

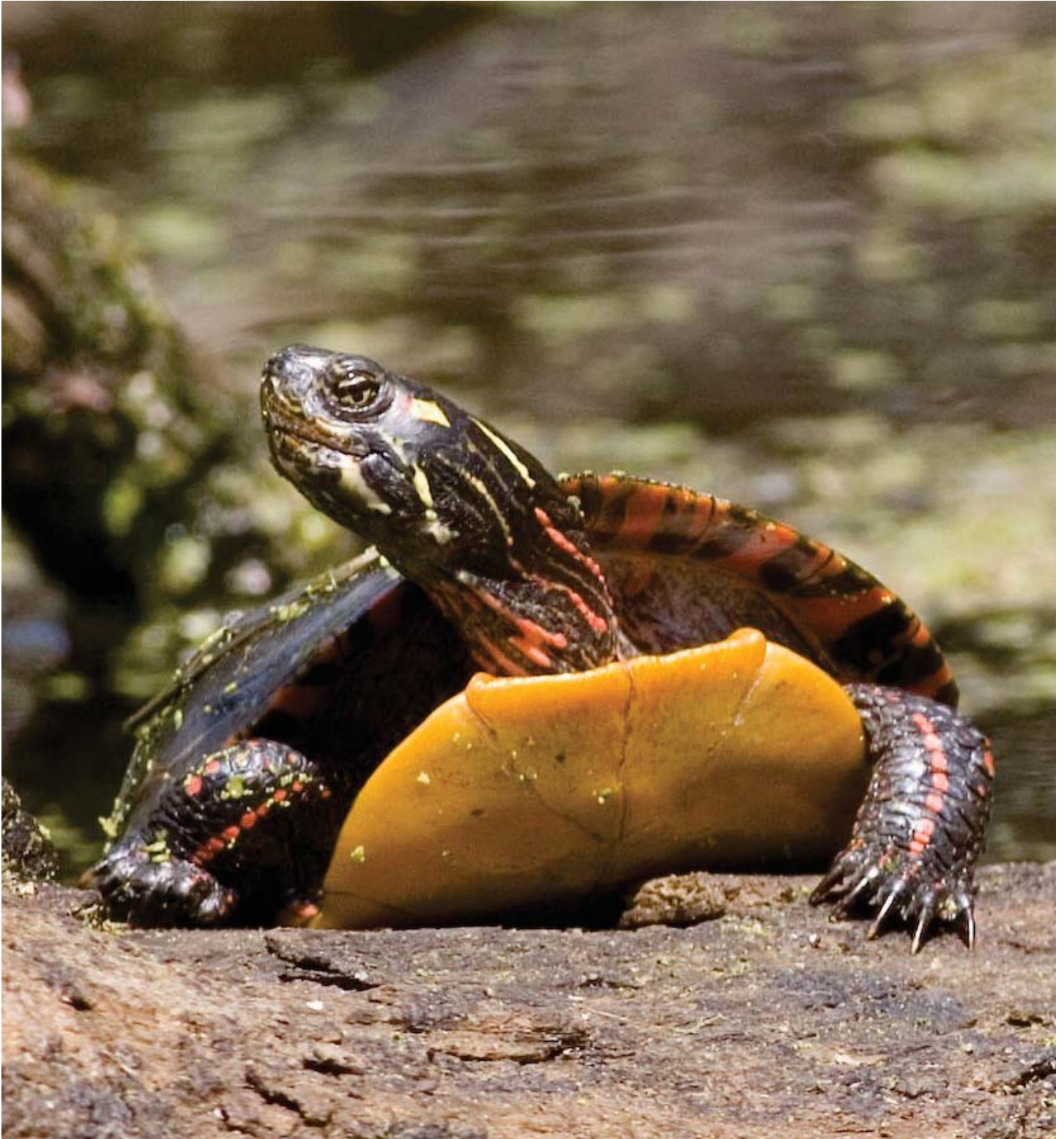


Audubon Community Nature Center

The connection begins with you.

July – August, 2019
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The bi-monthly newsletter of ACNC,
featuring upcoming programs and events.



Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways.



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10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sunday

Trails are open from dawn to dusk.

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Executive Director’s Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the beauty and excitement of summer as much as we are here at ACNC. The Nature Center is bustling with activity as our Day Campers explore the wonders of the outdoors through guided and free play with our trained Nature Educators.

Here at ACNC it’s considered a “high five day” if campers got a little muddy, a little bloody, peed or pooped on by something, are stinky sweaty, and bitten by something. Most importantly, it’s a high five day because they’ve all had fun! These are the things we remember from our childhood, moments that provide real and healthy connections to nature.

We hope you can join us for the upcoming Wild 5K (July 27) and Monarch Butterfly (August 30 and 31) events! Thank you to the many business sponsors who help make both events possible.

The Wild 5K marks my one year anniversary with ACNC, and I can hardly believe that an entire year has passed since my arrival. Thank you again to everyone who has welcomed me so graciously into the ACNC community, and to the greater community beyond ACNC. We are all so very fortunate to call this place home.

I hope you enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the Nature Center.

Leigh J. Rovegno



Ribbon-cutting of the renovated Turtle Bridge in 2009.

This Time in Audubon's History

Share in this reflection on the past.

The following excerpts are from previous July – August newsletters:

1959

“William Mealy led the bird walk for the Chautauqua Bird and Tree Garden Club. We are very glad to cooperate with the Chautauqua folk...”

1969

“I am a new member to your organization, although not new to its commendable ideals and objectives. When asked by your president to assume the post of newsletter editor, I gladly accepted.”
— Chip and Chuck Neel

1979

“The record attendance of 1300 at this year's Allegany Nature Pilgrimage marks a great accomplishment in organization by the four participating groups. The task of handling the big job of registration will be undertaken next year by JAS' own Ro Woodard and Robert Ungerer.”

1989

“Since the (nature center) was erected in 1976, no one dreamed that within 10 years it would be totally inadequate. The inadequacy... is a testimonial to the excellent education program mounted by Jim Yaich and his staff of dedicated teachers and to the literally countless hours contributed yearly by the many volunteers...”

1999

“The Bald Eagle enclosure is rapidly taking shape. In the future, this living exhibit will be a wonderful addition to the center's educational programs... The tremendous amount of volunteer effort put forth... has helped move the project quickly along.”

2009

“We held the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of a new bridge. Last year, the bridge was in such disrepair... Master Carpenter and volunteer John Whittaker designed and supervised the project. It took our volunteers 250 hours to reconstruct the bridge.” (Now named Turtle Bridge)

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Thank you, Board of Directors and Volunteer Chairs, for being part of the Audubon community. Your continuous contribution of time and talent helps Audubon Community Nature Center run smoothly and effectively. It couldn't be done without you.



Visitors browse plants at the annual Plant Exchange and Sale at Audubon.



Canada Lily.

Plant Exchange: Thank You

Audubon's Plant Exchange and Sale was a great success due to fantastic volunteers, wonderful customers and local greenhouses that donated plants to support Audubon.

Thank you to: Frewsburg Flower Farm, Allegheny Community Greenhouse, Mike's Nursery, Robert's Nursery, Lindell's Hatch Patch, Ekey's Garden Center, Scott's Nursery, Peterson's Greenhouse, Haff Acres Greenhouse, Peaches n' Cream, Stillwater Garden Center, and Big Tree Garden Center for all the plant donations that formed the heart of the Plant Exchange and Sale.

Deer Protection

Audubon is home to many deer, an estimated 28 – 36 deer per square mile. At that level, the deer eat many of the wildflowers, understory, and bushes found on the property. Last year, the volunteer maintenance crew put up two new deer exclosures to show what the forest could look like without deer browsing the vegetation.

This year, ACNC is installing smaller exclosures over specific patches of wildflowers that the deer find particularly tasty. You may notice small fences near the trails. These protect flowers such as Wood Anemone, Pink Lady's Slipper, trilliums, Canada Lily, and Bunchberry from browsing by deer before they are able to bloom.

