



# Seedlings

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## New this Summer 2021!

We are so excited about everything coming up this summer!

We're looking forward to **Environmental Science Camp 2021!** This year's camp features survival skills, activities with Forest Rangers, outdoor recreation and more. Camp runs July 12th—16th from 9 am to 4 pm each day at the Genesee County Park & Forest. Cost is \$95/camper. Spots are still open, [download the form from our website](#) and register today!

The [Rochester Orienteering Club](#) has installed a brand new orienteering course at the Genesee County Park & Forest! This course is updated with new controls to search for and new tags to make them more durable for the weather. Orienteering is free fun for the family, no high-tech gadgets needed, just a map and a sense of outdoor adventure. Visit [ROC](#) to learn about orienteering and stay tuned to the parks website or visit the Interpretive Nature Center to get the map and enjoy this new fun-filled course!



Lindsey Lytle, Assistant Environmental Educator, tests out the new kayaks

Thanks to the Batavia Rotary Club and the City and County Youth Bureaus, the Genesee County Parks now provide kayaking as an activity for schools, youth groups and public programs at DeWitt Recreation Area. This summer the parks are offering "The Great Escape", a grant-funded program that provides outdoor recreation for youth groups in Genesee County. Activities include fishing, geocaching, kayaking and hiking. We offer additional programs conducted at your facility or the park including orienteering, project WILD games and more.

The ACORNS continue to create new and exciting ways to enjoy the park! Mark your calendars for Music in the Park featuring the Batavia Swing Band/Combo on Saturday August 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm! This concert is FREE! Limit 200 participants, call to pre-register, see page 2 for details!

We are also looking forward to new programs including Insects that Go Bump in the Night and Grandparents Day, a family public program at the Genesee County Park & Forest on Saturday September 12th. We hope you'll join us for some outdoor fun!

The ACORNS have made it even easier to keep up with their fun and fabulous adventures and work at the park. Visit them on Facebook to learn more! Thank you for your support, see you soon!



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### Interpretive Nature Center Hours October—May:

Thursday—Friday:  
10 am—4 pm

Saturday—Sunday:  
12pm—4 pm

### Interpretive Nature Center Hours May—October:

Thursday—Saturday:  
10 am—4 pm

Sunday:  
12pm—4 pm





# Music in the Park

**Saturday August 7th**

**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**At the Genesee County Park & Forest  
At Pavilion D**

## Featuring the Batavia Swing Band/Combo

Bring a lawn chair and your favorite people! First come, first served seating at picnic tables. Limit of 200 participants.

Please pre-register by calling 585-344-1122! Space is limited! This concert is **FREE!**

Masks must be worn if unvaccinated and whenever unable to maintain six feet of social distance. Participants are encouraged to wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.



Funding provided by ACORNS!

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[www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/](http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/)

## The Genesee County Park & Forest

**The Interpretive Nature Center is OPEN!**




**Thursday-Saturday: 10am - 4pm**

**Sunday: 12pm - 4pm**




Come enjoy the center filled with cool animals, fun facts, Conservationist Kids Magazines, coloring pages, and other take-home activities! The puppet theater and other hands-on exhibits are temporarily closed in accordance with state guidelines for parks and recreation.

Field trip dates are open year-round for schools, youth groups, scouts and more. This summer the parks are offering "The Great Escape", a grant-funded program that provides outdoor recreation for youth groups including fishing, geocaching, kayaking and hiking. Youth recreation programs may also include orienteering, project WILD games and more. The Genesee County Parks offer field trips to the parks and at your facility. Call 585-344-1122 or email Shannon Lyaski at [Shannon.Lyaski@co.genesee.ny.us](mailto:Shannon.Lyaski@co.genesee.ny.us) to book your program!

### DO

-  Stay 6 feet away from others you don't live with, especially if you are not fully vaccinated
-  Wear a mask when unable to physically distance from others if you are not vaccinated.
-  Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

### DON'T

-  Visit parks if you are sick with, tested positive for COVID-19, or know you were recently exposed to COVID-19.
-  Visit parks if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
-  Visit crowded parks.

