

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## Public Programs

### Bagels & Birds

Saturday April 6, Saturday May 11, Saturday June 1

9:30-10:30AM

FREE

Relax in the comfort of the Interpretive Center to observe bird visitors to our backyard habitat feeding area. Enjoy coffee and a bagel in a cozy atmosphere with fellow bird enthusiasts.

### Soups on Buckthorn!

Friday April 12, Friday April 26, 2:30-6:00PM

FREE

The primary focus will be working on reducing the amount of buckthorn invading the woods at River Bend. There will be discussion on what buckthorn is and why it is harmful to Minnesota's native habitats. Activities include pulling, cutting, and piling buckthorn. After battling buckthorn for a couple of hours we will regroup in the interpretive center and enjoy a hot bowl of soup and warm conversation. *2:30pm-5:00pm project work and 5:00pm-6:00pm will be soup and conversation)*

### Earth Day Geocaching Cache In Trash Out®

Saturday April 20, 10AM-2PM

FREE

Spend Earth Day cleaning up this incredible resource in the community. Cache In Trash Out® is an ongoing environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community and encourages people—geocachers or not—to get out and clean up the community. River Bend will be hosting a Cache In Trash Out® event to celebrate Earth Day. Come and celebrate with us as we pick up trash and find a few of our geocaches.

### Hike and Hygge

Saturday April 27, Saturday May 25, Saturday June 29

10AM-11AM

FREE

Slow your Saturday morning down while enjoying some outdoor activity with old or new friends. Pronounced Hue-ga, hygge is a Danish concept of creating time and space for all things comforting. Join us for an easy group hike around River Bend with a naturalist and then take time for some hygge before you leave – warm drinks, unhurried conversation, or a good book.

### Animal Ambassadors: Meet the Animals

Saturday April 27, 2-3PM \$5/person, \$15/family, Free for members

Join a naturalist to learn all about these fascinating animals. Program includes a presentation and a meet and greet with live animals!

### Garlic, Garlic Everywhere

Friday May 17, 3-5:30PM; Saturday May 18, 4-6PM

FREE

Garlic, garlic everywhere, but not the kind we want. We will discuss what garlic mustard is and why it is harmful to Minnesota's native habitats. Time will be spent identifying and pulling garlic mustard in areas along the Straight River.

### Parent and Child Preschool Program— Baby Animals Everywhere!

Tuesday May 21, 10-11AM

\$7/child, \$5/ member child

Learn about animal babies, do an animal craft, and move around like an animal baby. Adults are expected to stay for program and encouraged to actively participate and have fun! Preregistration is required.

### Buckthorn Battles

Friday June 14, 2-4PM

FREE

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### Breakfast Before Buckthorn

Saturday June 15, 9AM-12PM

FREE

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### Family Float

Thursday June 20, 6-8PM

\$20/person, \$15/member

Enjoy a beautiful summer night canoeing on the Cannon with your family. Meet River Bend staff at North Alexander Park, get a paddling lesson, and then head out on River Bend's fleet of canoes and kayaks for a leisurely paddle. Pre-registration required.

### Dutch Oven Cooking

Saturday June 22, 10:30AM-12:30PM \$10/person, \$7/member

(\$30/family, \$20/ member family)

Join us as we cook a meal together using the art of the Dutch Oven. We'll try a few different recipes, including a tasty dessert. Pre-registration required.

Visit our website at [rbnc.org](http://rbnc.org) or give us a call at (507)-332-7151 for more information & to register for upcoming programs and events.

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## \*NEW Girl Scout Programs

We are excited to announce a partnership with the Girl Scouts of the Minnesota River Valley to offer public girl scout programs on specific Saturdays. One scout or a whole troop can sign up, but each scout must register individually. For full listings and links to registration, visit [rbnc.org/upcoming-programs](http://rbnc.org/upcoming-programs) and look for the Girl Scout tab. Want to schedule a different badge for your troop? Email us at [education@rbnc.org](mailto:education@rbnc.org)

April 13—Juniors Geocaching Badge and Juniors Flowers Badge

May 18—Cadette Tree Badge and Senior/Ambassador Water Badge

## Adult Programs

We have brand-new Adult Only programs! In addition to our Lunch & Learn, we are offering more hands-on programs.

### Lunch & Learns

April 17—Faribault High School Wildlife Biology Research by Mr. Peter Jacobson's high school biology class

May 15—Insects are Important by Claire LaCanne from the University of Minnesota Extension

June 19—After Itasca by Patrick Mader

Join us for a catered meal and nature presentation on the third Wednesday of the month from 12-2PM.

\$12/person, \$10/member, \$3 for presentation only.

### Conservation Conversation (and Cookies)

Wednesday April 24, 2-3PM

FREE

Stop by for an afternoon of casual conversation with others. Everyone has knowledge and an opinion worth hearing. The topic will be water politics – who owns water rights and is there a potential for water wars to break out in our changing climate? Do some research on your own before you come or simply show up and join in the conversation. River Bend will provide articles and other information resources as well as cookies. Donations and cookies to share are welcome.

### Splatter Paint Archery

Wednesday May 8, 10-11:30AM

\$10/person, \$5/member

Thursday June 13, 6-7:30PM

Have an adult night out with someone special in your life. Learn how to shoot a bow and arrow and get some practice shooting before we add some paint balloons to the target and watch them splatter. Leave with a piece of art created in a one-of-a-kind way. Pre-registration required.

### Adult Night Out: Foodie Feast—Edibles and Outdoor Cooking

Friday May 17, 6-8PM

\$15/person, \$12/member

Have an adult-night-out with someone special in your life. Learn how to identify wild edibles that are commonly found in this area and cook up a meal that incorporates what we've found. Expand your horizons as to what can be camping food.

## Birthdays at RBNC!

Does your child love nature or outdoor adventure? Would you love to leave the mess behind? Then consider having your birthday party at River Bend! A two hour birthday party includes:

a one hour program with a naturalist and one hour of classroom use for a family-led party. Price is \$150 non-members, \$125 members, for up to 15 participants.

Check out the themes on our website at [rbnc.org/birthday-parties](http://rbnc.org/birthday-parties)