
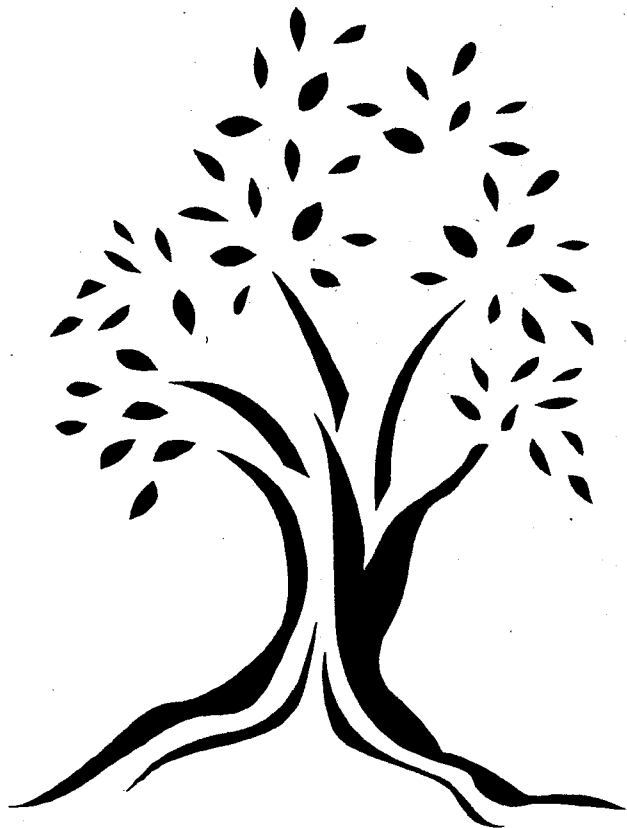


What can the Nature Center Staff offer local youth organizations?

Volunteer stewardship activities including...

- Seed collecting, cleaning and planting
- Planting of transplants
- Pulling weeds
- Adopt-a-Garden



Activities that will assist you in earning scout badges or completing 4-H projects include...

- General Nature Hikes (learn about local habitats, plants and animals of the preserve, how to ID poison ivy, etc.)
 - Animals of Northwest Ohio (learn about animals - past and present, examine furs, skulls and scat, and make-and-take track identification activities such as track stamps and track molds)
 - The Natural History of Northwest Ohio... Native Americans and Pioneers, Geology, Habitat Diversity (Black Swamp, Prairies and Savannas), Ecology, and the Benefits of Prescribed Fire
 - Tree, Plant and Seed Identification (study preserved specimens then go out to the field to create leaf rubbings or start a collection of your own)
 - Local and Migrating Birds (spring is best...learn how to use binoculars, ID birds by their songs, see examples of nests, bird feeding activities)
 - Insects (summer is best...study preserved specimens then out to the field to collect, ID and release critters)
 - Focus on Wetlands (spring only...catch, ID and release macro-invertebrates and tadpoles, perform chemical analysis to examine water quality)
 - Recycled Paper Making (materials supplied)
 - Night Hikes (stars, planets and nocturnal animals)
 - Fire Building and Camping Meals
 - Games...Predator/Prey games, team building
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