# Lindsey Lytle Summer 2021 Intern

Hey there! I am Lindsey Lytle the 2021 summer intern at the Genesee County Park & Forest. This opportunity has been given to me through the Student Conservation Association (SCA)/AmeriCorps through the funding of the ACORNS and directed by Shannon Lyaski, our Conservation Education Program Coordinator. From the end of May until late August you will find me working at the Interpretive Nature Center as well as across the park and at DeWitt Recreation Area assisting and leading educational and recreational programs.

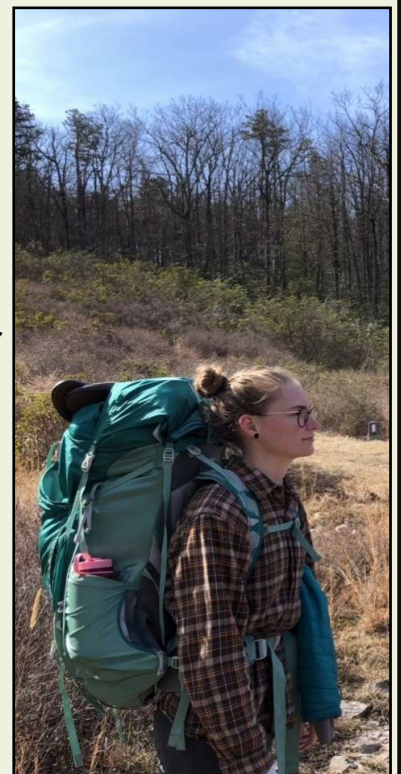
I am a rising senior at St. Bonaventure University where I am majoring in Environmental Studies and minoring in Philosophy. In addition to my studies, I am on the Cross Country and Track team for the Bonnies and I am a lead coordinator at The Warming House, our student-run soup kitchen. I spend a lot of my time running and working, but when I can find the time I love spending it in my hammock off a hiking trail or chatting with my roommate. My favorite part of hiking and being in nature is observing the various wildlife that come to say hello. I love all living beings, especially animals so when one comes into my view I cannot help but smile and be grateful for this world I am lucky enough to be a part of. I am very excited to work in such an environment where I get to be surrounded by what I love all while learning more about it each day.

Last summer while most programs were shut down due to the pandemic, I was fortunate enough to participate in a Farm-to-Table summer program. I got to spend my mornings farming at Canticle Farms, a small non-profit organic farm founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Afterwards, I got to spend my afternoons working at the Warming House serving a warm meal and giving a friendly smile to those in need. This program was invaluable to me and taught me the teachings of Saint Francis as well as the various benefits of volunteering my time and energy to places that make a difference in this sometimes harsh world. I carry my lessons from this program with me through my daily life now, and will be referencing it often this summer at the park.

I am looking forward to interacting with those who care about the environment as deeply as I do. I cannot wait to learn from all of you and be able to share it with the visitors and program participants at the park!



Thoroughly enjoying the Florida wildlife during spring break 2020



A 30-mile weekend stint on the Appalachian Trail right by my house! It was my first backpacking trip and I fell in love.

# ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center Update

## GET INVOLVED

To become a member, please visit the [ACORNS website](#) or contact Ashley Waite, ACORNS Membership Specialist at [acornsoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:acornsoutreach@gmail.com)

The Association for the Conservation Of Recreational and Natural Spaces, or the ACORNS, do so much for our park here. They created our Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) in 2014 which is located at the northwest corner of The Interpretive Nature Center parking area. There we can find a variety of interactive displays, from birdwatching to sensory & pollinator gardens and even our messy materials section for the children to enjoy. The ACORNS have been working hard to maintain this area and have some good ideas of what to add next!

### Volunteers needed!

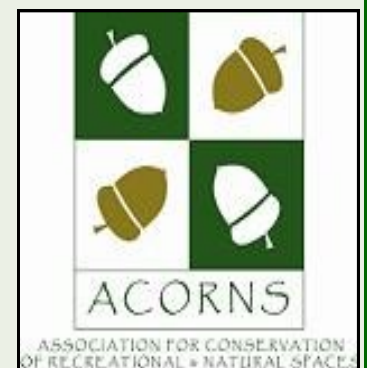
**Garden Maintenance**— There is a need for weeding to maintain the beautiful gardens and features we have installed in the OLC over the years. In recent OLC workdays we have weeded in sections and discussed management methods so we can keep up with those fast growing challenges.

