

## 2024 Events Schedule Guided Hikes, Sunday Series, Star Parties & Other Educational Events

| <u>Month</u>                      | <u>Time</u>       | Name of Event                | <u>Leaders/Speakers</u>   | <u>Description</u>   |
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| Sat. January<br>20 <sup>th</sup>  | 2-4pm             | Winter Trekking              |   | Guided Hike – A winter park experience   |
| Sat. January<br>20 <sup>th</sup>  | 10-<br>11:30am    | 4H Junior Naturalist         | Maria Bailey  | <u>Discovery Classroom</u> – Nature Based Topics with both indoor and outdoor activities – appropriate for students in 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grades – dress for weather |
| Sun. January<br>28 <sup>th</sup>  | 2-4pm             | Nurture to Nature            | Kristin Allen – Founder   | Sunday Series - A wild life rescue program that rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife – live animals will be present – Event Barn A  |
| Sun. February<br>11 <sup>th</sup> | 2-4pm             | Bee Orientation<br>Program   | Kevin Moser   | Sunday Series - Introduction to Bees and Beekeeping – Event Barn A   |
| Sat. February<br>17 <sup>th</sup> | 8-10am            | Great Backyard Bird<br>Count | Erika Wood – UK<br>Cooperative Extension<br>Office Horticulture Agent | Guided Hike - Watch, Learn, Count and Celebrate all Birds species  |
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| Sun. February<br>18 <sup>th</sup> | 2-4pm             | Raptor Look A Likes          | Nikki Rothwell  | Sunday Series – A presentation and discussion of identifying Raptors   |
| Sat. March 2nd                    | 8:30am-<br>2:30pm | Beekeeping School            | Audubon Beekeepers<br>Association Henderson KY                        | Beekeeping School - Henderson County Co-op<br>Extension Center, 3341 Zion Road, Henderson, KY –<br>Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Classes  |

| Sun, March<br>10 <sup>th</sup>                                     | 2-4pm          | Mahr Park<br>Arboretum Open<br>House |  | Mahr Historical Home   |
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| Sat. March 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 7-9pm          | Star Party                           | Ross Workman   | Star Party – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B   |
| Sat. March 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 10-<br>11:30am | 4H Junior Naturalist                 | Maria Bailey   | <u>Discovery Classroom</u> – Nature Based Topics with both indoor and outdoor activities – appropriate for students in 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grades – dress for weather |
| Sun. March<br>24 <sup>th</sup>                                     | 2-4pm          | Amphibians of<br>Kentucky            | Jacob Crider – Creasy<br>Mahan Nature Preserve               | Sunday Series – A presentation of conservation, area amphibians as an environmental indictor species, wetlands and ecosystems – Event Barn A   |
| Sat. April 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 7-9pm          | Star Party                           | Ross Workman   | Star Party – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B   |
| Sun. April 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 2-4pm          | Iron Weed Nursery                    | Alicia Bosela  | Sunday Series – Educational presentation on native plants, with plants also being sold along with orders being taken – Event Barn A  |
| Sat. April 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 10-<br>11:30am | 4H Junior Naturalist                 | Maria Bailey   | Discovery Classroom – Nature Based Topics with both indoor and outdoor activities – appropriate for students in 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grades – dress for weather        |
| Sat. April 20 <sup>th</sup><br>thru Sat. April<br>27 <sup>th</sup> | All Day        | Spring Photography<br>Contest        |  | Photography at the Arboretum   |
| Sat. April 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am-<br>12pm  | Trees of the<br>Arboretum            | Matt Strong – <u>Kentucky</u><br><u>Division of Forestry</u> | Guided Hike – discuss the arboretum's status of being a level 2 arboretum and reforestation program – Arbor Day April 26 <sup>Th</sup>   |
| Sun. May 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 2-4pm          | Photography Contest<br>Awards        |  | Photography Contest - Awards Presentation at Event<br>Barn A   |

