



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands



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Early Connections

Where did you play outside as a kid? Maybe it was your backyard, or a shady stream, a secret spot in a local park, camping trips with your family...whatever it was, those positive moments spent in nature are vital for growing children. It's never too late to start growing the next generation of environmental stewards. Brave the cold, feel connected, get your family outside as much as possible.

2019 Annual Meeting

All members are invited.

**Tuesday, January 22
6:30pm
preceded by a
Pot-luck Dinner
6:00pm**

On the agenda will be a review of 2018 and the election of members of the Board of Directors, officers, and members of the Board Development Committee. The ballot will be available on our website before January 15, 2019.

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From Resolutions to Actions

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

Happy New Year! This time of year we often stop to reflect on past experiences and what we want to accomplish in the year ahead. After a busy year of planning in 2018, we are excited to embark upon a year of action in 2019 to begin implementing our new strategic vision.

You'll notice that we're investing in our staff, Interpretive Center, and the preserve to bring you and the Central New York community the premier environmental education experience. We've renewed our commitment to four major elements of our mission: excellence in environmental education and providing opportunities for all ages to engage in recreation, play, and research and are working towards the goals of enhancing your visitor experience with us, expanding our audiences, and increasing our partnerships across Central New York. We're thrilled to be working with our partners at the Central New York Land Trust to acquire an adjacent property, expanding the preserve by almost 50%! This joint effort will provide new spaces for recreation, education, and stewardship.

This spring, we'll put the final touches on the "Fox's Den" Nature Play Space behind the Interpretive Center – bridging natural areas with space for play, learning, and community - and re-open the Griffith's Trail. Both of these projects have moved forward thanks to the efforts of local aspiring Eagle Scouts Kyle Stottlar and Brandon Milham. Plus, we'll be reaching out to you to learn what other improvements you would like to see!



A birds-eye view of the Interpretive Center at Baltimore Woods. Photo courtesy of Matt Champlin.

What wonders await you at The Woods this year? Maybe you've made it a goal to spend more time outside connecting to nature or to spend more time outdoors being active as a family. These experiences are so important for connecting us emotionally to the world around us and stick with us throughout our lifetime. Whether you want to connect to nature through art, photography, a quiet walk on a trail, learning how to identify trees or birds, or trying something completely new – like snowshoeing or viewing a total lunar eclipse – we hope you'll spend time here with us trying out a new program, hiking our trails, and engaging with us!

Your support – whether as a visitor, a member, an attendee to a program or event, a volunteer, or through financial contributions - helps keep The Woods going and growing. On behalf of our entire board and staff, we thank you for supporting our mission, our work, and our future. We are all excited to share this next phase of our growth with you!



Baltimore Woods Nature Center fosters enduring stewardship of our natural world by offering immersive programs and a place in Central New York for everyone to cultivate an appreciation and personal connections to nature through environmental education, recreation, play, and research. We put nature in your hands.

Interpretive Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Saturday 10am-4pm

Closed Sundays.

Trails open dawn to dusk.

Free parking; no admission fee.

No pets please.

Need Snowshoes?

Members can sign out a pair of snowshoes at our front desk at no charge! Non-members can use our snowshoes for a nominal fee of \$5.

What are you waiting for?
Get outside and explore this winter!

Keepin' It Natural...Every Day!

By Fran Lawlor, Land Manager

How do we thank our volunteers for doing what comes naturally?

We call on our dedicated volunteers in many ways and their joy in helping is the fuel that assures our trails take us on engaging forays through The Woods. I am always humbled by the energy and passion our volunteers bring to our mission here at Baltimore Woods. Last year we had a conversation asking what motivates our land management volunteers to commit their time and labor for stewardship. The “return on investment,” the paying it back, is based in lifelong love of the land and caring for what sustains the land as well as their souls.

