



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.



Nature Center Newsletter

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Nature Center Hours

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.

Building Admission

\$6 Adults • \$2 Children • \$15 Max per family
Free admission for Nature Center Members.
Free admission for SNAP/EBT cardholders.
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Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Nature Center Members and Friends,

The months of May and June mean Discovery Walks and Day Camp! We are always thrilled to see the buses return to the Nature Center filled with children anxiously awaiting their chance to explore the ponds, puddles, tracks, and trails at Audubon.

More than 30 Discovery Walks are already scheduled to take place this spring. For decades teachers from Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Warren counties have used Audubon as a resource to provide real-life examples of what children are learning in their classrooms.

Spring Discovery Walks are just one area of programs that Audubon is known for, and they are often the most memorable. Did **you** come to Audubon on your school field trip? If so, what do **you** remember? Maybe it was seeing Liberty the Bald Eagle for the first time, or looking through a magnifying glass to see the teeny, tiny creatures that exist in wetland ponds; or maybe you remember that log that you got to bounce on, climb under, or balance on as you walked.

Whatever moment it was that you remember, it has helped form your appreciation for the world around you (both great and small). This is the essential role that Audubon plays within our community, and we are only able to do that because of you, our members and donors.

We hope you will consider supporting Audubon Community Nature Center this May and June through the two incredible online giving events hosted by both the Warren and Chautauqua County Community Foundations.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 10 for Warren Gives** where more than 100 non-profits serving Warren County will come together to raise essential funds to support their programs. Stop by Bent Run Brewing between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. for a beer and a chat with Audubon staff members and friends.

Then, on **Thursday, June 8** join us in celebrating the non-profits that serve Chautauqua County! **Give Big CHQ** is a fun way to show your support for the many non-profits within Chautauqua County from local theaters to healthcare services, libraries, nature-based organizations, and more.

Thank you for continuing to support Audubon and the many non-profits that make Warren and Chautauqua counties truly special.

With gratitude,

Leigh J. Rovegno

Leigh Rovegno, Executive Director



ACNC Through the Years

Audubon was founded in 1957 by a dedicated group of birders and environmentally minded people. The group met on porches and at houses, churches, and schools before the Nature Center opened in 1976. Here are some notes from past newsletters about what was happening.

1963

“...approval was given for the Sanctuary Committee to proceed to take steps toward buying and developing an option on the property at Riverside...”

1973

“Archie Richardson and his wife spent his two weeks’ vacation... banding at Burgeson Sanctuary. On May 9, Archie banded his 100th specie, a white-eyed vireo. Three years ago, he banded four Kentucky warblers, the only ones banded in New York State.”

1983

“I am happy to say that we just received a grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation... to construct... display cases for our Simpson bird collection.” – Jim Yaich

1993

“JAS has been informed by the Roger Tory Peterson Institute that their new building is nearing completion and that they are planning an open house for Sunday, August 29. RTPPI has requested the help of JAS volunteers to serve as docents for this event.”

2003

“We are excited to be hosting the first Watershed Festival, being held by the Conewango Creek Watershed Association... on May 17.”

2013

“Meet Amy Noga, Water Chestnut Specialist. Amy will be developing and training a group of volunteers to study and hopefully eradicate Water Chestnut... in and around Big Pond.”

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

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

Right: Archie Richardson banded birds, like this Northern Flicker, at Audubon from the 1960s to the 1980s.

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Dragons and Fairies Festival

Saturday, June 17, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Dragons and Fairies Festival transforms the grounds of Audubon into a delightful realm of enchantment, artisans, and magic. Visitors can try their hand at kid-safe archery, make a wizard staff, go on a dragon nest hunt, take a unicorn-drawn wagon ride, jump into a drum circle, make a wish on the wishing tree, hunt for garden gnomes, and so much more.

Adults and children alike are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes, and there will also be a fantasy photo booth available where visitors can pose in some of Audubon's costumes. Sixpence, a local band with Celtic roots, will play live music.

Expect a fun day filled with fairy tale story times, live music, food, obstacle courses, play areas, artisans, crafts, and all kinds of fantastic fun!