Preventing Mosquito Bites

Summer is a time when itchy, red, mosquito bites appear on exposed legs and arms. Most people who spend time outside can tell you at least one tale of being bitten by dozens of mosquitoes. Traditionally, they have been a summer annoyance, but in the last few years the number of diseases that can be carried by mosquitoes has been on the rise, most notably West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The first step to preventing mosquito bites is to eliminate the water where mosquitoes lay their eggs. Mosquito larvae breed in bird baths, animal water bowls, horse troughs, kids' toys, pools, garbage cans, and any place there is standing water, no matter how small. Change the water regularly to prevent mosquitoes from growing up in those places. Or eliminate sources of unnecessary standing water.

While outdoors, cover your skin with clothes or insect repellent to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Follow the directions on the insect repellent and reapply as directed. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark clothing more than lighter colors. Wear light-colored clothing to discourage mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes can carry diseases. Protecting yourself from mosquitoes also protects you from those diseases. Learn more about insect borne diseases at [cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/index.html).

Programs and Events

July – August 2019



Wild 5K Run/Walk (Adult+)

Saturday, July 27, 2019
8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Race Starts
~ 10:30 a.m. Award Ceremony

\$30 Adults
\$25 Nature Center and
Chautauqua Striders members

*Early Bird registration due by July 15
to get a t-shirt.*

Special Information: Race takes place rain
or shine.

Walk and run through Audubon's trails in one of the area's only 5K trail races. Race through fields and forests and across boardwalks as you speed toward the finish line. The money raised at this race benefits the trails and bridges on the property.

Audubon is excited to bring some changes to this year's course with a longer, wider starting point and includes sections of trails that have never been a part of the race before. The trail wanders through just over three miles of Audubon's six miles of trails. The Wild 5K is a part of the Chautauqua Striders 2019 race series.

*The Wild 5K is run by a committee of volunteers supported by Audubon staff.
If you are interested in helping, please contact Audubon at (716) 569-2345.*

Thank you sponsors for your support:

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Friday 5

First Friday (Adult)

Green at JCC

Meet in the Weeks Room of the Science Building at Jamestown Community College.

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Take a tour of the Jamestown Community College Science Building with Professor Jan Bowman.

JCC's building is loaded with green features, from a living roof to sustainable lighting. The building has light wells, a greywater system, geothermal heat, and more.

Special Information: BYO brown bag lunch and conversation follows the program.

Saturday 6

MAPS Bird Banding (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

Also held on July 13, 20, and August 3.

6:00 a.m. – noon

Free; donations encouraged

No reservations required.

If weather is inclement, the nets are not opened.

Walk side-by-side with ornithologists to learn how they capture birds in mist nets, weigh, measure, and identify them, fit them with a uniquely numbered band, and then set them free.

Bird banding is an established technique used to discover details about the behaviors of birds. You can drop in any time between 6:00 a.m. and noon to learn how bird banding is conducted and why.

Special Information: Visitors to the bird banding station are encouraged to follow the instructions of the banders for the safety of the birds. Please, no dogs or other pets.

Saturday 6 (continued)

Butterfly Hunt (All)

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Learn how to capture and identify local butterflies as Audubon takes stock of what butterflies live on the property. Some butterfly nets will be provided. Visitors will have a short indoor introduction to how to use a butterfly net and identify butterflies. Most of the program will take place in a field that is a short walk from the Nature Center.

This program will be led by retired naturalist, Craig Thompson.

Special Information: Expect to walk half a mile to a mile altogether. Butterfly nets will be provided, but please bring your own if you have one as the supply is limited.

Saturday 13

MAPS Bird Banding (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

Also held on July 20 and August 3.

See Saturday, July 6 listing for details.

Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Take to the Sky

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by July 11.

When most people think of animals that hunt, they think of coyotes and foxes, but have you ever thought of birds? Birds of prey, like hawks and eagles, are amazing aerial hunters and they have some pretty amazing ways of catching their food.

This month Little Explorers will learn about different birds of prey and how they use their adaptations to hunt.

Special Information: This program takes place rain or shine, please dress for the weather.



Saturday 20

MAPS Bird Banding (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

Also held on August 3.