Several of our volunteers participated in our Ecological Restoration Walking Workshop at the end of September. We all had a blast, walking and talking deeply about



Volunteers participated in the Ecological Restoration Walking Workshop.

primary forests and post agricultural health of the land. We reveled in small discoveries, such as the “dancing aphids” throwing a party on a small beech sapling. We debated the value of maintaining meadows despite the challenges of invasive species and relentless succession to the northern hardwood forest. The deep drilling into the impacts of deer, earthworms, and garlic mustard was a mind bender. Our volunteers are hungry for experiences that clarify for them what they are seeing as they work and play on the preserve and beyond. Sharing their time and talent at The Woods, for them and for us, is natural!

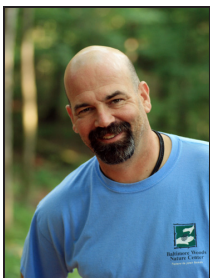


In October, our volunteers tapped into their Adirondack Lean-To Rescue friendships and, sharing years of back-country experience, rescued our aging log cabin.

Hello and Farewell!

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

Whether you know him as Pat, Mr. B, Mr. Burke or simply as the guy who brings you *Pat's Place* every Wednesday, we know you'll join us in wishing Environmental Educator **Patrick Burke** the best of luck as he returns to teaching full-time in 2019. Pat started as a camp counselor at The Woods and grew into a full-time educator with an incredible passion and skill for meeting children of all ages and



Patrick Burke

backgrounds right where they are and connecting them to nature. We know his ability to combine humor and education into impactful teachable moments will continue to serve him well in his very own classroom. We hope to see him back as a beloved camp counselor this summer!

Rebecca Cosgrove joined our Woods team, first as a *Nature in the City* intern, then as a summer intern through

a SUNY ESF Fink Career Fellowship, and we are pleased to welcome her as our new Program Assistant! With

a passion for stewardship and youth development, Rebecca has been involved with marketing, program development, summer camp, our 5K race, and *Nature in the City* lessons. A senior at SUNY-ESF, she will graduate in the spring of 2019 with a B.S. in Environmental Studies.



Rebecca Cosgrove

This Season at Baltimore Woods...

By Patrick Burke, Environmental Educator



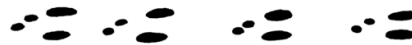
Snow has fallen during the night while you slept. You wake the following morning, and head to The Woods for a look at the winter wonderland. As you walk along the trail you notice that many creatures have been active throughout the evening. There are large footprints, and small footprints; some are close together, others spread further apart. So many, in fact, that it's difficult to tell who's going where and with whom.

One of the easiest ways to sort this out is to use the three P's method: Place, Print, and Pattern. When you think of place, try and recall what type of birds, and mammals you would see in your yard, neighborhood, or community. Maybe you've seen squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, birds, dogs, cats, or perhaps deer?

Examine the print closely. Each creature that visited the Woods will have its own distinctive foot print. If you're not familiar with the prints you find, there are multiple resources online, at your local library, or nature center that can help you to identify who they belonged to.

Your last piece to the puzzle is the pattern. When combined with place and print, they can help tie the story together. There are four distinct type of patterns: hoppers, walkers, waddlers, and bounders.

So the next time it snows, make your way outdoors, don't forget your three P's: Place, Print, and Pattern, so you can read the story that nature's creatures have left behind!



Hoppers hop from place to place. Tracks show a set of smaller prints inside a set of larger prints. Hoppers include rabbits, mice, squirrels, and chipmunks.



Walkers appear to have two feet because each hind foot steps exactly where the front foot on the same side had stepped previously. Walkers include deer, cats, and dogs.



Waddlers have a side to side movement. Bears, skunks, raccoons, beavers, muskrats, and porcupines are waddlers.



Bounders show two front legs bounding forward, followed by two hind legs. Members of this family include weasels, mink, martens, fishers, otters or badgers.

Test Your Tracking Skills!

