



# Audubon Community Nature Center

*The connection begins with you.*

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The bi-monthly newsletter of ACNC,  
featuring upcoming programs and events.



## Mission

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.

## Vision

Audubon Community Nature Center envisions a future where every child within our community has a real and healthy connection to nature.



## Nature Center Newsletter

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## Nature Center Hours

Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Closed  
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## Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends of the Nature Center,

March 2021 marks one year since the COVID-19 virus became a part of our daily lives. Since then it has taken a significant toll on our mental, emotional, and physical well-being.

We have grieved the loss of jobs, the loss of long-standing traditions, the loss of family and friends, and the loss of certainty. At times, we have lost hope; which is the greatest tragedy of all.

I'm not here to tell you that there's always going to be hope. Because this year has taught us that sometimes, hope just runs out. However, I am going to keep telling myself (and telling everyone who will listen) that finding hope, and discovering joy in the little things is still possible.

For me, hope has come in the voices of children that once again filled the Nature Center during Holiday Camp, January Camp, and throughout the weekly Outdoor Classroom programs. Hope filled my heart when every single envelope arrived in the mail from Audubon Community Nature Center supporters and donors who made contributions to the Annual Fund and in honor of Giving Tuesday. Hope made me feel at peace when the 2021 Day Camp Brochure was finalized, and we felt confident that we could once again offer a summer of programs that allow children to get outside and enjoy the many health benefits of nature, together, through Audubon.

Most importantly, hope comes in the continued dedication of Audubon's volunteers who are able to show up despite so many restrictions — they spend their time feeding the animals, cleaning up the trails, sending out membership notification letters, preparing the weekly deposit, and assisting with the reception desk. It reminds me that life does go on, and that this place is important... to so many people.

Saying 'thank you' to our volunteers is not enough to convey the deep sense of gratitude that we as a staff feel. You've given us hope in a time when we so desperately needed it. You (the ACNC volunteers) are our friends, our aunts and uncles, our grandmothers, and grandfathers. When we had to close our doors to you in March of 2020, it broke our hearts. Having some of you come back made us hopeful that better days were ahead in which we can invite everyone back.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts for continuing to believe in us. Thank you for showing up even though there was no coffee. Thank you for sacrificing time on your couches. Thank you for adhering to the constantly changing restrictions. Thank you for continuing to choose to spend your time with Audubon Community Nature Center.

It has never been more noticed, more appreciated, and more valued that it is right now.

Thank you.

*Leigh J. Rovegno*



## ACNC Through the Years

Audubon has changed a lot since it was founded in 1957 around a kitchen table. The following excerpts are from past March – April newsletters.

### 1961

“The last field trip went off as planned in spite of the undesirable foggy, rainy weather... Those who went back to Riverside after the fog lifted were happy to see the Snowy Owl.”

### 1971

“Expressway through Bentley Sanctuary will become a reality... How tragic is it that in the great state of New York there was no other room for this highway than through our Sanctuary?”

### 1981

“Audubon Wildlife film at 8:00 P.M. at the Lincoln Jr. High School in Jamestown. Cinematographer Norm Wakeman will narrate his film “Inside Passage to Alaska.”

### 1991

“Our new septic system has been installed and is functional.”

### 2001

“Joseph Cornell, world renowned nature educator, will be giving a workshop on how to bring nature into the classroom.”

### 2011

“Bird Banding Demonstrations: Doctors Scott Stoleson and Linda Ordiway are joined by Emily Thomas and Don Watts to show you one of the ways scientists go about gathering information on birds.”

## Board Officers

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## Volunteer Chairs

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| <i>Wild 5K</i> .....                     | Jeff Rupp          |



Audubon Community Nature Center’s Board of Directors, Chairs, and Committee Members are volunteers.

Thank you to those listed above who contribute time, thought, and energy to help ACNC run smoothly and effectively.

