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# 5 RIVERS TRIBUTARY

Summer 2005

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## Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

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### *Nature in Light, Shadow, and Form: A Class in Nature Drawing*

This August, Five Rivers will offer an exploration of nature and drawing, open to anyone with an interest in the outdoors and a desire to try some basic drawing skills. Individuals with little or no drawing skills are encouraged to give it a try! We will be experimenting with a variety of sketching techniques and equipment, including different types of drawing pencils and erasers you may not have seen before. Five Rivers is rich in subjects for drawing, including landscapes, still lifes, and wildlife.

The three evening classes will feature a nature walk. On these warm summer evening strolls, we will discuss some interesting facts about plants and animals. Walks will be followed by a visual exploration and drawing of that evening's subject. During this class we will practice the art of not only looking, but truly seeing the beauty of nature's design.

This class will be a no-pressure environment where people with little or no artistic background will feel comfortable attempting the wonderful hobby of drawing. Suggestions about line drawing and shading

will be offered, which will enable the participants to depart with the tools and enthusiasm to continue the fulfilling endeavor of drawing.

I hope that the study of nature in light, shadow, and form will give participants the same joy the beauty of nature's design has had for me. Please join me for one or all of the evening classes on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. See inside for details; please call to pre-register.

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# Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

## Summer Program Schedule 2005

*Programs are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Dress for the weather! We regret that we cannot accommodate organized youth groups at these programs; call to make special arrangements.*

***We welcome those who have any type of physical challenge to all of our programs. If you call ahead to let us know your needs, we will be happy to learn how we can best serve you.***

*For further information or for pre-registration, call Five Rivers at 518-475-0291. In the event of severe weather, programs may be canceled. Please call the center to confirm.*

Saturday, July 2      *Family Fun:* 8th ANNUAL BUTTERFLY COUNT      2:00 PM  
Join us for a close-up look at common butterflies of the Capital District as we continue our annual catch-and-release census. Call to pre-register by June 29.

Tuesday, July 5      *Watchable Wildlife:* HERONS AND THEIR KIN      7:00 PM  
Join us on a search of Five Rivers' ponds for herons and their kin as we commemorate the date of the great naturalist Alexander Wilson's birth 239 years ago.

Wednesday, July 6      NORTH LOOP WALK      9:00 AM  
The North Loop is our longest trail and one with many delights. The only black oaks and chestnut oaks on the property are on this trail. Plan for a two-mile hike in a very special place.

Tuesday, July 12      TURTLES IN THE POND      7:00 PM  
Meet some live turtles and then join us for a walk around a Five Rivers pond as we look for painted and snapping turtles. Bring binoculars if you have them; we have some to loan.

Friday, July 15      FROGWATCH      7:00 PM  
We'll listen for the deep-throated "jug-o-rum!" of the bullfrog, and search for other wildlife of the dusk, from crickets to bats to beaver.

Tuesday, July 19      BATS IN FLIGHT      7:00 PM  
Join DEC biologist Carl Herzog for a slide show and a walk to look for bats emerging from the "bat barn." Watch the bats twist and turn in mid-air as they begin their evening mosquito hunts.

Thursday, July 21      DRAGONFLIES      2:00 PM  
On this walk, we will show you how to identify the dragonfly varieties that inhabit the center and perhaps engage you in our ongoing dragonfly census. Come expecting to be out in the heat.

Saturday, July 23      *Creature Feature:* BEAVER      2:00 PM  
In summer, there's no such thing as an eager beaver. There are no seasonal floods to require dam repair, the kits are being weaned, and there's plenty of new growth to enjoy. Join us on an outdoor foray to monitor summer "activity" of beaver and other pond inhabitants.

Tuesday, July 26      FLOWERS OF LAWN AND MEADOW      7:00 PM  
Summer is the time for colorful flowers! On this walk we'll identify some common wildflowers and discuss their natural history, as well as their ancient myths and folklore.



## **FALL FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, September 17, 12 to 4 PM**

Come and join us for our annual Fall Festival! It's a multitude of activities and hands-on crafts, fun and nature explorations. Walk the trails and enjoy migrating birds, fall wildflowers and brilliant foliage. Again this year, we welcome the Association of State Wetlands Managers, who will present a variety of wetlands-oriented exhibits.

Environmental exhibits and hands-on activities make the festival fun for the whole family!

**Nature Crafts**

**Music**

**Live Birds of Prey**

**Silent Auction**

**Insect Safari**

**Live Reptiles and Amphibians**

**Popcorn and Cider**

Admission and parking are free!

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