Animal Tracking Snowshoe Hike
February 28, 10:00-11:30 am

Learn how to identify animal tracks and decipher the stories left behind.

Program for adults.

\$6 for members; \$9 for public.

Currently in the Gallery

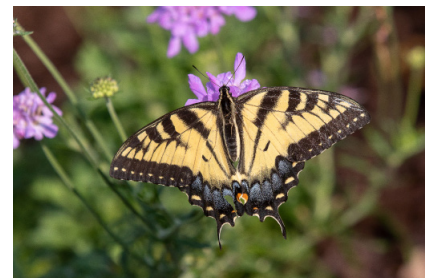
Uncommon Views

Photography
by Jack Kurz

January 5 - February 22
Art reception: January 5, 2-4pm



Gone Fishin' by Jack Kurz



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on Pincushion Flower by Jack Kurz

Upcoming in the Gallery

Backyard Serengeti

Paintings
by Ellen Haffar

March 1 - April 26
Art reception: March 2, 2 - 4pm



Hope Floats by Ellen Haffar

January

9 Nature's Little Explorers: Winters are for Mammals! 10-11am

Mammals are the best at winter living! This six-week series will explore the lives of winter mammals through crafts, stories, games, and imaginative play. Be sure to visit our website for all the details including weekly themes. This six-week series will meet on Wednesdays, Jan 9-Feb 13. Program for children ages 3-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$35 for members; \$50 for public.

10 Getting to Know Winter Trees 10-11:30am

Ever wish you could identify trees in winter? It is not as difficult as one might think. This winter walk will teach you the three Bs of winter trees - bark, buds, and branching - to help you recognize old forest friends even when their leaves are long gone. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

17 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Hike to the Spruce Groves 10-12pm

For more details, see page 6.

19 Snowshoes, Stars and Stories 7-9pm

Bring your family out on a snowshoeing adventure as we take a hike through the mysterious moonlit winter trails of Baltimore Woods. We'll travel to Phillips Cabin where we will be welcomed by a crackling fire, hot cocoa, and tantalizing tales told by Storyteller Zachary Smith. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Snowshoes will be provided, if needed. No snow? No problem - we'll still have stars, stories, and a hike! Program for ages 7 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

20 Star Party: Total Lunar Eclipse 9pm-12:30am



Total lunar eclipse, plus winter skies,

which show some of the brightest examples of nebulae and star clusters visible from the northern hemisphere. Stay up late and skip work for this one! No back-up date. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

24 Beginner Snowshoeing For Adults 10-11:30am

Come join us at Baltimore Woods for an introductory workshop on everything a beginner needs to know about snowshoeing. Participants will learn some history about snowshoes, how to use them, and take an optional walk through our woods to practice techniques. Snowshoes provided, or bring your own! Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.



Count, show you how to participate, and go for a short bird walk to practice before the big weekend. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

14 Sweetheart Snowshoe 7-9pm

Bring your valentine for a romantic, lantern-lit snowshoe for two through the evening woods. Together, you'll discover romantic notes hidden along the trail, and share some quiet moments outdoors. Then, warm up indoors with hot drinks and decadent desserts. Limited to 20 couples, registration is required. Snowshoes provided. Program for adults. \$20 per couple for members; \$30 per couple for public.

16 Winter Owl Prowl 8-10pm

The quiet stillness of a winter night is the perfect time to walk into the forest in search of owls. Come learn what makes owls amazing on a nighttime hike in search of these efficient birds of prey. Program for ages 10 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

23 Notable Knots to Know 10:30am-12:30pm



Can you tell a bight from a bend, a wrap from a frap? Do your shoelaces come untied or does the knot jam when you try to untie them? Would you like to learn how to tie some of the most essential knots for everyday life? Join us as we untangle this twisted subject. Program for ages 10 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

28 Animal Tracking Snowshoe Hike 10:00-11:30 am

Come out and stretch your winter weary legs on the trails of Baltimore Woods! Learn how to identify animal tracks and decipher the stories left behind. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

February

1 Star Party: Winter Skies 7-9pm

February star gazing shows winter skies at their finest! The area surrounding the constellation of Orion has some of the brightest clusters and nebulae visible in the northern hemisphere. This moonless night will give us the best views of these gems! Back-up date February 2nd. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

7 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Hike to Hidden Meadow 10-12pm

For more details, see page 6.

