

# Nature Programs

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION • SEPTEMBER 2017 NATURE PROGRAMS

## **Glow Wild**

**September 3 @ 3-10pm**

**Jester Park, Camp Area 6**

Bring the whole family to an afternoon of food, fun, environmental education programming, drinks, and live music - all illuminated by an evening bonfire. Glow Wild will feature more food trucks, extended hours, more activities, a larger venue and more fun! Live music featuring: Parranderos Latin Combo during the day and Swing Crew in the evening. Pre-registration encouraged at [www.midwestix.com](http://www.midwestix.com).

## **Pelicans in the Sky**

**September 5 @ 6:30-7:30pm**

**Jester Park Lodge**

The American white pelicans are here! Learn about these amazing birds and their migration patterns in Iowa.

## **Wild Night Life & Hike**

**September 8 @ 7:30-9:30pm**

**Jester Park, Camp Area 5**

Join us for a campfire program about the wild night life in Jester Park. A short hike will follow as we search for some of these nocturnal animals. Pre-registration required; deadline is September 6. Fee: \$5.

## **Monarch Tagging**

**September 9 @ 1-2pm**

**Chichaqua Longhouse**

Learn why monarch butterflies are "tagged" and then we'll use nets to catch and tag a few.

## **Monarch Festival**

**September 17 @ 12-4pm**

**Blank Park Zoo**

Celebrate the miraculous migration of the monarch butterfly! Crafts and activities will focus on how each of us can help save this iconic insect. Highlight of the event will be the Bug Parade - where kids dress up.

## **Stargazing on the Equinox**

**September 22 @ 7:30-9pm**

**Yellow Banks Park, Shelter #1**

Turn your eyes to the sky to view the autumn constellations on the autumnal equinox! Local astronomers will provide telescopes for viewing.

## **Iowa Outdoor Expo**

**September 23 @ 9am-6pm and**

**September 24 @ 10am-4pm**

**Des Moines Izaak Walton League**

Try your skills at canoeing, kayaking, archery, fishing, trap shooting, shooting BB guns, geocaching and more!

## **Mentored Youth Waterfowl Hunt**

**September 23 @ 5-11am**

**Chichaqua Longhouse**

Would your child like to experience the thrill of waterfowl hunting? This mentored hunt in a controlled waterfowl hunting area can provide this opportunity. Youth will be placed in groups of two and teamed with an experienced waterfowl hunter and conservation officer to serve as mentors. Pre-registration is required; deadline is September 15. Fee: \$10.

To register for a program, visit [www.leadingyououtdoors.org](http://www.leadingyououtdoors.org) and click on the calendar tab.

Polk County Conservation manages 20 parks, wildlife areas, and recreation trails throughout the county. As well as performing park maintenance, we also provide free or low cost educational programs. These programs are designed for families with children of all ages. We additionally offer recreational trips and outdoor skill training for adults. For more information about our programs, parks, or a map to the locations of these programs contact the

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