



The Listening Post

A Seasonal Newsletter of Emily Oaks Nature Center

Late Summer 2015

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE WOODS SUNDAY, JULY 12 • 8:30A-NOON

Bring the family to Emily Oaks for a breakfast among the oak trees!

The menu includes delicious pancakes served hot off the griddle with syrup or strawberries, turkey sausage, and beverages. Complete your morning with a stroll and enjoy "Brush with Nature" plein air painters working along the Nature Center trails. Advanced tickets are recommended and can be purchased at Emily Oaks.

\$7.50/adult
\$5.50/child under 10



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During Pancake Breakfast, enjoy a plein air painting demonstration where Chicago-area artists set up their easels and paint along the Emily Oaks trails. This event is organized by Anatomically Correct, a not-for-profit that showcases art in alternative spaces.

Thank you to L.L.Bean for supporting the Pancake Breakfast in the Woods and for the Outdoor Discovery Schools partnership with Emily Oaks Nature Center. Visit the L.L.Bean table at Pancake Breakfast to discover what to take in your backpack on a day hike!



SUMMER PROGRAMMING

SONGS & MARSHMALLOWS CAMPFIRE

Prepare for an evening of fun around the campfire! Follow along on song sheets as we sing traditional camp songs and then roast marshmallows over the fire.

Saturday, July 18 — 8-9 p.m.
ALL AGES (3 yrs. & up): \$4/person
#242175-01 (pre-registration is requested)

FOX RIVER CANOE TRIP

Paddle one of the most scenic sections of river in Illinois, and enjoy spectacular sandstone bluffs and rural countryside. Basic canoe instruction will be covered, so no previous experience is required. Lunch and van transportation are included.



Sunday, August 9 — 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
ADULTS: \$60/resident \$75/non-resident
#241752-01 (pre-registration is required)



NIGHT HIKE & S'MORES

Explore Emily Oaks at night! Travel the trails with a naturalist to discover sights and sounds of the evening, play group games, and make s'mores by a campfire.

Friday, August 14 — 7-9 p.m.
AGES 7-10: \$9/resident \$11/non-resident
#242132-01 (pre-registration is required)

SUMMER DAY SURVIVORS

Give your child one more day of summer fun before school starts! We'll play and explore at Emily Oaks while learning survival skills, like building a shelter, following a map, packing a survivor kit, and tending a campfire. Pack a lunch and dress for outdoor play.

Monday, August 17 — 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
AGES 6-7: #240831-01 (pre-registration is required)
AGES 8-10: #240831-02 (pre-registration is required)
\$36/resident \$45/non-resident



GROWING SPROUTS — Now Enrolling for Fall!

This early learning program combines traditional preschool activities with outdoor discovery and exploration. The majority of your child's morning will be spent naturally learning through outdoor play. Children will conduct simple science experiments, learn about plants, animals and habitats; observe the changing seasons; and become immersed in the natural world.

September 9-November 20 (M,W,F) — 9:30-11:45 a.m.
AGES 3.25-5: \$540/resident \$675/non-resident

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Now is the time to begin taking photos at Emily Oaks in preparation for the annual Nature Photography Contest in September. Photos must be taken at the Nature Center and can be entered in the wildlife, scenery, and people in nature categories.

All amateur photographers are invited to submit a maximum of nine black and white or color photos mounted in a mat frame or on mat board only. For contest applications and rules, call Emily Oaks Nature Center



“Botanicals on Display”

Reed-Turner Woodland Botanical Artists' Circle

June 26—August 21



Artwork by
Beverly Behrens

The Reed-Turner Woodland Botanical Artists are a circle of the American Society of Botanical Artists, meeting monthly to share their love of botanical art. With colored pencil, ink, watercolor, graphite or other media, they create works to illustrate the botanical world.