14 Great Backyard Bird Count 10-11am

Every year citizen scientists help the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society in this joint effort to track bird species and populations, and you can help too! We'll learn all about the Great Backyard Bird

Register online for programs at
www.baltimorewoods.org

March

1 Star Party: Elusive Mercury 5:30-9pm

Join Bob Piekriel for your best chance to see the elusive planet Mercury, which will be visible low in the west at sunset. After it gets dark, there will still be great views of the winter skies. Back-up date March 2nd. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

6 Nature's Little Explorers: Late Winter Early Spring 10-11am

Winter is on the way out and spring is coming in! Let's go outside and watch it all happen! Be sure to visit our website for all the details including weekly themes. This six-week series will meet on Wednesdays, March 6 - April 10. Program for children ages 3-5. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$35 for members; \$50 for public.

7 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Big Tree Hike 10-12pm

For more details, see page 6.

14 Rites of Spring 10-11am

Celebrate Spring Equinox! For as long as humans have walked the earth they have had deep connections to nature and the changing seasons. Discover how different cultures welcome the coming of spring. We'll find inspiration in the woods, create, and enact our own Spring Rite together. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

16 Wilderness Survival Kits and Gear 10am-noon

What should you have in your survival kit? Learn how to put together a survival kit that's right for you. We will demonstrate and discuss the essential gear to have with you for when the unexpected happens in the great outdoors. We will focus on wilderness survival kits but also cover kits and gear for your home and car. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

21 Amphibian Alert Watch runs through April 12

Each spring during the first warm rainy night after the equinox, hundreds of amphibians move from underground

lairs to vernal pools. To find out when Baltimore Woods will attempt to observe this migration at Labrador Hollow, watch for alerts on our website, or sign up online to be put on our alert list. For ages 5 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

23 Maple Sugaring 1-2:30pm

Come one, come all as we explore the Sugar Bush here at Baltimore Woods! We'll have fun games for the family, teach you the process of making maple syrup, and reenact a maple tale around a campfire. We'll provide a sweet snack as you watch the show! For ages 5 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

28 Sensing Spring 10-11:30am

After long winter months, our senses start to come alive with the onset of spring. What is your favorite sign of spring? The smells of a new season, the sounds of returning birds, seeing the emergence of new plant life? Join us as we explore for signs of spring using all five senses - including seasonal tasty treats! This program includes a short outdoor hike on flat trails. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

Join us at The Woods for two special free community events!

"Nature's Quiet Conversations" Community Read with John Weeks

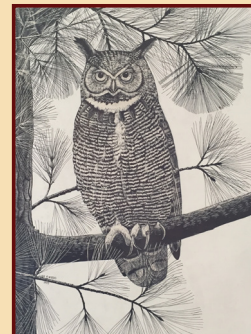
Local naturalist and author John Weeks published "Nature's Quiet Conversations" in 2006. From January through March, Baltimore Woods Nature Center and the Marcellus Free Library will be sponsoring a "community read" of John's book. Books are for sale in our gift shop or can be borrowed from your local library. This is a free community program. Please RSVP online as space is limited.

Community Read Kick-off January 26, 1-3pm

Join us for this special event to meet John as he talks about his artwork and the quiet conversations with nature that inspired each piece.
Program for adults.

Community Read Wrap Party March 30, 1-3pm

Join us for a celebration of John Weeks and his work to help people build personal connections to nature as we wrap up the *Nature's Quiet Conversations* Community Read. We will take a short walk, listen to readings from the book, and have time for discussion. Program for ages 8 and up.