See Saturday, July 6 listing for details.

Nature Play Day

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free*

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Let children explore unstructured outdoor play in a safe environment while you learn how to continue the nature play experience at home. It is open house format so stay as long as you'd like.

*This program is supported by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Legacy Funds from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

Special Information: Rain or shine.

If weather is severe, program will be cancelled.

Saturday 27

Wild 5K Run/Walk (Adult+)

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Race Starts

\$30 Adults

\$25 Nature Center and

Chautauqua Striders members

See page 4 for more info.



A Caterpillar's Fate

Jeff Tome, *Senior Nature Educator*

Most caterpillars are doomed to die. A huge variety of birds, insects, and other predators eat them. In fact, one family of chickadees will eat 350 to 570 caterpillars a day. That's up to 9,000 caterpillars to raise one family of chickadees. Expand that number to all the nesting songbirds out there, most of whom eat caterpillars, and that's a lot of caterpillars getting eaten.

Caterpillars have many ways to avoid getting eaten. Some are camouflage geniuses and look like a twig. Others are poisonous, like the Viceroy Butterfly that specializes in eating willow leaves. There are caterpillars that are covered with spikes. Still others are covered with hairs that make them distasteful as a snack. If those defenses don't work, the caterpillar gets eaten, supporting another animal in the food chain.

Caterpillars therefore play an important role in nature. They are one of the best ways to turn leaves, which are inedible to most songbirds, into a protein-packed food to grow baby birds.

In some areas, there are fewer and fewer plants for the caterpillars. They simply won't eat trees from Asia or Europe, such as Gingkos, Japanese Maples, Norway Maples, and Bradford Pears. Many neighborhoods are turning into food deserts for caterpillars and, in turn, lowering bird populations.

You can help by planting some food for caterpillars in your yard. Native trees, shrubs, and perennials are the best food sources for the caterpillars and larva of most insects. The birds will thank you.