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. This mix is available in the Blue Heron Gift Shop at ACNC.



You can also find Conewango Blend at:

- Ashville General Store, Ashville, NY
- BioDome Project, Jamestown, NY
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- Everyday's True Value, Jamestown, NY
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- Lakewood Apothecary, Lakewood, NY
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Volunteer Corner

To receive the monthly volunteer email, please contact Emily Nelson at enelson@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345 x103. For more information, please visit auduboncnc.org/volunteer

Volunteer Recognition Picnic

Reflecting on the past, and looking towards the future

Friday, May 12, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Free for all current ACNC Volunteers

Non-volunteers: \$8 per person; \$6 Members

Reservations required by May 9. Volunteers, please call (716) 569-2345 to register. Non-volunteers can call or register online at auduboncnc.org.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Discovery Walk Trail Guide Training**
Tuesday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – noon
Trail Guide volunteers lead school groups during field trips. Learn how to be an ACNC trail guide.
- **Dragons and Fairies Festival**
Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Volunteer in a range of ways at this whimsical event.
- **Animal Care: Feeder**
Weekly, Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Help care for the reptiles and amphibians.

Programs and Events

May

Birdathon (Adult+)

go.rallyup.com/acncbirdathon2023

Saturday, April 29 – Sunday, May 7
Birders are needed to form teams.

Trail Guide Training (Adult Volunteers)

Tuesday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. – Noon*
Free

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.
Optional natural history hike from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

First Friday (Adult+)

Wildlife Encounters with TSE Wildlife

Friday, May 5, 11:00 a.m. – Noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and Children 9 – 15

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.
BYO lunch to stay after if you wish.

Blue Heron Legacy Society Spring Get-together (Adults)

Sunday, May 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Free for all current and potential Blue Heron Legacy Society Members

Reservations are requested by Monday, May 1.

First Sunday Story Time

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

Sunday, May 7, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

*Reservations appreciated by May 6.
Limited enrollment. Walk-ins accepted if room.*

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

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.
- No refunds after 30 days from purchase (excludes day camp).

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

May (continued)



Celebrate Warren Gives with Audubon

Allegheny Outfitters and Bent Run Brewing Co.
20 Clark St. Ste. B, Warren, PA 16365

Wednesday, May 10, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Donate online from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. at warregives.org

No reservations required.

Volunteer Recognition Picnic (All)

Friday, May 12, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

See page 3 for more info.

Little Explorers (Ages 3 – 8 with an adult)

Wildflowers and Pollinators

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by May 11.
Limited enrollment.*

Plant Exchange and Sale (All)

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free to attend.

Plants and other goods for sale.

Natural Investigators

(Children 8 – 12 with an adult)

Pond Life

Saturday, May 27, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and Children 8 – 12

*Paid reservations required by May 25.
Limited enrollment.*

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.

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

June

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage (All)

Allegheny State Park, Camp Allegheny

Friday, June 2 – Sunday, June 4

Visit alleghenyaturepilgrimage.com for more info.

First Sunday Story Time

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

Sunday, June 4, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

*Reservations appreciated by June 3.
Limited enrollment. Walk-ins accepted if room.*

Give Big CHQ

An Online Giving Event

Thursday, June 8

Midnight – 11:59 p.m.

Donate online at givebigchq.org



Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Down in the Dirt

Saturday, June 10, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by June 8.
Limited enrollment.*

Dragons and Fairies Festival (All)

Saturday, June 17

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and Children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

See page 3 for more info

Juneteenth (All)

June 19, 2023

Free building admission for all in honor of Juneteenth

Natural Investigators

(Children 8 – 12 with an adult)

Binoculars and Birds

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and Children 8 – 12

*Paid reservations required by June 22.
Limited enrollment.*



Warblers

Sarah Hatfield, *Education Coordinator*

Seasonal visitors, warblers are only here in the spring, summer, and fall. As a group, they showcase all the colors, but yellow, black, and white are the most common. These small birds are primarily insectivores, meaning they eat insects, but many species will also eat fruit and nectar throughout the year. Warblers will occasionally eat suet when other food sources are scarce due to extreme weather.