We're working on an "adopt a garden" program, however until it is implemented, we encourage all volunteers to stop by in their free time to give the OLC some TLC. No long-term commitment is necessary, just stop by for a moment of zen volunteer work to help us keep our OLC looking inviting. Even stop by on your way through to or from a hike at the park; Any help is appreciated!

### Coming Soon to an OLC Near You...

Upcoming projects for volunteers to help with!!

1. **Inventory** of tree plantings and creation of a map to keep track of species and growth.
2. **Replace** the various **tubing** around the newer plantings with chicken wire fencing to allow it to spread out and breathe with more available sunlight while still protecting them from the deer.
3. **Updating and maintaining the pollinator gardens.**
4. Finishing of the rain barrel water delivery system to help garden maintenance.
5. Creation of **Art Boxes** that visitors will be able to sign out at the front desk. In these boxes you will find various creative materials for the creative minds to utilize at our center.
6. Addition of **Explorer Boxes** which will include binoculars and easy to follow field guides to see what roams in our backyards!
7. Addition of signage made for the different areas in the center to explain the purpose of each one. We have also been working on getting identification signs made for the different plants in the center and on the Discovery Trail.





# Deer Lord!



White-tailed deer are one of the largest mammals populating New York State. I see them everywhere and as person-sized creatures they have quite a presence in the forest. For these reasons I wanted to learn a bit more about them.

White-tailed deer are native to Nearctic Regions meaning the North American region ranging from northern Mexico all the way to Greenland. Both male and female deer have an average lifespan of about 10 years in the wild, however some get to be close to 25 years old. Males grow antlers in the spring and shed them in the early months of the following year. Breeding season spans from the later autumn to the early winter months, and most fawns are born in the late spring as we are seeing now.

Deer reach sexual maturity around three-years old. A female's first year breeding normally produces one fawn, but in following years it's not uncommon for her to have 2-3 fawns per year. Deer breed once a year taking six and a half months for a full gestation period. They typically mate between October and December, so we get to see the cute Bambis starting to show their white spots in the spring months.



Something to be mindful of this spring is the natural ways that does care for their fawns. A behavior of a mother white-tailed deer is that they leave their fawns alone for several hours in the day to gather food. During this time the fawn is hidden in the woods or grass where it camouflages itself until the mother returns. However, when a human comes across this innocent little fawn all alone, they often think that the poor thing was abandoned and needs help. When well-meaning people try to take baby deer inside or to an animal rescue center, they are **deer-napping!** In reality, the mother is going about her natural instinctual ways and is returning to her fawn soon. If you come across a baby deer, don't assume it needs help. A lone fawn does not mean abandonment or orphanage, but if it appears injured or is crying for hours on end then it probably does need help. In this case it is wise to contact the DEC wildlife rehabilitators as they can properly assess and handle the situation.



Another issue with deer to be mindful of is **Chronic Wasting Disease**. So what is this scary sounding disease? Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD is a neurological disease that affect deer along with elk and moose populations. It is contagious and is fatal to deer population. After infection, a deer's brain undergoes "spongy deterioration". This causes the deer to exhibit strange behavior and lose regulatory body functions and ultimately results in death. A deer with CWD will often be stumbling around, drooling, emaciated, have its head lowered to ground more than normal, and have lost its fear of humans. If you see a deer exhibiting these characteristics, you should call your state wildlife agency. If you hunt in the area, you should never eat products from a deer that may look ill. For more information about CWD you can go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/86796.html#Human>.