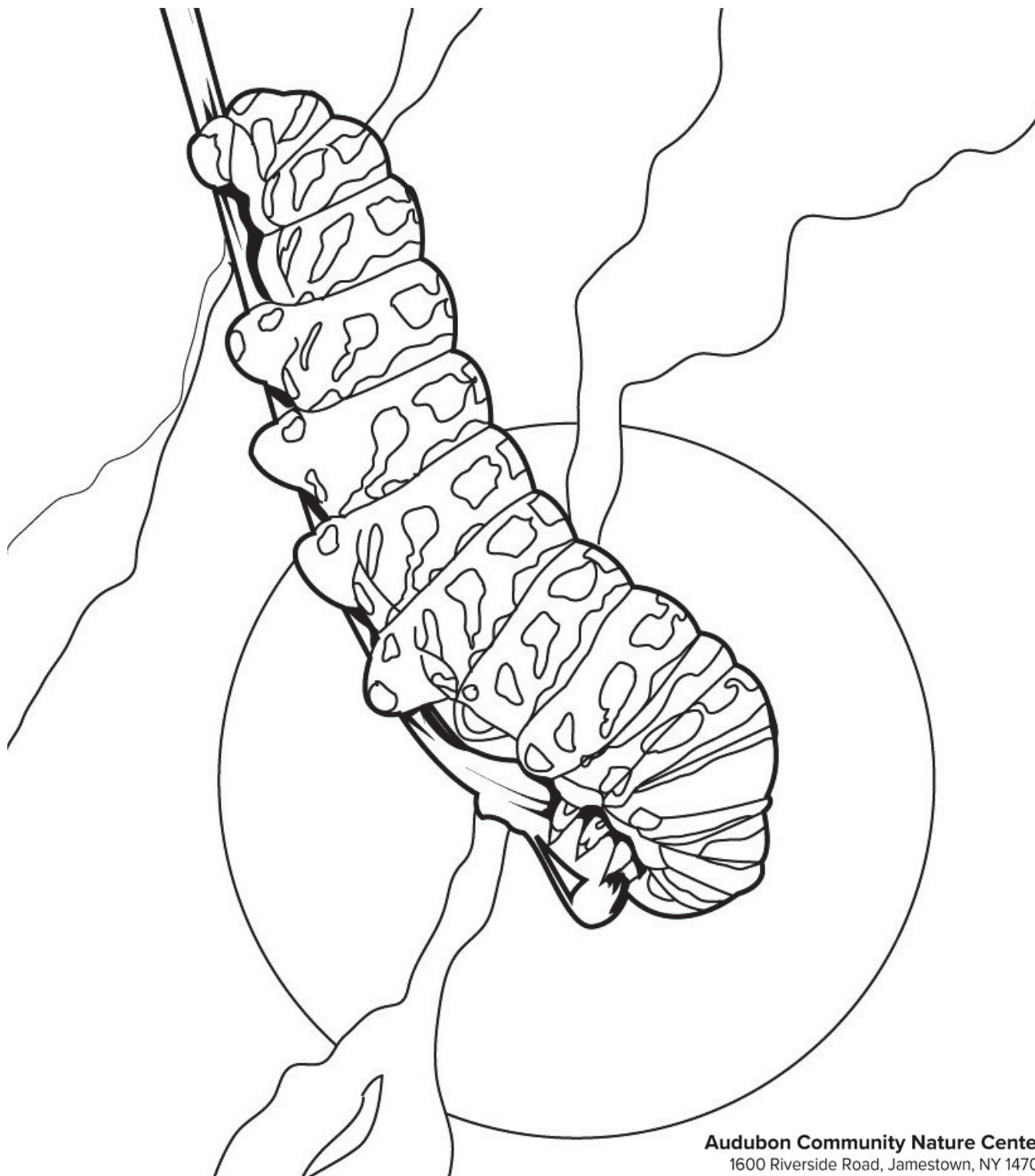


Left: This Oak Slug caterpillar is covered with sharp spines to protect itself. Photo by Jeff Tome.; **Top-Right:** Ants are one of many insects that eat caterpillars. Photo by Jeff Tome.; **Bottom-Right:** One family of chickadees can eat 570 caterpillars a day. Photo by Terry LeBaron.

Caterpillar Coloring Sheet



Black Swallowtail caterpillars love to eat dill, fennel, and carrots.
They are black, yellow, green, and white. Color the caterpillar below.



Friday 2

First Friday (Adult)

Urban Greenspace
First Lutheran Church, Jamestown, NY

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Senior Nature Educator Katie Finch has been working with First Lutheran Church in Jamestown to create an Urban Greenspace project. In just a couple of short years, they turned an empty lot into a garden that attracts butterflies and people alike.

Join Katie at the church for an indoor presentation then conversation as you head outside to explore the greenspace created at First Lutheran Church.

Special Information: Meet at First Lutheran Church, 120 Chandler St, Jamestown, NY. Bring a brown bag lunch to share afterward and enjoy the company of the speaker and fellow participants.

Saturday 3

MAPS Bird Banding (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

See Saturday, July 6 listing for details.



Saturday 10

Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Forest Fun

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by August 8.

The forest is home to many different plants and animals. From birds to bugs to trees, there is always something going on in the forest.

This month Little Explorers will learn about the forest and the creatures that live there.

Special Information: This program takes place rain or shine, please dress for the weather.

Saturday 17

Nature Play Day

(Children 2 – 8 with or without an adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free*

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Let children explore unstructured outdoor play in a safe environment while you learn how to continue the nature play experience at home. It is an open house format so stay as long as you'd like.

*This program is supported by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Legacy Funds from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

Special Information: Rain or shine. If weather is severe, program will be cancelled.

Friday 30

Monarchs and Margaritas (Adult)

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\$30 Prepaid

\$35 At the Door

Paid reservations required by August 27.

Join ACNC for an adults-only celebration of Monarch Butterflies. Enjoy great food, margaritas, games with prizes, and a basket raffle. Enter a room filled with flowers and free flying butterflies. New this year, guests can also participate in a silent disco party during the event.

Special Information: For extra drinks and raffle baskets, you may want to bring cash.

Saturday 31

Monarch Butterfly Festival (All)

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

See page 7 for more info.

