

Schmeeckle Reserve

Family Nature Programs



Join UW-Stevens Point student naturalists for free programs that explore the outdoors. All ages invited! Programs are outdoors, so dress for the weather. **Registration required.** Please e-mail schmeeckle@uwsp.edu to register.

October 2021

Gone But Not Forgotten

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5-6 p.m.

Adventure back to a time when wolves, bison, wolverines, and lynx roamed Wisconsin's woods and prairies. Where did they go and why did they leave? Will they ever return, and how would that change natural areas like Schmeeckle if they did?



Tiny Creatures, Big Impact

Thursday, Oct. 7, 5-6 p.m.

The tiniest creatures can have a gigantic impact! While often overlooked, aquatic invertebrates play a crucial role in Schmeeckle's Lake Joanis. Get your hands wet by netting some insects and taking a closer look at dragonflies, mayflies, and beetles. ***Meet at the South Shore Beach on Lake Joanis.**



Workaholic Woodpeckers

Saturday, Oct. 9, 1-2 p.m.

From pecking holes in trees to finding food to raising families, woodpeckers are busy, busy, busy! These hardworking birds are always on the job as they change the forest around them. Take a walk in Schmeeckle to discover one of nature's most talented engineers.



The Mystical Moon

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

By the light of the moon, ponder age-old tales about earth's only natural satellite. Explore how the moon features in stories and music and plays a role in history and science. Discover how nighttime light affects wildlife in Schmeeckle Reserve. ***Meet at the Menzel Pavilion.**



If Looks Could Quill

Thursday, Oct. 14, 5-6 p.m.

Porcupines, the spiky relatives of mice, rats, and beavers, may look a bit scary. But there's more to porcupines than their sharp quills. Join this walk to 'quill' any myths about these intelligent creatures.



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Fall Frenzy

Sunday, Oct. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

As the temperatures cool, wildlife heat up. Like us, Schmeeckle's animals are busily preparing for the upcoming winter. Reptiles and amphibians may be the busiest of all this time of year. Join a live-animal program to discover how bullfrogs, painted turtles, and snakes adapt to the changing seasons. ***Meet in the Menzel Pavilion.**



Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Thursday, Oct. 21, 5-6 p.m.

Like an extreme game of hide-and-seek, wildlife are often hard to spot in Schmeeckle. Put on your detective hats and search for clues that critters leave behind and discover what those signs mean.



Creatures of the Night

Saturday, Oct. 23, 5-6 p.m.

Nocturnal wildlife have the freaky ability to see and hear well at night, making them common characters in Halloween folklore. Discover how these creatures easily navigate the dark. ***Meet at the Parkway Shelter just north of Maria Drive. Free parking is available in Lot J on weekends.**



Falling for Fungi

Thursday, Nov. 4, 5-6 p.m.

From magical mushrooms in fairytales to those we pair with our steak, the world of fungi is unlimited. Join a walk through Schmeeckle on our quest to fall in love with extraordinary fungi.



Near and Deer to My Heart

Saturday, Nov. 6, 4-5 p.m.

The rut is on! The bucks of Schmeeckle catch our attention with their towering antlers and mad rush for mates. Explore the behavior of Schmeeckle's deer bachelors and see why these animals command our attention.



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