



## Ridges Ride FOR NATURE

Biking the backroads of Door County

**Saturday,  
June 20th**

Make your plans to get out and feel the wind in your face and the satisfying ache in your muscles after a good bike hike!

- 25K, 50K, 100K paved routes
- Food and beverage stops
- Ridges' Nature Notes
- Great pasta dishes from Weisgerber's Cornerstone Restaurant & Pub

*Tell all your biking friends*

Register online [www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.htm](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org/bike.htm) or call for a brochure: (920) 839-2802. Proceeds are used to support The Ridges' educational programs for children and adults.

## New in '09

Just returning from counting wolves around Duluth, Minnesota, Marne Kaeske is The Ridges' summer naturalist for 2009. Previously a Wildlife Technician and Environmental Planner, Marne will be working with individuals and businesses to develop a watershed identification and protection model. Marne is excited to work at The Ridges and is always up for a discussion on glacial geology and isostatic rebound or ecological productivity and nutrient cycling or any-



Marne Kaeske

## TALKING POINTS with STEVE

The 4th Thursday of each month, Steve Leonard, The Ridges' director joins the WDOR Eddie Allen Talk Show to discuss the happenings at The Ridges Sanctuary. Listen and call in with questions. Another way to keep up with all that's going on in the Sanctuary.



## Coming Up!

**Saturdays in June & July** • *Discovery Bird Hikes* at 6:30 AM

**June 10** • *Wild Places* signup begins—limit 40

**June 20** • Ridges' Ride for Nature. *Bicycle the backroads of Door County*

**June 25** • Ridges' Thursday Evening Explorations start at the Town Hall

**July 31** • a *'Round for The Ridges* golf outing

**Aug 8** • Annual Meeting and Member Picnic

**Aug 23** • Volunteer Recognition at Bjorklunden

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

## Education Pathway

Because of the great reception of our re-formatted newsletter, *sanctuary*, with its focus on education for all ages, The Ridges needs help to increase the size from 8 pages to 12 pages.

If you would like to underwrite the production costs of the *sanctuary*, please call Steve Leonard at (920) 839-2802 to discuss how this support can enhance your company's image and help us continue to provide quality newsletters to our membership.



## Ridges Rambles—Summer Programs

There is a lot going on at The Ridges this summer. Check out the website: [www.RidgesSanctuary.org](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org) to see what's current.

Explore nature in our camps or activity days. Call (920) 839-2802 or email ([Karen@RidgesSanctuary.org](mailto:Karen@RidgesSanctuary.org)) The Ridges for registration information. All kids programs include activities, nature art, story-time/games, hikes and rambles through The Ridges.



**Kit Camp**—Young children (Age 4—entering Kindergarten) explore "*Birds, Beasts & Bugs*".

**Foxes**—(grades 1- 2) take a close-up look at the animals of all shapes and sizes that make their homes at The Ridges.

**Explorers**— (grades 3-6) enjoy outdoor adventures and find out how we can have a positive impact on our environment.

**Camp Taiga (I & II)**—Four mornings of exploring "*Home is a Habitat*" (grades 1-2) or "*Lessons of the Lorax* (Grades 3-6).

**Guided Nature Hikes**— Learn more about the most biologically diverse area in Wisconsin with a naturalist guided hike through The Ridges, Monday-Saturday at 1:30 PM (no hike on July 4).

**Wild Places Family Fridays**—Join our naturalist for new insights into the natural world and what makes it run.

**Dragonfly Workshop**—Ramble the Ridges seeking the elusive and endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly in mid-July.

**Evening Explorations**—Explore a variety of nature related themes on Thursday evenings from June 25—August 6 at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall.

**Discovery Bird Hikes**—Rise and shine at 6:30 AM now through July to explore some of the best birding spots in the county with people who enjoy being out and about in the early morning dew.



**Parents/Grandparents:** *Help your children or grandchildren connect with the joy of nature.*

**Kids:** Discover a place to call your own. Use your backyard, local park or find a special place at The Ridges. This will be your **Wild Place** to visit, explore, observe, and make connections with nature. Registration begins June 10 at the McArdle Library in Baileys Harbor where you will receive a backpack filled with exploration and art supplies to set you off on your summer adventure of exploring your **Wild Place**. Call The Ridges or the McArdle Library (839-2210) for more information or visit our website listed below.



## We Wish ...

Copy machine paper

Office Supplies

Plastic covered containers in various sizes

Underwriter for mounting expenses for one or all of our frozen zoo!

Underwriter the *sanctuary*, The Ridges' newsletter

Shop vacuum for the Nature Center

\$\$\$ for a riding lawnmower

Vacuum for the Range Light  
\$\$\$\$ for our wish list!

**Wishes Do Come True!**

Watch for the Annual Report for a complete list of those who have generously supported The Ridges.

## RIDGES PAST

*“Not wealthy, not “influential,” but lovers of the beautiful, wanting those who come after them to find such beauty to enrich their lives, these “people who care” have not waited for wealth to make their start.”*

*Excerpted from an article about The Ridges Sanctuary founders in The Milwaukee Journal 10/18/1937*

### Notes from the Range Light

*4/22/09 (Earth Day) - heard a Winter wren singing.*

*4/28/09 Wood frogs were “quacking” in the swales.*

*4/29/09 Green darners dragonflies were seen between the Rangelights.*

*5/5/09 Toads were ‘trilling’ near Reiboldt’s Creek and Moonlight Bay.*

*5/9/09 The first hummingbird spotted at the feeders.*

*5/10/09 Dwarf lake iris starting to blossom along sunny parts of trails.*

*5/16/09 Indian paintbrush appears near beach.*

*5/22/09 Gaywings beginning to flower among the iris.*

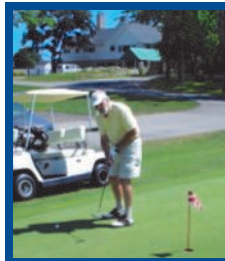
## TWO ‘Green’ BROWN CHAIRS

*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, pencil pole rattan for the vertical strips, and plantation grown hardwood for the feet.



Valued at over \$4,800 for the pair. Will go to the Best OFFER over \$500 made prior to June 30. Tell your friends! You can view them at the Baileys Harbor Community Association office in the Town Hall or at [www.RidgesSanctuary.org/news.htm](http://www.RidgesSanctuary.org/news.htm). Call (920) 839-2802.



## a’Round for The Ridges July 31

The second annual golf outing to support The Ridges will be on **July 31** this year. Plan to sponsor a hole, underwrite the prizes, or just get a foursome together and come out and have fun at Maxwellton Braes golf course. Call The Ridges for more information (920.839.2802).

## ABSENTEE BALLOTING DECISION

This past winter the Ridges asked its membership to weigh in on the subject of absentee balloting for the annual meeting. The Board of Directors is aware that many members are unable to attend the meeting, and wondered how many would vote in absentia if given the opportunity. The response was negligible. Of a total 1,500 member households, only 10 people expressed an interest in absentee balloting. Because absentee voting presents significant logistical challenges and the interest is so low, the board has decided against instituting this change.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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