Intended Audience Key

Adult = designed for adults

Adult + = designed for adults, mature, and interested children 9 and up when accompanied by an adult.

All = Something for everyone, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children = designed for kids — drop them off and pick them up later.



Monarch Butterfly Festival

(All)

Saturday, August 31, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

No reservations required.

Special Information: *Event takes place inside and out.*

Audubon raises and releases dozens of Monarch Butterflies each year as part of a conservation effort. Walk into a room filled with flowers and butterflies, and experience these delicate creatures up close. Explore all parts of the life cycle, make crafts, go on hikes, and use nets to catch butterflies outside.

Audubon releases the butterflies at 4:00 p.m. near the garden. You can also visit the native plant sale, buy butterfly temporary tattoos, enter the basket raffle, purchase food provided by the 3 C's catering truck.

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Program Registration

- Online at auduboncnc.org • Phone: (716) 569-2345
 - By mail with credit card information or a check payable to ACNC
- Audubon Community Nature Center
1600 Riverside Road,
Jamestown, NY, 14701**

Keep in mind, a program may be cancelled if there are not enough people registered. Register early to ensure the class fills up. Some programs have limited enrollment.

Refund Policy

- If Audubon Community Nature Center cancels the program, students receive full refunds.
- If a student cancels **before** the deadline, a refund, with \$5 withheld as a processing fee, will be made.
- If a student cancels **after** the deadline, no refund will be made, but we still need to know of your cancellation.

Audubon Exclusives

These are fundraising events and services offered by staff, board, volunteers, and friends. Don't miss out on these upcoming exclusives:

July 12 — Hellbender Survey: Experience the Day as a Fisheries Biologist

8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

\$50 per person, reserve by July 7

July 13 — Bootjack Farm Tour

10:00 a.m. — noon

\$20 per person, reserve by July 11

July 20 — Tour of the Kinzua Dam and Allegheny National Fish Hatchery

8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

\$50 per person, reserve by July 11

Visit auduboncnc.org/exclusives for the most up-to-date information and additional exclusive opportunities.

Do you have a talent or service you would like to offer as a fundraiser for Audubon? Please contact Jennifer Schlick at (716) 569-2345 or by email at jschlick@auduboncnc.org.



Participants of the Hellbender Survey exclusive. Photo by Kim Turner.

The Journey Continues

We bid farewell to Margaret Foley at the end of July. Yes, you read that correctly. Margaret is going to continue her love of teaching by pursuing a Master's degree in Early Childhood/Childhood Education at University at Buffalo (UB) in the fall of 2019.

Margaret joined the Audubon family in 2015 as a Summer Nature Education Intern. She excelled at leading both Discovery Walks and Day Camps. We must have made an impact on her as she applied, and was accepted, for the full-time Nature Educator position in January of 2018. Margaret balances a love of nature and love of teaching masterfully. She has provided ACNC with enthusiasm, high-quality programming, and excellent volunteer management over the last year and a half.

We are saddened to see her leave ACNC, yet we are thrilled for her as she begins this new adventure in the field. We are excited to see how she continues to improve the lives of children through her instruction and passion for the natural world.

Go get 'em Miss Margaret!



Margaret Foley and Day Campers explore and learn about pond critters.

Toboggan Hill Farm CSA Produce Pick Up Reminder

Pick up on Fridays from late May through October, 11:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

For more information and to purchase your produce share, please contact Mike and Donna at tobogganhillfarm@gmail.com or (716) 326-2060.

The “More the Merrier” New Member Drive Success

Wow. You did it! Because you recruited friends and family, purchased gift memberships, and spread the word about ACNC, membership has grown. The drive resulted in approximately 140 new members between March 1 and April 30. Thank you to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for funds to offset printing and mailing costs, and to two anonymous donors who each pledged \$1,000 as a matching incentive.

Membership dollars support ACNC’s facilities and programs, as well as the staff and volunteers who connect people of all ages to nature. Even though the official drive is complete, keep up the good work of spreading the news about ACNC. Thank you.

