



Summer 2003

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

FAMILY CAMP OUTS

If you've never been camping, Five Rivers is the place to start. Twice this summer we will have overnight camping. There will be two orientation dates, July 13 and August 3, when we'll demonstrate how to use camping gear. We'll also have food lists and recipes available. **Camping dates are July 18-19 and August 15-16.**

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Two special workshops will be offered for people who wish to hone their observation skills. Wildlife artist H. Wayne Trimm and naturalist Bruce Coles will join with staff naturalists to share their unique skills with our visitors.

Sketching Wildflowers

It is Wayne Trimm's magnificent mural you see in our exhibit room. During a two-hour workshop on **July 12 at 10 AM**, participants will learn the basics of sketching flowers in a natural setting. Each participant will receive a flower guide sketch book. Call to register.

This will be followed by a series of workshops on flower observation, where the emphasis will be on capturing the flowers through art. The natural history of the plant will be shared and the participants will have ample time to sketch.

Find a Place in Nature

Naturalist Bruce Coles spends hours observing and learning from the natural world. He has developed a variety of skills and techniques that enable him to see, interpret and appreciate animal tracks and signs. At an introductory session on **Saturday, July 12, 2:00 PM**, Dr. Coles will present the basic skills needed for participants to explore their own "personal place" at Five Rivers through quiet observation, questioning, mapping and journaling. Dr. Coles and participants will gather four times this summer, on dates set by the group, to share, discuss and learn additional field techniques. Call to register.

E-TRIBUTARY

The Division of Budget has directed all state agencies to curtail printing and mailing newsletters unless required by law. They have asked that such publications be made available exclusively on the agencies' website. Starting with the Summer 2003 issue, all future newsletters will be posted on the DEC website. Please send us your e-mail address to 5rivers@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Each season, we will send you an e-mail with a link to the newsletter on the DEC website. For those who do not have access to an internet server, we will try to make arrangements for you to receive this information by other means. Thank you for your cooperation.

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center Summer Program Schedule 2003

Programs are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Participants should dress for the weather! We regret that we cannot accommodate organized youth groups at these programs. Please call to make special arrangements for a group.

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.

Wednesday July 2,9,16,23 & 30 WEDNESDAYS AT TIVOLI 10am

Nestled in the heart of Albany, Tivoli Preserve is an outdoor jewel which has gone through several cycles of use and disuse. Albany's W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center is refurbishing the trails in cooperation with the City of Albany and DEC. Join us any Wednesday in July for a walking tour of the Preserve as we interpret the fascinating history and rich biota of New York State's first Urban Wildlife Preserve. **Meet at the Preserve entrance on Manning Blvd.**

Saturday, July 5 FIELD BOTANY 10am

An introduction to field guides and identification procedures for trees, ferns, wetland plants, and other plants of different habitats, with a walk outdoors to practice identification skills.

Tuesday, July 8 6th ANNUAL BUTTERFLY COUNT 2pm

Join us for a close up look at common butterflies of the Capital District as we continue our annual catch-and-release census. Nets or binoculars are welcome. Pre-register by July 5.

Tuesday, July 8 INSECT SAFARI

An exciting venture into the meadow to capture insects, observe them up close, and identify them where possible. After careful observation, we'll release them unharmed.

FAMILY SHARING NATURE SERIES

Each program is designed so that parent and child can work together in the out-of-doors. Registration is limited. Call to register.

Materials fee per program - \$5/family FOFR members: \$7/family non-members

Thursday, July 10	THE GARDEN	10:00am
Saturday, July 19	THE STREAM	2:00pm
Saturday, August 2	THE FOREST	10:00am
Tuesday, August 19	INSECTS	7:00pm

Thursday, July 10 *Family Sharing: THE GARDEN* 10:00a
m

Adults and children enjoy nature together. Fee \$5/family members; \$7/family non-members.

Saturday July 12 CAPTURING WILDFLOWERS THROUGH SKETCHING 10am

Internationally known artist Wayne Trimm will teach sketching flowers in a natural setting. Each participant will receive a sketch book. Pre-register; \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

Saturday, July 12 PROJECT WET WORKSHOP 10am- 3pm

"Project WET" (Water Education for Teachers) participants will receive a manual of activities about water science. Pre-register by July 9. Teacher in-service credit available.

Saturday, July 12 A PLACE IN NATURE 2:00pm

Bruce Coles will prepare participants to choose their "personal place," and share observation skills. Call to register; \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

Sunday July 13 GETTING READY FOR CAMP OUT I. 2:00-4:00 Stop in any
time.

The naturalist will be available to talk about camping needs and help you prepare for your coming adventure at Five Rivers: suggestions, tips, and time tables will be available.

Tuesday, July 15 FIELD BOTANY 7pm

A beginner's introduction to common trees and other plants of forest, field, and wetland.

Wednesday, July 16 SKETCHING WILDFLOWERS 7pm

Staff naturalists will lead these walks. The emphasis will be on capturing the flowers through art. The natural history of the plant will be shared and participants will have time to draw.

Friday July 18 through Saturday July 19 FIVE RIVERS CAMP OUT I set-up after
4:30

Over-night camping for novice campers. Pre-register by July 12. \$15.00/family.

Saturday, July 19 *Family Sharing: THE STREAM* 2pm

Adults and children enjoy nature together. Fee \$5/family members; \$7/family non-members.

Tuesday, July 22 *Creature Feature: BEAVER* 7pm

In summer, the kits are being weaned, and there's plenty of new growth to enjoy. Join us on an outdoor foray to monitor beaver and other pond inhabitants.

Saturday, July 26 WATER LOVERS 2pm

Birds, mammals and plants all thrive in the shady Vlomankill valley. Come ready to wade.

Monday, July 28 SKETCHING WILDFLOWERS 10am

Repeat of July 16

Saturday, August 2 *Family Sharing:* **THE FOREST** **10am**
Adults and children enjoy nature together. Fee \$5/family members; \$7/family non-members.

Saturday, August 2 **DRAGONFLIES** **2pm**
After an indoor look at field guides, we'll walk around the wetlands where these beautiful insects may be found. Bring binoculars or borrow ours.

Sunday August 3 **GETTING READY FOR CAMP OUT II.** **2:00-4:00** Stop in any time.
Repeat of July 13.

Tuesday, August 5 **BATS** **7:30pm**
Join NYSDEC Wildlife Biologist Alan Hicks to watch the bats emerge from the "bat barn."

Saturday, August 9 **SMOKEY BEAR'S BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA** **10am**
You'll extinguish flames with an Indian pump, get to see how antique and modern Forest Ranger trucks work, and learn fire prevention skills from a real DEC Forest Ranger. Plus, have some birthday refreshments and get to meet a "special guest". Bring a Polaroid.

Monday, August 11 **SKETCHING WILDFLOWERS** **10am**
Repeat of July 16

Tuesday, August 12 **REPTILES** **7pm**
An indoor talk on reptiles, with live animals to view, and a walk to look at their habitats.

Thursday, August 14 **SKETCHING WILDFLOWERS** **7pm**
Repeat of July 16.

Friday August 15 through Saturday August 16 **FIVE RIVERS CAMP OUT II**
Repeat of July 18-19 You must pre-register by August 9 \$10/family, \$15 nonmembers.

Tuesday, August 19 *Family Sharing:* **INSECTS** **7pm**
Adults and children enjoy nature together. Fee \$5/family members; \$7/family non-members.

Tuesday August 26 **FAREWELL-SUMMER** **7pm**
After the asters, it's fall! Join us for a last look at the flowers of summer.

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