. **Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children (5-12 years).**

For more information call 618-530-7632

ANNUAL FLY-IN

Bethalto, IL September 25 - September 26, 2010 Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm Sunday: 9 am - 2 pm

St. Louis Regional Airport, 8 Terminal Drive The public is invited to this "wings and wheels" event to view display aircraft, watch flybys and formation flying, and vintage automobiles. Children ages 8-17 can experience the thrill of flight in a single engine airplane provided by The Experimental Aircraft Association and the Young Eagles for FREE! So come sign up your kids so they can enjoy the ride. The event will take place weather permitting. **Free** For more information call 618-259-2531 or visit www.stlouisregional.com

Looking for some place to do service projects? <http://www.handsonnetwork.org/>

These are just a few of the things I've discovered. If you have ideas you would like to share for next month's edition of SCOUTINGS, please email the information.

Thank you,

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