April

4 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Hike to Salamander Hollow 10-12pm

For more details, see below.

11 Derby Hill Field Trip 9am-noon

Spring hawk migration peaks in April, and the Derby Hill Bird Observatory is the best place around to catch it. Hundreds of raptors fly overhead each day on their way north around Lake Ontario, surely a sight to see! Meet at Baltimore Woods at 9am to carpool, or meet the group at 10am at Derby Hill. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

12 Star Party: First Quarter Moon and Hello Spring Skies 7-9:30pm

Come have a look at the first-quarter moon, and after it begins to set, a farewell to the deep-sky objects of winter and hello to spring skies. Back-up date April 13th. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

20 Weekend Wildflower Walks 2-3pm

Baltimore Woods Nature Center's premier woodland wildflower garden is a local treasure. Join caretaker Audrey Loewer for a pleasant walk through one of the wonders of spring. Each week,



new species will bloom and Audrey will reveal their past and present medicinal and culinary uses.

Call for accessibility

information. Donations appreciated. Program for ages 15 and up. Saturdays and Sundays, starting April 20th through May 5th.

25 Birding By Ear 10-11:30am

"Cheese-bur-ger!" Learning to recognize bird songs and calls can add a whole new level of enjoyment to your bird watching or hikes, and it's easier than you might think! This combined talk and bird walk will get you started down the path of avian auditory enlightenment with tips, tricks, and hacks for learning bird calls. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

27 Habitat Restoration Project 9am-noon

Give back to the Earth by protecting and restoring native habitats and trails here at The Woods. Meet at the lower parking lot - bring gloves, water, and a picnic lunch.

27 Earth Day Celebration 1-4pm *Free community event!*

It's Earth Day! Come on out to Baltimore Woods for a fun and educational event including info booths on home energy, recycling, crafts, guided nature walks, live animal shows, and a special live performance of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*.

Fresh. Local. Delicious. Nutritious.

Wonderful!

The WINTER MARKET at
BALTIMORE WOODS

Visitors to the market will
enjoy a diverse mix of local
farm and artisanal products
from top regional producers.

January 12, February 9
March 9, and April 13

Time: 10am-1pm

No admission or parking fee.

What do you get when you mix a hike, expert naturalists, room to explore, and a dash of serendipity?

Trail School at Baltimore Woods!

Inspired by one of the great naturalists of the 19th century, Enos Mills, each excursion will take us on an adventure as we explore away from the main trails. Our 182-acre "classroom" is rich with diverse habitats, including streams, forests, wetlands, beaver ponds, and open meadows. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For ages 5-15. \$6 members; \$9 public.

Hike to the Spruce Groves Thursday, January 17, 10am-12pm

Explore the spruce groves of Baltimore Woods and search for winter animals.

Hike to Hidden Meadow Thursday, February 7, 10am-12pm

Take the secret trail to Hidden Meadow - who knows what we might find there?



Big Tree Hike Thursday, March 7, 10am-12pm

Take a cross country trek to find the biggest and oldest trees in Baltimore Woods.

Hike to Salamander Hollow Thursday, April 4, 10am-12pm

This week we will head out to Salamander Hollow, where - you guessed it - we can find salamanders!

Outdoor Adventure at School Break Camps

...the perfect cure for cabin fever AND spring fever!

January Camp

Wild Winter Art

January 21

9am-4pm

It's a day of wild winter art at Baltimore Woods! We'll use snow and ice and anything else we can find to make sculptures throughout the forest. Bring your imagination and let's get creative with winter.



February Camp

Kickin' Winter Blues Away

February 19-22

9am-4pm

Give those winter blues the boot this winter break! We've got the antidote to cabin fever with four days of whacky and wild adventure camps. Every day is a little different, so be sure not to miss anything!

Tuesday

Ultimate Winter Camouflage and Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday

Animal Ninja Warriors!

