

Peninsula State Park – 920-868-3258

- **Nature Center open daily 10 AM – 2 PM ('til 4 PM Saturdays)**
- **Programs free & open to public but state park vehicle sticker required.**
- **Ask how to earn your 2014 Peninsula Like to Hike Pin!**
- **Donations appreciated!**



Tuesday June 10 **Don't Touch!** Drop by the Nature Center anytime today to learn to identify poison ivy, wild parsnip and nettles. See plant specimens and photos.



Wednesday June 11 **Cloud Windows** 11 – 11:30 AM. Nature Center. Learn to identify at least five different types of clouds. Enjoy a weather story. Make a “Cloud Photo Window” to keep. Counts as a Wisconsin Explorer activity. The Cloud Windows will appeal to all ages.

Friday June 13 **TEDDY BEAR HUNT WORKSHOP** 11 AM – 12 Noon. Nature Center. \$8 per teddy bear. Limited sign up at Nature Center/854-5976. Learn about Wisconsin black bears. See bear tracks, fur and a real stuffed black bear. Then walk a nature trail, looking for clues that lead you to your very own teddy bear!



Saturday June 14 **What's Blooming?** 10 – 10:45 AM. Meet at Tennison Campground playground. Enjoy a casual stroll looking for lady's-slippers, Solomon Seal, and baneberry. Learn to identify poison ivy, too. **Nature Doo Dads at Nicolet Beach** (while supplies last) 1 – 2 PM. Near beach shelter. Craft a nature mobile for dad or grandpa using recycled materials, pine cones, beads and feathers.

Sunday June 15 **Horseshoe Island Talk** 9 – 9:45 AM. Meet at Nicolet Beach shelter. Native Americans, a Norwegian settler, and a wealthy Nebraska banker all claimed Horseshoe Island in the past. Discover park history at this naturalist chat. Rain? Meet at the Nature Center. **Marvelous Milkweed** 11 – Noon. Nature Center. Monarch butterflies depend on milkweed to survive, yet fields where it grows are disappearing. Help plant milkweed at Peninsula's butterfly meadow. Depending on supplies, there may be milkweed plants to take home and plant.



Monday June 16 **Mystery Critter** Try this on-your-own activity at the Nature Center, during open hours. Follow clues to identify an animal. Earn a prize. **Beetles at the Beach** 2 – 3:00 PM. Nicolet Beach Shelter. Craft a shiny green beetle while learning about the emerald ash borer and how it kills ash trees. Discover how beetles are different – and like – other insects. **Batty for Peninsula** The park naturalist will be at Welcker's Shelter from 7 – 8:30 PM. Stop by any time to learn how bats survive, see the park's new bat condo, and learn how to use an ANABAT, a high tech device that can identify bat “sonar” calls to identify species. Favorite bat books will be on hand, too, to share with youngsters. Bats will emerge after the program, twenty minutes after sunset (Sunset is at 8:38 PM.)



Wednesday June 18 **Camp Crawlies** 11 – 11:45 AM. Nature Center. Are spiders, ticks and mosquitoes nothing but trouble? Discover the role these “pests” play in nature. Optional kids craft, too.

Thursday June 19 Drop by the Nature Center any time during open hours to try a **Scavenger Hunt**. Prizes for trying. **ANABAT Survey** Join the naturalist to survey for bats as part of a scientific study. Meet at Nicolet Beach Shelter at 9 PM. Plan to walk along Sunset Bike Trail for about one hour. Weather dependent.

Friday June 20 **Kayak Tour** Must sign up at Nature Center in advance. \$18 + tax per person. Meet at Nicolet Bay Beach Rentals at 9:45 AM Tour departs at 10 AM. with return at approximately 12 Noon. Paddle with the park naturalist to discover Peninsula history and geology. Youth age 17 and younger must be in a kayak with an adult (direct all questions about youth to Nicolet Beach Rentals). Depending on wind, route will either be along the shore near Eagle Bluff or to Horseshoe Island. Weather permitting.

