Member Match

The Ridges Sanctuary has a great opportunity to revitalize its operating fund in this time of economic concern. An anonymous Ridges’ member has offered to match gifts up to $10,000. If 200 members give $50 each, we can easily reach our goal. Because of the economic problems in the country and because most foundations won’t cover operating expenses in their funding, many non-profits like The Ridges are experiencing shortfalls in their operating budget. The difficulty lies in balancing donors and fundraising with rising costs of programming and facility expenses.

Please help our operating fund to secure $20,000 by October 1, 2009, using any one of three ways to donate:

- Call (920) 839-2802
- Send a check to The Ridges Sanctuary PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202
- Donate online at www.RidgesSanctuary.org

Come ‘Play’ With Us!

“Work I have done I have done because it has been play. If it had been work I shouldn’t have done it.”
Mark Twain

Come and help with wood chip hauling, trail checking, general maintenance before we hunker down for the winter. Remember the Great Chili and those awesome brownies we had last Fall! It will be served again by TRS staff!

Come for all morning or just an hour or two! Families are encouraged.

Free wheelbarrow rides!

Ridges’ Fall Work (Play) Day October 3 from 8—Noon.

Please call The Ridges if you can come 839-2802

WISCONSIN NATURALIST PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Naturalist Program provides opportunities to engage students of all ages and walks of life in environmental stewardship and citizen science. The courses focus on the native ecosystems of Door County and involve ten 2.5 hour classes each Thursday from Sept. 10—Nov. 19 at Gibraltar Schools.

Course is filling fast so please call if you are interested: 839-2802.

THE RIDGES FLEA MARKET

Be Green on The Green Saturday Sept. 26

In conjunction with Bailey’s Harbor Autumn Fest

In the Green Space behind the Nature Center
Muffins in the Morning Lunch Mid-Day

Call: 839-2802 or mlmatthes@aol.com to reserve a space to sell your items or just come and browse the recycled treasures and specials from The Ridges’ Nature Center

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Notes from the Range Light

7/3/09 Visitor reported watching Fox snake eating a shrew along the trail!

7/11/09 Dragonfly Workshop participants saw 4-spotted & 12-spotted skimmers, lots of Meadowhawks, and several Hine’s emeralds (although most of them evaded our nets)

July & August Pinesap & Indian Pipes (unusual plants with no chlorophyll) were seen in several locations.

8/12/09 Spotted coralroot ‘spotted’ on Ridges’ property west of Hwy 57

8/13/09 Purple fringed orchid spotted on Ridges Road

Monarch Workshop

Learn more about the life and times of Monarch butterflies and then go out in the field to net and tag butterflies to track them on their migration routes. The workshops are designed for all ages (children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult).

Friday & Saturday August 28 & 29
10 AM—11:30 AM

Advanced Registration Requested: 839-2802 or karen@RidgesSanctuary.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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.

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: ___________________________________ Send a gift card? ___Date: ________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP: ____________________________________________ Phone ( ___ ) __________________

Email address: ______________________________________________________

Second Address from ____/____ to ____/____

Address ________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP _________________________________________________________________________

Membership: Individual _____$40  Family _____ $65  Family Plus _____ $95  New? ___ or Renewal? ________

Additional Donation: ___$25  ___$50  ___$100  ___$150  ___ Other $____________

___Check enclosed  ___Credit Card # ________________________ Exp date ___/____ Signature ________________

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For more information on upcoming events and news visit the website: www.RidgesSanctuary.org

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