New Nature Center Memberships *Recorded between November 13, 2018 and May 3, 2019*

Pamela Allcorn, Gowanda, NY
 Larry Anderson, Bemus Point, NY
 Jennifer Angelo, Bemus Point, NY
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 Ryan and Emily Arthur, Russell, PA
 Laura Ayers, Russell, PA
 Curtis and Patty Barnes, Jamestown, NY
 Sarah and Trevor Barton, Randolph, NY
 John and Janeen Beard, Warren, PA
 Jane and John Bentley, Lakewood, NY
 Dave Bernhardt, Pittsburgh, PA
 Dalton and Katie Best, Jamestown, NY
 Andrew and Ashley Biekert, Jamestown, NY
 Hans and Joet Biekert, Jamestown, NY
 Blake Bird, Jamestown, NY
 Kevin and Sarah Black, Warren, PA
 Amanda Bosko, Russell, PA
 Katherine Baker Bowley, Warren, PA
 Jan Boyle, Rochester, NY
 Anne Marie Braun, Jamestown, NY
 Don and Elaine Brautigam, Westfield, NY
 Kristie Brown, Jamestown, NY
 John and MaryGrace Brustrom, Jamestown, NY
 Bill and Diana Burbank, Fairport, NY
 Elizabeth Burgeson, Panama, NY
 Paula Burkard, Amherst, NY
 Bethany Burlingame, Cassadaga, NY
 Kerry Bussoletti, Warren, PA
 Lindsay Cameron, Warren, PA
 Carolyn Canon, Frewsburg, NY
 Rose Mary Carvella, Frewsburg, NY
 Amy Caudill, Warren, PA
 Dawn Chapman, Jamestown, NY
 David Chase, Warren, PA
 Karen Christy, Jamestown, NY
 Erin N. Coulter, Jamestown, NY
 Lacey Criswell, Warren, PA
 The Cuthbert Family, Dunkirk, NY
 Rebecca and Steven Cybart, Falconer, NY
 William Disbro, Jamestown, NY
 LouAnn Dobmeier, Jamestown, NY
 Tina and Ray Downey, Mayville, NY
 Gregory and Debra Edwards, Jamestown, NY
 Kristen Ernewein, Jamestown, NY
 Pat and Mark Evans, Warren, PA
 Mary Fales DVM and Jason Helms, Falconer, NY
 Emily Farnham, Russell, PA
 Jay Fickling, Jamestown, NY
 George and Mary Ann Finch, Harveys Lake, PA
 Colleen Finley, Lakewood, NY
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 Wally Johnson, Frewsburg, NY
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 Marie O’Leary, Pittsfield, PA
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 Teresa Rogers, Jamestown, NY
 Kari and Ben Rouse, Sugar Grove, PA
 Julie Simons, Akron, OH
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 Amy Rupp, Jamestown, NY
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What does it mean to belong?

Jennifer Schlick, *Operations Manager*

Of course your membership comes with benefits: free admission to the building, discounts on programs, rentals, and store items, early-bird registration to popular programs, and so on. But do you know what else? Belonging matters. We all yearn for the connections that support us, protect us, define us, and help us make sense of a complex world.

By joining ACNC, you become part of a network of people who care about the earth and about how people relate to the environment. You join gardeners, conservationists, animal advocates, educators, and appreciators of nature who all want to make the world a better place by nurturing people's connections to the earth.

Your dollars are important, and we thank you for them. Your presence is ultimately more important. We thank you for joining a community that believes strong connections to nature make people and the planet healthier.



Bird Seed

Conewango Blend, a mix of birdseed especially formulated to attract a wide array of birds to your feeders, is always available at ACNC in the Blue Heron Gift Shop.



You can also find Conewango Blend year round at the following locations:

- Ashville General Store, *Ashville, NY*
- Hamlet Farms, *Sheridan, NY*
- Howe's True Value, *Warren, PA*
- Lakewood Apothecary, *Lakewood, NY*
- Lighthouse Point Grocery, *Mayville, NY*
- Oneida Lumber, Ace Hardware, *Warren, PA*
- Russell Veterinary Hospital, *Russell, PA*
- Wegmans, *Jamestown, NY*

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Female Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Photo by Russ Whitehurst.