Thursday

Summer Fun in the Snow!

Friday

Camp-wide Capture-the-Flag!

Spring Break Camp

BioBlitz Week

April 15-19

9am-4pm

Do you know how many different animals and plants live in Baltimore Woods? There's really only one way to find out – join us for a full week of running around the woods to find as many different living things as we can! Each day will have a different focus, so join us for your favorite or come every day to discover it all!

Monday

All Birds All the Time!

Tuesday

Mammal Mania!

Wednesday

Small, Smaller, Smallest!

Thursday

Great Log Roll-off!

Friday

Reptiles and Amphibians Galore!



Registration Details:

School break camps are for children in grades K-8. \$45/child/day. Family membership required. Pre-registration is required. Before and after care are available. Space is limited.

Register online
at baltimorewoods.org

DON'T MISS OUT ON SUMMER CAMP!

Early Bird Registration
opens March 1st.

Sign up by April 30th
and save \$10!



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Nature in the City News!

By Becky Wilson, Education Manager

Are you near a window? Look outside, what do you see? Even if you are stuck inside like our *Nature in the City* students are sometimes on a cold blustery day, connecting with the nature right outside their windows can be the first step of connecting to the nature in their neighborhood!

Our 4th grade students are learning about energy and how it flows through ecosystems. Looking outside we are able to observe how many producers we see vs. consumers. "There are way more trees out there than animals!" they say. This supports what we are teaching them and rather than just tell them, they are making the conclusions themselves by direct observations as young scientists. Often, we are lucky to observe a crow landing to hunt for food or noticing footprints leading to the trees, could they be from a squirrel? In January our fifth graders will start their new *Nature in the City* lessons



Students study snow crystals under magnifying glasses to learn more about their unique shapes.



Students match snow crystal patterns as they learn about the states of matter and how snowflakes are formed.

and will learn how to identify different tracks and interpret what the evidence is telling them about what might have occurred right in the greenspace around their school.

These connections become even more apparent when we have perfect weather days and students can not only observe but experience the natural world first-hand. When our first grade students are prepared to go outside all bundled up with their snowflake catcher in hand, they catch the snow falling in tiny crystals and get a better look with their magnifying lenses. They shout and jump when they can count all six points and see that the snowflakes look like miniature stars. They are proud of their findings and are excited to show their teachers, friends, and us. In this moment, they truly feel like snow scientists and without realizing it have made a connection with nature that they will never forget. That in turn makes us feel we have done our job for the day, showing them the *Nature in the City*!

Hands-on Science and so much more!

Today's students will become tomorrow's caretakers of the planet. Join our community of partners today and help us to enrich science education in our schools and connect students to nature!



Contact baltimorewoods.org
to learn more!

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January



Building Closed

Look around for antlers, white tailed deer are shedding them around this time.



Star Party:
Lunar Eclipse
9pm-12:30am

Day Camp
9am-4pm
Wolf Moon

Annual Meeting
6pm

Nature's Little
Explorers
10-11am

Nature's Little
Explorers
10-11am

Volunteer
Lunch
12:30pm

Nature's Little
Explorers
10-11am

Nature's Little
Explorers
10-11am

Winter Trees
10-11:30am

Trail School
10am-12pm

Beginner
Snowshoeing
10-11:30am

Food is scarce for birds in the winter, it's a great time to put out a feeder!

Art Reception
2-4pm

Farmers
Market
10am-1pm

Snowshoes, Stars
& Stories
7-9pm

Community
Read Kick-off
Party
1-3pm

February



Cold weather is perfect for ice fishing; safe ice is 3-4 inches in thickness.