**If you see either a deer exhibiting signs of CWD or what you think is an abandoned fawn  
Call Genesee County's Regional DEC Office for Wildlife ..... (585) 226-5380**

**Or for finding a wildlife rehabilitator near you go to**

**[https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/extapps/sls\\_searches/index.cfm?p=live\\_rehab](https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/extapps/sls_searches/index.cfm?p=live_rehab)**

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# What's New at DeWitt Recreation Area

On Friday May 7th, the new **Kayak Launch** was opened for the public. Pictured below you can see the brand new floating dock launch where the public can bring their boats and get on the water with ease and minimal wet feet.

The accessible floating kayak launch and 10 kayaks available for use for youth and public kayaking programs was made possible through a collaboration between the Batavia Rotary Club, the Genesee and City of Batavia youth bureaus, and the Genesee County Parks.



Batavia Rotary Club members test out the new kayaks at the kayak launch ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday May 7th, 2021.

Tom Turnbull of the Batavia Rotary Club was awarded a grant with the help of Jocelyn Sikorski, who was then the executive director of the county and city youth bureaus. Their project then grew to include the use of kayaks for programs with the Genesee County Parks as well as the Liberty Center, county and City Youth Bureaus. Kayaking is a wonderful way to explore the outdoors and facilitate STEM education and healthy outdoor recreation. Huge thanks to Tom, Jocelyn and to all organizations involved for this new opportunity!

Five **Sunscreen Dispensers** are now available at Dewitt Recreation Area! These work just like the touchless automatic hand sanitizer dispensers we've all grown used to. Instead of alcohol-based germ killer, it gives you **SPF 50** sunscreen.



This addition was made possible through a grant provided to Rochester Regional Health-United Memorial Medical Center's Healthy Living Program. The goal of the project is to help reduce skin cancer, which is the most common form of cancer in the United States.

Sunscreen dispensers are found at each of the park bathrooms, at the south park entrance, at the Route 5 Ellicott Trail kiosk and at the three-tiered fishing platform. This new park amenity is convenient, easy-to-use and provides a benefit to community health.

The grant has provided a 2-year supply of sunscreen, and the parks will be able to absorb the cost of the sunscreen in subsequent years going forward, as long as it gets used! We hope park visitors will not be shy about using this sunscreen to keep their skin safe and healthy and reduce the risk of skin cancer while enjoying the outdoors!



# ACORNS Adventures

**ACORNS** has its own [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, check it out!

**ACORNS** is not only about work, it's about learning and fun too! So far this year the **ACORNS** have enjoyed:

Fish ID Training at DeWitt– April 10th

Braddock's Bay Raptor Research Outing– May 2nd

Birding Walk with Paul Hess– May 8th

Spring Ephemeral & Shrub ID Training– May 22nd

National Trails Day Hike– June 5th

**What we are looking forward to later this season:**

Insect ID Training– June 26th

Kayaking Trip Outing– TBA 2021

Run for the ACORNS- October 3th



SUNY Brockport grad students Kyle and Kylee teach ACORNS about local fish species



Braddock Bay Raptor Research







# Run for the ACORNS



Walk or run on single and double track trails through the forest, along a creek and up and down rolling hills in the Genesee County Park & Forest, with an estimated 100 feet of climb in the 10K loop. Trails are very wide and easy to negotiate (minimal rocks and roots). The course starts on asphalt and then leads into the woods for a truly beautiful run through the countryside. All proceeds benefit ACORNS, a non-profit 501(c)(3) "friends of the park" group that supports the Genesee County parks by connecting people with nature through outdoor learning, education and fun!

## Run for the ACORNS will be held Sunday October 3rd at the Genesee County Park & Forest from 8:00am- 1:00pm!

Plans are being finalized for this year's race, keep a look out for updates on our [Facebook](#) page and [Website](#) as well as the next issue of the newsletter.

As of now, we will have an in-person 5k and 10k race and there will be a virtual option to run the course at your convenience at some point during the week prior to the 10/3 races. Pricing for in person participants has not increased - \$30 (or \$35 for late registration) which will include a long-sleeve tech race shirt. Pricing for the virtual race is TBD. If virtual participants would like a shirt or other ACORNS/race swag there will be the option to buy it. Kid's Fun Run & Team Relays TBD. For more information visit our [website](#), visit us on [Facebook](#) or call 585-344-1122!