*A young visitor admires a Gray Catbird at bird banding in 2009.*

## Save the Date

### Volunteer Recognition Picnic

Saturday, May 15 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Free for current ACNC Volunteers

Non-Volunteers: \$8 per person • \$6 Members

Please join ACNC for an afternoon of good food, company, and conversation while celebrating volunteers who reached significant milestones.

### Volunteers Reaching Milestones as of 12/31/2020

**11,000+**

Larry Brown

**1000+**

Heidi Bird

**250+**

David Bull

**8,000+**

Ed Yager

**500+**

Emily Nelson

**100+**

Mallory Brannon  
Brenda Brook  
Paul Swanson  
Linda Trostle

## Volunteer Hours

*103 volunteers (including 19 RSVP) logged 3,120 hours from July 2020 through December 2020.*

*These dedicated individuals give freely of their time and talents to make ACNC thrive.*

|                   |                   |                 |                    |                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Berkley Adams     | David Bull        | Sally Hawkinson | Julie Nelson       | Patricia Smith        |
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| Louise Boutwell   | Willow Fodor      | Judy Long       | Jennifer Schlick   | Catherine Willard     |
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| Alan Brown        | Terry Hallock     | Kristin Morse   | Jill Singer        | Sue Yauchzy           |
| Larry Brown       | Andrew Harrington | Emily Nelson    | Tim Smeal          |                       |

## Rummage Sale

Are you sick of looking at all of the stuff in your house that you never use? Has the last year of living at home helped you to realize just how little you actually 'need'?

Hold onto those items for just a bit longer if you can! Audubon will accept gently used items from May 14 through May 20 for the spring rummage sale. The rummage sale will take place in Audubon's backyard on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23 in conjunction with the annual Plant Exchange.

*Audubon will not accept donations of clothing or electronics, but appreciates all other items.*

## Eat Seasonally and Support Local Farmers

Community support comes in many forms, one of which is spending money locally on farm fresh produce. ACNC is happy to announce that they will be partnering with two local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs for the 2021 growing season. Each farm offers a range of share sizes and items which can be reviewed in more detail by visiting the websites listed below. Sign up by May 1 and designate ACNC as your 'pick-up' site.

**Toboggan Hill Farm — [tobogganhillfarm.com](http://tobogganhillfarm.com)**  
**Post Farm — [postapples.com/csa](http://postapples.com/csa)**



# Programs and Events

## March

### Raising Pheasants for New York (All)

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\$15 Community members • \$10 4-H members

### Nature Lab (Ages 4 – 5)

Thursdays and Fridays

March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

\$24 Daily • \$18 Members

### The Outdoor Classroom (Ages 6 – 10)

Thursday or Friday, March 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26

Full Day: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$60 Children 6 – 10 • \$45 Member children

Half Day: 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. or noon – 3:30 p.m.

\$30 Children 6 – 10 • \$22.50 Member children

Optional lunch from 11:30 a.m. – noon (BYOL)

### First Friday — An Outdoorsman's Year (Adult+)

Friday, March 5, 11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Nature Walk (Adult+)

Saturday, March 6, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Free; donations encouraged

### Natural Egg Dyeing (Adult+)

Saturday, March 6, Hour long sessions at:

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

\$10 Adults • \$7.50 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Little Explorers — Animal Engineers

(Ages 3 – 8 with an adult)

Saturday, March 13, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 3 – 8

### Virtual: Suet Making Workshop (Adult+)

Saturday, March 13, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Virtual: Backyard Birds (Adult+)

Tuesday, March 16, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Nestbox Building Workshop (All)

Saturday, March 20, Hour long sessions at:

10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

Free 2 and under • + \$10 per nestbox kit

### Spring Equinox Bonfire (All)

Saturday, March 20, Hour long sessions at:

6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members • \$2 Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

### Virtual: When, How, and What Seeds

to Start Indoors (Adult+)

Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Audubon Lights (All)

Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Reserve a 40 minute time slot)

\$10 Adults • \$7.50 Members and Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

### Virtual: Transplanting and Extended

Seedling Care (Adult+)

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Creature Feature — Amphibians (All)

Wednesday, March 31, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

\$4 Adults • \$3 Members and Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

## April

### The Nature Lab (Ages 4 – 5)

Thursdays and Fridays, April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16,

22, 23, 29, 30, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

\$24 Daily • \$18 Members

### The Outdoor Classroom (Ages 6 – 10)

Thursday or Friday, April 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30

Full Day: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$60 Children 6 – 10 • \$45 Members

Half Day: 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. or noon – 3:30 p.m.