Locally, you can count on having about 37 different species of warblers to check off your list. At Audubon, Yellow Warblers are quite common and easy to spot as the bright, all-over-yellow shows up nicely against spring leaves. Other common warblers at Audubon are the Yellow-rumped Warblers, the males of which have a splash of yellow on their heads, under each wing, and above their tails. Keep a close lookout for the warblers that aren't called warblers, too. American Redstart males are mostly black with reddish-orange wing and tail patches. The females are gray with yellow patches.

While many people find watching warblers frustrating because they never sit still, they are rewarding with their color and pattern variations. If you like puzzles, you might love searching for spring warblers!

Top Right: *Yellow Warbler*. Photo by Jeff Tome.

Bottom Right: *Magnolia Warbler*. Photo by Terry LeBaron

Left: *Chestnut-sided Warbler*. Photo by Sandra Rothenburg.





Spring Peeper. Photo by Jeff Tome.

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Donations made between September 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023

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A Summertime Tradition

In case you missed it, Audubon has summer camps for almost all ages for eight weeks starting June 27. Topics range from gardening to water exploration to the amazing world of plants and the format is a mix of structured and free-exploration. Children ages 4 – 14 can choose from an array of nature-based camps.

If your child loves the outdoors, and loves nature, Audubon Summer Day Camp might be just the thing for them. One of Audubon's longest-running and most successful programs, Day Camps have been around since the 1970's and have improved every year. For some families, it is a summer tradition to come to a week or two of camp.

Registration is open online at:
auduboncnc.org/daycamp

There are scholarships, camperships, and volunteer opportunities available as well. Make Audubon a part of your child's summer this year. Full camps are noted on the registration page, though some open second sessions if the waitlist and staffing permits.



Teen campers shadowed a reptile researcher and learned all about Wood Turtles during Reptile Round-Up in 2021.

Blue Heron Legacy Society

ACNC 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.



ACNC'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 listing ACNC as a beneficiary in your will, IRA account, retirement plan, or designated fund.

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

Please contact Leigh Rovegno for more information at lrovegno@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345 x101.

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Day campers, taking a break in the shade.



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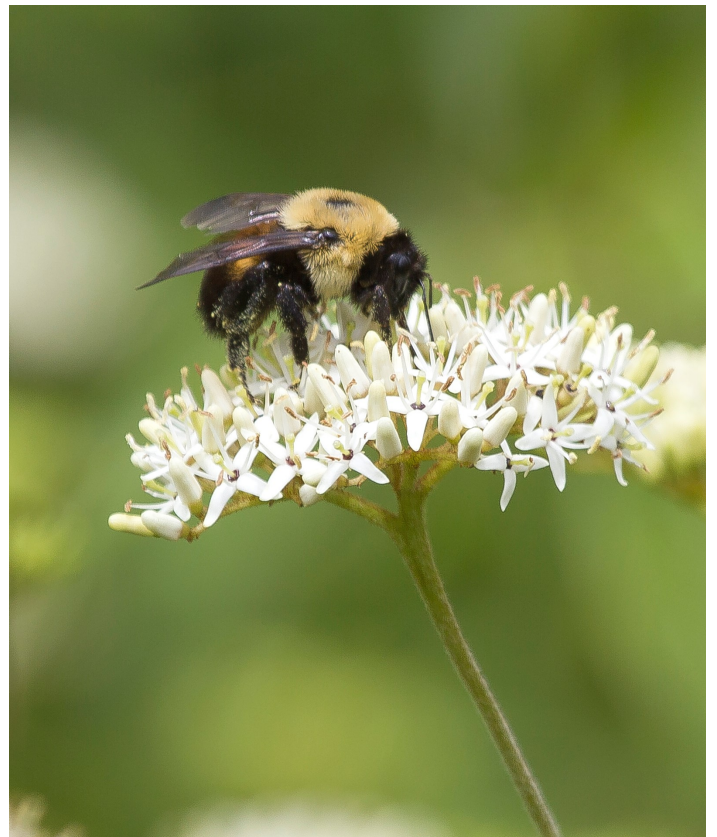
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Bumble Bee. Photo by Jennifer Schlick.