# Meet the ACORNS

(Association for the Conservation Of Recreational and Natural Spaces)

The ACORNS is the volunteer group formed to support the Genesee County Parks by assisting with environmental programs and park maintenance, offering recreational opportunities and promoting the parks.



## ACORNS Board of Directors:

Jerome Gentry, *President*  
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Julia Garver, *Interim Secretary*  
Ashley Waite, *Membership Specialist*  
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The Denson Family	Shannon Lyaski	Nick Zinni
Barb & Mike Easton	Bill & Connie Moon	Pam Zola
Tami Fuest		

**Remember to renew your membership for 2021!** Send renewals to ACORNS at PO Box 787 Stafford, NY 14143.

To renew or become a member, please visit the ACORNS website or contact Ashley Waite, ACORNS Membership Specialist at [acornsoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:acornsoutreach@gmail.com)

ACORNS meetings are held every 4th Tuesday evening of the month. Check ACORNS website for location.

## RSVP – Volunteering for 55 and Older

The Genesee County Park has been partnering with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) since 2002, where interested volunteers 55 and older have found meaningful volunteer activities close to nature and to their hearts. In Genesee County, over 325 older adults serve our community as RSVP members. Their volunteer experiences range from one-time events to weekly placements in one or more of our 20+ partner agencies. You can volunteer as little or as much as you desire at the Genesee County Park and with other agencies in our community who rely on volunteers to achieve their mission and goals. RSVP strives to connect volunteers with fruitful experiences based on individual interests and abilities, so that together we can improve the quality of life in our community.

For more information call the RSVP Volunteer Placement Program at 585-343-1611 or visit the RSVP of Genesee County website

## Scouting Opportunities

The Genesee County Parks offer badge and journey programs, guided hikes, educational programs and more for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4H. Many service project and volunteer opportunities are also available for scouts both the Genesee County Park & Forest and DeWitt Recreation Area. Volunteers help by hiking the trails and collecting litter, giving trail reports, monitoring nest boxes, maintaining the garden beds, making displays for the Interpretive Center, and more. Scouts may also complete projects to fulfill Bronze, Silver, Gold Award requirements or Eagle Scout requirements.

Call (585) 344-1122 for more information!

## Internships, Community Service & Volunteering

Meet New People, Help the Parks, Have FUN!!

Volunteers make park events and programs possible!!

- 🌍 Lead and assist recreation & outdoor education programs
- 🌍 Guide park visitors
  - 🌍 Help with park improvement projects
  - 🌍 Network with professionals
  - 🌍 Get experience
  - 🌍 Monitor park wildlife
- 🌍 Maintain exhibits at Interpretive Nature Center



# Park Events 2021

## Kayaking at DeWitt Recreation Area

Saturday June 19th, July 10th, July 24th

**Session 1:** 10:00 am–12:00 pm **Session 2:** 1:00 pm–3:00 pm  
Seize the day with a guided kayak tour of DeWitt Lake! Explore the lake by water and discover a new world. Meet at the boat launch at DeWitt Recreation Area. No experience needed, lesson provided! Kayak rentals with life vests are provided. Kayaks must be piloted by age 12 and up. Guided tour fee is \$15/person w/o rental, \$25/person w/ rental, \$10 for children 12 and under.

## Free Fishing Day & the Kendra Haacke Memorial Fishing Derby

at DeWitt Recreation Area

Saturday June 26th 10:00 am–1:00 pm

In partnership with the Oakfield-Alabama Lions Club, join the Genesee County Parks and try out fishing! Perfect for beginners! Program meets at Pavilion 2. Friendly guides will be on hand to assist you. No fishing license required. This is part of NYSDEC's Free Fishing Weekend! Fishing gear provided or bring your own. Kids up to age 16 can join the fun and get the chance to win a prize. This program is FREE!!

## Nocturnal Fliers: Insects That Go Bump in the Night

Saturday July 10th 9:30 pm–11:30 pm

It's a different world when the sun goes down! Dr. Wayne Gall will attract night-flying insects to a white sheet with a mercury vapor light. See these mysterious insects up close to identify them and learn cool facts about their natural history! \$5/person, \$10/family.