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| Sat. May 18 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 8-10pm         | Star Party  | Ross Workman                     | Star Party – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B  |
| Sat. May 31st   | 6-10 p.m.      | City Movie Night                                    | City of Madisonville             | Outdoor Movie at Barn B   |
| Sun. June 2nd   | 2-4 p.m.       | Eastern Bluebirds                                   | Bob and Judy Peak                | Sunday Seminar: Event Barn A – Enjoy a beginner presentation on Eastern Bluebirds with Eastern Bluebird experts Bob and Judy Peak.  |
| Fri. June 14 <sup>th</sup> and Sat. June 15 <sup>th</sup> | All Day        | Disc Golf Tournament<br>at the Arboretum            | KY State Disc Golf<br>Tournament | HB Clark 18 Hole Championship Course  |
| Sat. June 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                | 8-10pm         | Summer Solstice<br>Night Hike                       |                                  | Guided Hike – Experiencing and Exploring the 40-acre Forest at Night  Summer Solstice 2024 Wednesday June 20th  |
| Sat. July 20 <sup>th</sup>                                | 10am-<br>12pm  | Art at the Arboretum                                | Maureen Berry                    | Art at the Arboretum – Watercolor Workshop in the Mahr Historic Home. Learn how to paint watercolor flowers. Materials provided. Pre-registration required (\$75 fee).                            |
| Sat. July 27 <sup>th</sup>                                | 10am-<br>12pm  | Pollinators – Bats,<br>Bees, Birds &<br>Butterflies |                                  | Guided Hike - Learn the importance of pollinators and their habitat with a visit to the 7-acre Pollinator Area  |
| Sun. July 28 <sup>th</sup>                                | 2-4pm          | The Buzz on Bees                                    | Larry Stone                      | Sunday Series – Join Larry Stone, President of the Audubon Bee Keepers Association and avid bee keeper, to discuss the importance of honey bees with an informative and interactive presentation. |
| Sat. August 10 <sup>th</sup>                              | 8-10pm         | Star Party  | Ross Workman                     | Star Party – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B  |
| Sun. August   | 2-4pm          | Gardening for                                       | Shannon Trimboli                 | Sunday Series – Event Barn A  |

| 18 <sup>th</sup>  |                                       | Pollinators and<br>Wildlife: Fall<br>Activities | Backyard Ecology     | Learn about important activities for this time of year if your goal is to attract pollinators and wildlife with your gardens.                   |
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| Sat. September 7 <sup>th</sup>                              | 6-8pm                                 | Star Party                                      | Ross Workman         | <b>Star Party</b> – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B   |
| Fri, September<br>27 <sup>th</sup> & Sat.<br>September 28th | Fri.<br>5-9pm<br>Sat.<br>10am-<br>6pm | Harvest Fest at the<br>Arboretum                | City of Madisonville | Harvest Fest - Friday Morning - Hopkins County Third<br>Grade Field Trip<br>Friday Night - Live Music, and Food<br>Saturday - A Full Day of Fun |
| Sat. October<br>19th  | 10am-<br>12pm                         | Fall Scavenger Hunt                             |                      | Guide Hike - Hiking in search of natural treasures with Art Project afterward.  |
| Sat. October 19 <sup>th</sup>                               | 6-8pm                                 | Star Party                                      | Ross Workman         | Star Party – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B  |
| Sat. Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 2-4pm                                 | Fall Shoreline Water<br>Hike                    |                      | Guided Hike - Seeing the Park's shoreline by a guided kayaking or canoeing experience on Lake Pee Wee   |
| Sat. November 9th   | 6-8pm                                 | Star Party                                      | Ross Workman         | Arrange Water Habitat Speaker  Star Party – Enjoy a night sky presentation with telescopes available for viewing – Event Barn B                 |
| Sat. December 21st  | 12-2pm                                | Winter Solstice Hike                            |                      | Guided Hike – Hiking and Exploring in the 40-acre forest  Winter Solstice 2024 December 21st  |