Sheboygan River AOC Events

May 2015 Update

**Birding By Canoe**
**May 1, 8 June 5  8:00am**
Grab your binoculars and field guide and get ready to paddle a canoe fully outfitted by Camp Y-Koda to spy the river’s birdlife from the water! Stop along the way to get a good look at birds and explore Wildwood Island. Our data will be submitted to eBird. **Registration required.**
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**Warbler Wednesday**
**May 6, 13, 27, June 3, 17, July 8, August 12, Sept. 9, 30  8:00am**
Join a leader from the Sheboygan County Audubon Society, for a morning walk to identify birds along the Sheboygan River. **Meet at 8:00 AM at Esslingen Park and drive to other project sites and eBird hotspots as time allows. Drop in for just a short time, or make a morning of it. Every day is different! Our observations will be submitted to eBird. Bring your binoculars and field guide. Boots recommended.**
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**9th Annual Sheboygan River Litter Cleanup**
**May 23  10:00am - 2:00pm**
Bring your family, friends, or youth group to search for litter and enjoy a walk or canoe trip down the river! **Bring your own canoe, use a Camp canoe for free, or walk in a park. All ages welcome, but youth under 18 must be with an adult. Free lunch at Camp Y-Koda!** **Registration required.**
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**Invasive Plant Pull & Ice Cream Social**
**May 14, 28  6:00-8:00pm**
Help protect riverside habitat by cutting and pulling invasive plants. Then take a break to enjoy ice cream and socialize with your fellow volunteers. **Long sleeves, insect repellent, gloves and sturdy shoes encouraged. Meet on University Drive along the Sheboygan River. For weather-related cancellations, call Amy Kretlow at 414-840-2975 up to 2 hours in advance.**
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**Canoe and Collect Shells**
**July 17, August 2, September 11  10:00am –1:00pm**
What fun to collect shells—but it is more than fun, it is also helpful! Shells are data. They can tell us what species of freshwater mussels (and fish!) call Sheboygan River home now and in the past. This is important information as we determine the health of the river. **Enjoy a canoe trip, learn how to collect shells and how to identify a few. Bring sunscreen, snacks, and water, and wear shoes that can get wet. Registration required.**
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**Night Canoe and Bat Monitoring**
**June 24, July 8, August 12  8:00pm**
The river is so peaceful at night! We are offering night-time canoe trips so that you can experience the river in a new way and also learn how to monitor for bats. Bats are good indicators of habitat health and important critters for our ecosystem. **Watch bats as they fly, and learn to use a bat detector, a gadget that records bat vocalizations we cannot hear. This prepares you for borrowing the bat detector so that if you are interested, you can survey for bats on your own along the river or elsewhere in Wisconsin. Registration required.**
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