Optional lunch from 11:30 a.m. – noon (BYOL)

\$30 Children 6 – 10 • \$22.50 Members

### Audubon Lights (All)

Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3

Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Reserve a 40 minute time slot)

\$10 Adults • \$7.50 Members and Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

### First Friday — Topic to be decided (Adult+)

Friday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Nature Walk (Adult+)

Saturday, April 3, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Free; donations encouraged

### Mud Camp (Children 4 – 12)

Monday, April 5 and/or Wednesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$40 Children 4 – 12 • \$30 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

### Little Explorers — Frogs, Toads, and

Salamanders (Ages 3 – 8 with an adult)

Saturday, April 10, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 3 – 8

### Virtual: Garden and Seedling

Prep for Outdoors (Adult+)

Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

### Meet Your Rehabber (All)

Saturday, April 17, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults • \$6 Members and Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

### Audubon T-shirt Sale

Thursday, April 22 – Thursday, May 13

\$20 – 25 Adult sizes • \$15 Youth size

### Bird Banding Demonstrations (All)

Saturday, April 24, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Also happening May 1, 8, and 15

Free; donations encouraged

### Volunteer Day (Adult+)

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free, registrations appreciated

### Creature Feature — Reptiles (All)

Wednesday, April 28, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

\$4 Adults • \$3 Members

\$3 Children 3 – 15 • free 2 and under

### Coming up: Birdathon (Adult+)

May 1 – 9, 2021

No fee to participate

Visit [auduboncnc.org/birdathon](http://auduboncnc.org/birdathon) 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/Ages** = designed for kids — drop them off and pick them up later.

## Program Registration

• Online at [auduboncnc.org](http://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,**

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## Refund Policy

• If Audubon Community Nature Center cancels the program, participants receive full refunds.

• If a participant cancels **before** the deadline, a refund, with \$5 withheld as a processing fee, will be made.

• If a participant cancels **after** the deadline, no refund will be made, but ACNC still needs to know of your cancellation.

*Registrations required for most programs. Programs may be cancelled if there are not enough registered. Register early to ensure the class fills. Some programs have limited enrollment.*

## Please Note:

For the most accurate information about ACNC programs and events, please visit [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org) or call (716) 569-2345.

Face coverings are required for all participants ages 3 and up for indoor programs; they are also required for outdoor programs during which participants cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between family groups. Please have a face covering available should situations change. If you are feeling ill, have any symptoms of COVID-19, or have come into contact with a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case, please stay home. If you have traveled to/from a non-contiguous state or to/from a CDC Level 2 or 3 Travel Notice Country please complete the required quarantine before attending programs or visiting ACNC.

If Audubon discovers that a program instructor or participant tests positive or is considered presumptive positive for COVID-19, they may use registration information to assist with contact tracing.



## Nature Notes — Striped Skunks

Katie Finch

Skunks are one of the most easily identifiable animals as well as notorious for their way of defending themselves with a potent smelling spray. But this black and white creature is our neighbor.

Ten species of skunks are found worldwide, including the Striped Skunk, which is common across North America and is the one found in our region. Striped Skunks have adapted to live in a variety of habitats including forests, fields, and suburban and urban areas.

Striped Skunks do not hibernate during winter but they are much less active. With the arrival of spring, our chances of seeing this creature with whom we share space increases. They mate starting in February and give birth as early as April.