## Environmental Science Camp

Monday-Friday July 12th–16th

9:00 am–4:00 pm daily

Students entering 7th–10th grade explore different topics of Environmental Science with outdoor activities guided by professionals. This week-long adventure includes wildlife surveys, field and stream studies, outdoor recreation, a field trip, and more! Camp materials, t-shirt, lunch and snacks provided.

## Paintings by Ruby the Turtle

Saturday July 17th 11:00 am–12:00 pm,

1:00 pm–2:00 pm, 2:30–3:30 pm

Come meet Ruby the Red-eared Slider. Learn all about her aquatic turtle lifestyle and then watch her create a painting for you to take home! 1 painting per person. \$5/painting.

## Music in the Park

Saturday August 7th 6:30–8:30 pm

Enjoy a summer night with a free concert featuring the Batavia Swing Band/Combo! Meet us at Pavilion D, bring a lawn chair and your favorite people! First come, first served seating at picnic tables. Limit 200 participants. This concert is **FREE!** Made possible by generous funding by the Association for the Conservation of Recreational and Natural Spaces (ACORNS).

## Honeybees

Saturday August 14th 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Discover the fascinating world of honeybees and see a live beehive in action! Beekeepers explain the lifecycle and different jobs of bees while sharing cool facts and their experiences in caring for these amazing creatures.  
\$5/person, \$10/family.

## Grandparent's Day

Saturday September 11th 10:30 am–12:30 pm

Catching bugs in a meadow, playing outside, and walking in the woods – it's all part of Grandparent's Day at the Genesee County Park & Forest! Kids bring their grandparents to enjoy recycled crafts, scavenger hunts, catching critters in the pond, geocaching and more. Choose from the many different activities after you arrive. Activity options include accessible indoor and outdoor activities and a card making station. \$5/child, \$5/parent, Grandparents FREE!

## Watching Monarchs

Saturday September 11th 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Capture the last few days of summer with a visit to a butterfly meadow and a journey into their world! See how butterflies are tagged and released as part of a nation-wide Monarch Butterfly conservation project. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Kids explore the meadow with nets and bug catchers. \$5/person, \$10/family.

## Orienteering by the Rochester Orienteering Club

Saturday September 25th 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Learn how to find your way without batteries or a cell phone signal - by using a map and compass! All materials provided, no experience needed! Orienteering is a family-friendly sport for all ages and ability levels. Perfect for those who love the outdoors! This program is FREE!!

## Run for the ACORNS!!

Sunday October 3th 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Grab a friend and enjoy some great exercise and fun at Run for the ACORNS 5k/10k trail run and walk!! Surround yourself in the beauty of the forest on trails over hills and along Black Creek. All proceeds benefit the ACORNS, the non-profit organization that supports the Genesee County parks. For more information visit our website <https://runfortheacorns.shutterfly.com/> or call 585-344-1122!

## Full Moon Owl Prowl

Saturday October 23rd 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm

Explore the secret world of owls on a full moon night. Listen for nocturnal wildlife, hear full moon folklore and visit owl habitats. Anything can happen on an Owl Prowl! \$5/person, \$10/family.

## Create-a-Critter

Saturday December 4th

**1st Session:** 10:30 am–12:30 pm **2nd Session:** 1:30 pm–3:30 pm  
Enjoy your creative side using craft materials gathered from nature to make creative decorations and gifts! When your creation is complete, make edible treats for wildlife! \$5/person, \$10/family

Masks must be worn on entry to the Interpretive Nature Center and whenever unable to maintain 6 feet of social distance for those who are not fully vaccinated.

**Programs take place at the Genesee County Park & Forest Interpretive Nature Center, 11095 Bethany Center Rd, East Bethany, NY 14054 unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required for all programs. To register call (585) 344-1122. For more information visit our website at <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/>, or contact the Conservation Education Program Coordinator at [Shannon.Lyaski@co.genesee.ny.us](mailto:Shannon.Lyaski@co.genesee.ny.us) or (585) 344-1122.**



# Upcoming Programs 2021

At the Genesee County Parks

## KAYAKING

at DeWitt  
Recreation  
Area

Session 1: 10am-12pm  
Session 2: 1pm-3pm

Saturdays: June 19<sup>th</sup>  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, & July 24<sup>th</sup>

\$15/person without rental  
\$25/person with rental  
\$10 for children under 10



Seize the day with a guided kayak tour of DeWitt Lake!  
Explore the lake by water and discover a new world.