Nature Adventure Day Camp: Kickin' Winter Blues Away 9am-4pm

Snow Moon

Nature's Little
Explorers
10-11am

Nature's Little
Explorers
10-11am

Volunteer
Lunch
12:30pm

Trail School
10am-12pm

Backyard Bird
Count
10-11am

Sweetheart
Snowshoe
7-9pm

Animal
Tracking
Snowshoe
Hike
10-11:30am

Star Party:
Winter Skies
7-9

Winter
Farmers
Market
10am-1pm

Winter Owl
Prowl
8-10pm

Notable Knots
10:30am-12:30pm



The best time to prune non-blooming and summer blooming trees is late winter.

Don't forget to pre-register for programs online at www.baltimorewoods.org/programs.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March The name March , comes from <i>Martius</i> , the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. A maple tree should be at least 10 inches in diameter before it's tapped.					Star Party: Mercury 5:30-9pm	Art Reception 2-4pm
3		5	Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am	Trail School 10am-12pm	8	Winter Farmers Market 10am-1pm
10		12	Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am	Rites of Spring 10-11am	15	Wilderness Survival Kits 10am-12pm
17		19	Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am Volunteer Lunch 12:30pm <i>Worm Moon</i>	21		Maple Sugaring 1-2:30pm
24	25	26	Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am	Sensing Spring 10-11:30am	29	Community Read Wrap Party 1-3pm Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm
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April  Time for little fox kits to be running around!	1	2	Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am	Trail School 10am-12pm	5	6
	8	9	Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am Volunteer Lunch 12:30pm	Derby Hill Field Trip 10am-12pm	Star Party: Spring Skies 7:30-9:30pm	Winter Farmers Market 10am-1pm
14			Spring Break Adventure Day Camp: BioBlitz 9am-4pm			Wildflower Walk 2-3pm
Wildflower Walk 2-3pm	22	23	24	Birding by Ear 10-11:30am		Earth Day Events 9-4pm <i>See page 6.</i>
Wildflower Walk 2-3pm	29	30		Save the Dates! Mother's Day Garden Tour - May 12 th and Native Plant Sale - May 17 th & 18 th .		

Volunteer Spotlight

by Sue Jones, Volunteer Coordinator

From its inception, Baltimore Woods has been supported by the efforts of talented and hard-working volunteers. Here at The Woods, we offer many opportunities to take an active role in environmental education and stewardship.

Each season offers different opportunities, and volunteers are needed to help with an array of projects, including trail, garden, and facilities maintenance, reception and office projects, event committee work, marketing and photography projects, food preparation, baking, snow shoveling, and lawn mowing. If community involvement is one of your New Year's resolutions, becoming a volunteer at Baltimore Woods may be the perfect fit for you!



Plant sale volunteer Linda Garner stays connected to nature while sharing her time and talent at The Woods.

Food and Gratitude

Baltimore Woods greatly appreciates all the volunteers who give of their time and efforts to further support our mission. One Wednesday of each month, Baltimore Woods hosts a lunch for volunteers made from locally harvested foods. All volunteers are welcome!

**January 16, February 13
March 20, and April 10
Time: 12:30pm**



From sidewalk installation to trail maintenance and everything in between, these A-Team volunteers enjoy working together on year-round projects.

Our Board of Directors and our major fundraisers are volunteer-led and supported. Corporate volunteers and interns contribute to the success of delivering *Nature in the City* in Syracuse City classrooms. There is even a crew of teen volunteers that helps to make summer camp a special experience for the next generation of campers! Recently, volunteer talent and effort completed the building of our pole barn and allowed for considerable progress on long dreamed-for improvements to the nature play area, our iconic log cabin, and progress toward the re-opening of the Griffith's Trail. Are you a retired nurse or medical professional? Consider volunteering in the summer months as a summer camp Health Director. Love science education? Become a *Nature in the City* volunteer! Fill out a volunteer application today and tell us how you want to get involved.

We'll be reaching out to our community of volunteers throughout 2019 to help us with the roll out of our strategic plan and continued growth of our organization. Watch for more details as the New Year unfolds, and thank you to all the volunteers who make our mission possible everyday!

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