Skunks are omnivores, eating both plants and animals. They will eat a variety of nuts and fruits but the majority of their diet comes from animals, including insects, fish, eggs, and carrion (already dead animals). Seeing a skunk is not as common as finding evidence of one. Having powerful claws, skunks are adapted to dig. Skunks will leave small holes in the ground where they dug for insects and worms. As turtles lay their eggs in shallow nests in the ground, skunks will also prey on the eggs.

Skunks are usually docile, solitary creatures. However, if threatened their defense is incredible. The sulfur-containing spray comes from two glands under their tail. It can reach up to ten feet and not only smell but irritate the eyes of its attackers. But it takes energy to produce. So they usually give a lot of warning in the form of foot stomping, hissing and tail raising, and even a handstand before spraying.



**Top-right:** Striped Skunk tracks are evidence of their presence. Photo by Tony Blake. **Bottom-left:** Raccoons and skunks are common predators of turtle eggs in the spring. Photo by Jeff Tome. **Bottom-right:** A Striped Skunk raises its tail in warning before spraying. Photo courtesy of City of Rocks National Reserve.



## Annual Birdathon — New Format

Saturday, May 1 — Sunday, May 9

Gather some friends or head out on your own to count birds to help raise money to support the Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship and the new Pamela A. Westrom Wildlife Habitat. 2020 introduced many people to the wonderful world of birds through bird feeders and backyard birding as they stayed home during the pandemic. Take your new or established birding skills and put them to good use at ACNC's Birdathon.

The kick-off will happen on May 1 with special team incentives and prizes. The full event will run through May 9. Participants can choose group type, length of birding time, and location to best suit their needs. The idea of the event is that each participant collects pledges — either a flat pledge, or a per species pledge. In the latter, the more species the team finds, the more money they raise. Audubon has prizes for those that see the most species and raise the most money through pledges. Donation incentives for those pledging apply to the \$250, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000 levels.



For more info, visit: [auduboncnc.org/birdathon](https://auduboncnc.org/birdathon)

## Celebrate Earth Day with Audubon in Two Unique Ways

### T-shirt Pre-Sale

Thursday, April 22 — Thursday, May 13

Celebrate Earth Day and support Audubon by ordering a t-shirt that shows your love for the outdoors! This uniquely Audubon design is only available this year, and it comes in a variety of adult and youth sizes. 100% of sale proceeds support Audubon's 2021 Summer Day Camp Program.

*This is a limited time offer.*



Though not finished at the time of this printing, the t-shirt will be designed by local artist and staff member, Kimberly Turner. Kim also designed last year's fundraiser shirt and the Day Camp and Wild 5K shirts for the past five years. You can view her work and style at [kimberlyturnerart.com](https://kimberlyturnerart.com). Keep an eye on [auduboncnc.org](https://auduboncnc.org) for an update on the shirt design.

Your purchase also supports local business! T-shirts purchased through Audubon's sale will be printed by Tenfold Recycled Clothing, which is new to the area.

Shirts will be made from 100% cotton.

\$15 Youth sizes (S, M, L, XL)

\$20\* Adult and Ladies' t-shirts (S, M, L, XL)

\*Additional \$5 for sizes XXL and XXXL

**Please visit [auduboncnc.org](https://auduboncnc.org) or call (716) 569-2345 to pre-order a shirt and to register for Volunteer Day.**

### Annual Volunteer Day

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

In celebration of Earth Day, Audubon invites you to give back to your community and give back to the earth! Volunteers will divide into teams to complete spring related tasks such as cleaning up the gardens, mulching the trails, setting up the outdoor turtle habitats, pulling invasive species, and more.

Volunteer Day participants will receive a light snack, and are invited to celebrate their accomplishments afterward.

*This event happens rain or shine.*



Select from a range of projects that fit your interests and abilities.



## Pie Auction Fundraiser

Bidding begins at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, and ends at 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 12.

Celebrate Pi Day, March 14, with a pie made by Audubon staff, board, or volunteer bakers! This is a week-long online auction, and 100% of pie proceeds support ACNC's staff, building, and grounds so that they can continue to provide the community with a safe place to get outside and enjoy nature.