**Meet at the boat launch at DeWitt  
Recreation Area.** No experience needed!

Rent a kayak or bring your own.  
Kayak rentals with life vests are provided.  
Kayaks must be paddled by age 12 and up.

**Space is limited, pre-registration required  
call 585-344-1122**



## FREE FISHING DAY AND THE KENDRA HAACKE MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY AT DEWITT RECREATION AREA

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

This program is  
**FREE!**

In partnership with the Oakfield-Alabama Lions Club  
Friendly fishing guides on hand to assist.  
Perfect for beginners!

Fishing poles and bait provided or bring your own.  
No fishing license is required! Kids up to age 16 can join the  
fun and have a chance to win a prize by entering the  
Kendra Haacke Memorial Fishing Derby.  
Meet at Pavilion 2.

**Please pre-register by calling 585-344-  
1122! Walk-ins also welcome!**

## NOCTURNAL FLIERS: INSECTS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Saturday July 10,  
2021

9:30 pm—11:30 pm  
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## Paintings by Ruby the Turtle

Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>

Session 1: 11am—12pm  
Session 2: 2:30pm—3:30pm

**Meet Ruby the Red-eared Slider up  
close!**

Learn cool facts about her aquatic turtle  
lifestyle. Watch her walk across a canvas and  
create a painting for you to take home!



**\$5/painting,  
1 painting  
per person**

Meet at the  
Interpretive Nature  
Center.

**All programs take place at the Interpretive Nature Center unless otherwise  
noted. Pre-registration is required—Call 585-344-1122 to reserve your spot!**



# Environmental Science Camp

**July 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9am to 4pm daily**

At the Genesee County Park & Forest

**This week-long adventure includes wildlife surveys, forest and stream studies, outdoor recreation, and more!**

***Download the registration form at:***

***[www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/eventsprograms.php](http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/eventsprograms.php)***

**For students entering 7<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Registration Deadline is June 28<sup>th</sup>

***\$95/camper, All materials  
and a camp t-shirt provided***



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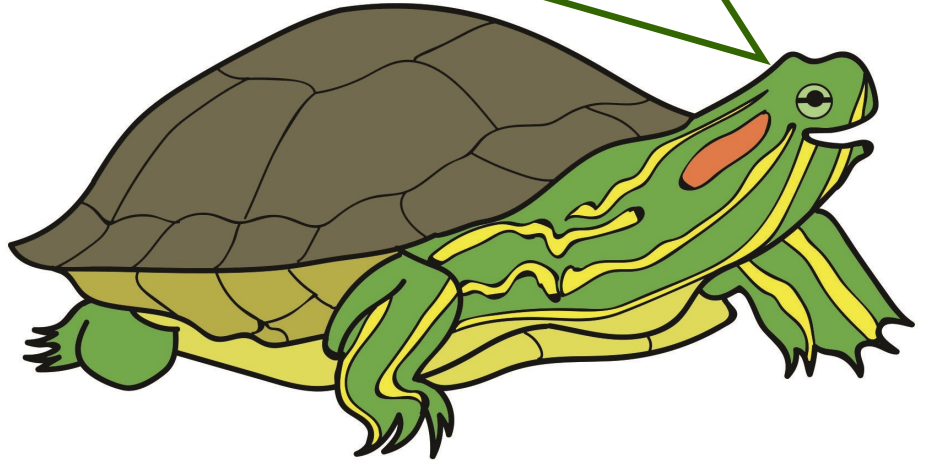
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**Free Fishing Day and  
Kendra Haacke Memorial  
Fishing Derby at Dewitt  
Recreation Area  
Saturday June 26th  
10:00am-1:00pm  
Pre-Registration Required!  
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