It’s SPRING!

and our THOUGHTS turn to FUN-draising

Two of our biggest and longest running fundraisers are coming up soon, the Door County Festival of Nature and the Ridges Ride for Nature. Each year, The Ridges has several fundraisers to support our education programs but these are our two major efforts. The Door County Festival of Nature attracts people from all over the Midwest to enjoy the unique, uncelebrated natural gifts of Door County. The field trip leaders have expertise in everything from (A) art to (Z) Zigadenus elegans! We now offer online registration for the Festival of Nature at: RidgesSanctuary.org/festival.aspx.

You will find the latest field trip changes and the number of remaining slots. To keep the process simple, you register one participant at a time. We offer payment via PayPal or you can print out your completed registration and mail it to us along with your check.

The Ridges Ride for Nature also draws from Midwest. Local bike riders and riders from all over who love nature, The Ridges, and biking will be in Baileys Harbor on June 20th to enjoy a pleasant ride through the backroads of Door County and a fabulous pasta lunch from Weisgerber’s. You can also register online for The Ridges Ride for Nature. www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.aspx

Register for either event online in April or call for a brochure: (920) 839-2802. Proceeds are used to support The Ridges’ educational programs for children and adults.

Heigh-Ho! Heigh-Ho!

It’s off to Ridges’ Work Day we go! We are saving all those little fun jobs for our Ridges’ Work Day crew. Help us get The Ridges spruced up for summer.

Saturday, May 2

9-noon Wheelbarrow rides & Lunch included!

Call The Ridges (920) 839-2802 for information or to reserve a spot!


We Wish …

Copy machine paper
Office Supplies
Plastic covered containers in various sizes
Small energy-star rated washer/dryer
Energy star refrigerator
Underwriter for four more pages to the sanctuary, The Ridges’ newsletter
$$$$ for our wish list!

Wishes Do Come True!
Thank you to the donors of copy paper, plastic tubs/containers and the sunflower seeds for the birds, the check toward "anything on our wish list!!" AND a new Energy-Star rated chest freezer for our specimens

Call: (920) 839-2802 • or visit our website for more information: www.RidgesSanctuary.org
Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: ___________________________ Send a gift card? ___ Date: ______________________
Address: ____________________________ Phone ( _______ ) ______________________
City, State, ZIP: ___________________ ____________________ ______________________
Email address: ______________________ ____________________ ______________________
Second Address from ___/____ to ___/____
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City, State, ZIP ____________________________ ____________________ ______________________
Membership: Individual _____ $40 Family _____ $65 Family Plus _____ $95
Additional Donation: _____ $25 _____ $50 _____ $100 _____ $150 _____ Other $___________
___ Check enclosed ___ Credit Card # __________________ Exp date ____/____
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Signature

Sponsor Name (For the Drawing in Aug.) ___________________________________________

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202

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Notes from the Range Light
3/16/09 The first flower (of 2009) in The Ridges bloomed today. They were difficult to find, but the male Dwarf mistletoe flowers were showing their tiny spots of yellow pollen.

3/25/09 Finches, siskins, and redpolls are dying at feeders in Door County (too much togetherness!). It's hard because we've been enjoying them all winter but we quit feeding for a while and unplugged our heated birdbath.

4/6/09 A Ridges member spotted a wolf near Moonlight bay.

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Ridges Past
1st visited (The Ridges) with Emma Tolt on a class trip when I was in 3rd grade at the Baileys Harbor School. That was a long time ago! In high school I participated in the district FFA speaking contest and was invited to give my talk at an annual meeting." Ron Siegel — former TRS board member and executive — and professor emeritus, UW-Green Bay

TWO ‘Green’ BROWN CHAIRS
Donated by Nathan Nichols & Company and offered as a fundraiser for The Ridges.

Custom handmade Huntington chairs built by Palecek, an eco-friendly company that uses natural and sustainable resources to build furniture for the home. These chairs are constructed using bold rattan for the weaving, pole rattan for the vertical strips, and plantation grown hardwood for the feet.

Valued at over $4,800 for the pair. Purchase them for $1,000 each before they go on eBay on Monday, April 27 to Sunday, May 3. Tell your friends! You can view them at the Baileys Harbor Community Association office in the Town Hall.

We’re All In This Together!
EARTH DAY • APRIL 22
Go Outside and make a difference to this fragile, blue planet. Or come to The Ridges first Volunteer Bar-B-Q (see the calendar at RidgesSanctuary.org or on the front of this flyer). For other ideas visit: www.earthday.net

JUMP RIGHT IN! Water Action Volunteers
Stream monitoring training on May 5th • 10-3 PM
The Ridges is partnering with the Wisconsin Water Action Volunteers to host a stream monitoring training to develop an understanding of Door County streams. Individuals will learn monitoring protocols for temperature, flow, dissolved oxygen, habitat assessment, and biotic index to assess local water quality. This first training is meant for individuals who will help coordinate a county-wide initiative to monitor The Ridges’ watershed and other watersheds throughout Door County. Future trainings will be offered to recruit more volunteers and introduce updated monitoring protocols. Call The Ridges at (920)839-2802 to register.

Check your mailing label for an expiration date for your membership and support the oldest member-based nature preserve in Wisconsin. Or consider a donation to support The Ridges.