Bid on your favorite baker or bid on your favorite pie! Select from a variety of homemade pies ranging from a tangy key lime, to a local elderberry, or a savory shepherd. Gluten-free and vegan pies are also available to bid on. Bid on multiple pies to increase your chance of winning \$50 cash, or one of two \$25 gift cards that support local businesses, Labyrinth Press Company and Lakewood Apothecary. Prizes will be attached to the bottom of three of the pies. Winners must be able to pick up their pies in-person at the Nature Center on Saturday, March 13.

**To participate in the auction, please visit:**

[32auctions.com/auduboncnpciefundraiser](https://32auctions.com/auduboncnpciefundraiser)



Keep an eye on your bid for the best chance of winning a prized pie.

## Birdseed

Conewango Blend is a specially-mixed seed that was created by a team of local birders to attract many different birds. It is rich with black oil sunflower seeds and also includes canary seed, millet, corn, safflower seed, and sunflower hearts. The goal is to attract many different birds without wasting seed. This mix is available in the Blue Heron Gift Shop at ACNC.



You can also find Conewango Blend at:

- Ashville General Store, *Ashville, NY*
- Chautauqua Book Store, *Chautauqua, NY*
- Howe's True Value, *Warren, PA*
- Lakewood Apothecary, *Lakewood, NY*
- Lighthouse Point Grocery, *Mayville, NY*
- Oneida Lumber, Ace Hardware, *Warren, PA*
- Wegmans, *Jamestown, NY*



## ShopLocalCHQ.com

100% of sales made through [ShopLocalCHQ.org](https://ShopLocalCHQ.org) go directly to the local businesses who participate.

Blue Heron Gift Shop

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Now on [Bookshop.org](https://Bookshop.org)

Search Audubon then select the "shops" tab to find ACNC's storefront.



## Audubon Lights

March 26 and 27

April 2, 3, 9 and 10

Welcome back spring with a walk through a wonder-filled trail of lights at Audubon. Lasers, spotlights, and more will light trailside forests, and ponds around the Nature Center.

The self-guided walk follows a luminary-lit trail that starts near the parking lot and travels almost half of a mile and ends at the Nature Center. Sections of the trail may be darker than others so flashlights are allowed.

This new event is made possible by grant support from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and is sponsored by FSC Communications.

The event will start at 8:00 p.m. with groups going out every ten minutes, with the last group at 9:50 p.m. Registration is required to help with social distancing as a COVID precaution.

Watch Audubon's website for more information and volunteer opportunities to set up and run the event [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org)

**Special Information:** Paid reservations required the day before the program. Enrollment limited to 20 people per timeslot. Dress for the weather. Program happens rain or shine but will be canceled in extreme weather. Trails will be lit by lights, with some sections that are darker than others. You can use flashlights on the trails if needed.



Christmas Bird Count participants help researchers gain more accurate information on birds.

## Blue Heron Legacy Society

Audubon Community Nature Center strives to ensure that every child from the local community has a real and healthy connection to nature. You can be a part of this vision, make it stronger, and leave a lasting legacy for the future.

Audubon's vision becomes stronger through long-term commitments made by Nature Center Members, donors, and friends; those who wish their legacies to be a part of a thriving, educational, nature-based organization. Commitments can include giving gifts of stocks, donations made from donor advised funds, bequests, and IRA charitable giving.

What will **your** legacy be?  
How will you leave **your** mark on the world?

Please contact Leigh Rovegno for more information on becoming part of the Blue Heron Legacy Society at [lrovegno@auduboncnc.org](mailto:lrovegno@auduboncnc.org) or (716) 569-2345.



## Community Partners

Thank you for your dedicated support.

### Curt and Susie Westrom

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Please contact Leigh Rovegno for more information on becoming a Community Partner at [lrovegno@auduboncnc.org](mailto:lrovegno@auduboncnc.org) or (716) 569-2345.



# Audubon Community Nature Center

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