When the Chips are Down—
The buffalo is empty
In our case—the trails are ready for winter. Come help usatten down the buildings and the trails before the snow flies. Hauling wood chips, raking, organizing, washing windows, sprucing up the cedar signs and posts—there’s lots to do! And there’s always that famous Ridges’ chili to warm you up on a cool Fall day. Families are especially welcome!

8:30 AM–Noon • October 2
Bring a friend and you’ll each get a copy of Celebrating Door County’s Wild Places.

No Family Left Inside
The Ridges Sanctuary is collaborating with the McArdle Library and the Northern Door YMCA to encourage kids and adults to go outside and explore nature.

Reasons to get outside
Nature is always there • You can explore alone or with a friend • There’s always something to do • No special equipment required

Other Reasons to get kids outside exploring nature:
Creative benefits • Cognitive benefits • Social benefits • Physical benefits • Emotional benefits

EXPLORE the OUTDOORS with these No Family Left Inside Programs

Friday October 22 • 6 PM
Fall Moon Hike
Discover some of the wonders of the nocturnal world. Campfire & marshmallow.

Saturday November 12 • 10 AM
SURVIVAL! Learn survival skills with activities & stories.

Saturday December 11 • 10 AM
A Natural Christmas
Come to The Ridges and enjoy some of the simple pleasure of the past.

Summer 2011

- A Natural Christmas
- Sign up for the Hats Off program sponsored by The Ridges Sanctuary & the McArdle Library.

HATS OFF!
Adults & Children will be rewarded three times over when they join the Hats Off program sponsored by The Ridges Sanctuary & the McArdle Library. 1. Do a simple nature activity. 2. Read a nature related book. 3. Receive a nature button. Collect ten buttons and get a free hat (gold or blue) to display them on.

Contact Jeanne at the McArdle Library for more information or to sign up (920.839.2210). If you won’t be back until next year—not a problem—you can participate long distance! (A part of the No Family Left Inside program)

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We Wish …
Laser or inkjet mailing labels
Copy paper
$8 for clean cedar wood chips
Clippers & loppers for the Barberry Pirates
Shelving units
Garden gloves, rakes, tools, etc.
Blank CDs & DVDs
Digital cameras
Black sunflower seeds
Canoe or kayak
Donations for a new server (computer)
Chocolate for the staff

Wishes Do Come True!
For a list of our many wonderful benefactors, go to the “Donors” link at www.RidgesSanctuary.org.

Call: (920) 839-2802 • or visit our website for more information: www.RidgesSanctuary.org
Notes from the Range Light
Late August brought dozens of migrating Monarch butterflies to the Baileys Harbor shoreline. Spring peepers have been calling on cool days in September—maybe the weather feels like April to them?

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MEMORIES are Made for Sharing

The Ridges Memory Project is seeking your submissions for a special collection of personal memories we are putting together in honor of our 75th anniversary coming up in 2012. A few sentences or detailed paragraphs are all welcome, as we want to hear your favorite memory, to know how this special place has touched you, or lessons you have learned from time spent at the Sanctuary.

Photos are very welcome and will be returned! MEMORIES are Made for Sharing

Trail Talk at The Ridges

• Your TIME is Important! If you have worked on ANY invasive species this year—give Marne a call to record your hours (or minutes) 839-2802

• Your IDEAS are important to us! Send us a letter or go to www.msp.edu/schmeeckle/ridges to give your input on our ‘new’ look.

• The Barberry Pirates have fought fiercely against the many invasive plants that threaten the Sanctuary. They have fought the good fight and will be ‘in port’ until Spring.

• ENJOY the winter in Door County! Come and spend some time at The Ridges in winter—either at a Ridges’ event or just to enjoy the quiet of the trails.

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OPINIONS Wanted!
The Ridges and the Schmeeckle Interpreters are planning to host various Focus Groups in Door County in the near future. Their purpose is to gather member and community input. This is a tremendous opportunity for members to help identify the audiences we will serve and the significant stories we will tell as we develop the plan for a new facility - The Ridges Sanctuary’s Center for Environmental Stewardship.

Share your view of The Ridges’ future through conversation and/or your memories. Visit www.msp.edu/schmeeckle/ridges and go to The Discussion Forum to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns about how The Ridges Sanctuary should look, change, not change, emphasize, etc. Or visit RidgesSanctuary.org and click on the ‘Planning’ tab to link to the discussion forum.

Sale on Nature Gifts

Until the Nature Center closes on October 17th, all merchandise is discounted 25% for members. Stock up on those great nature gifts for friends, relatives, and kids you know. There is a special clearance table also with lots of great bargains!

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. Please let us know if you wish to remain anonymous.

Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: ____________________________________________ Send a gift card? ___ Date: ____________

City, State, ZIP: ______________________________________ Phone ( ) ____________________________

Email address: ____________________________________________________________

Second Address from _____/_____ to _____/_____

Address ____________________________________________

City, State, ZIP ____________________________________________

Membership: Individual __$40 Family __$65 Family Plus __$95 Business __$150 New? ___ or Renewal ? ______

Additional Donation for Planning: ___$25 ___$50 ___$100 ___$150 ___ Other $___________ Exp date ___/___

Check enclosed ___ Credit Card # ____________________________ Exp date ___/___

Signature ____________________________

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202 or signup/donate online: RidgesSanctuary.org

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

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