

When the Chips are Down— *The buffalo is empty*

In our case—the trails are ready for winter. Come help us batten 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*.



Working on the windows & the Butterfly Garden.

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
Full Moon Hike

Discover some of the wonders of the nocturnal world. Campfire & marshmallow.

Saturday November 13 • 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.

Saturday January 15 • 10 AM
SNOWSHOE with your Family

Join the naturalist for a hike in our snow be-

decked conifers .

Saturday February 19 • 10 AM
GEOCACHING

Learn the newest outdoor/technology scavenger hunt activity.

Saturday March 18 • 10 AM
Build a Bluebird House

Build a home for these gentle songsters.

Saturday April 16 • 10 AM
Signs of Spring!

Will Spring ever come? Search for the signs!

Friday May 14 • 6 PM
Frog Walk

Frogs are noisy—but can we FIND them?

Coming Up!

Oct 2 • Fall Volunteer Day at The Ridges. The famous chili **will** be on the menu!

Oct 22 • Full Moon Hike—come for an evening guided family hike at The Ridges!

Nov 13 • SURVIVAL—Can You?

Nov 20 • A full moon—come for an evening hike on your own at The Ridges!

Dec 21 • A full moon—come for an evening hike on your own at The Ridges!

Dec 11 • An afternoon of old-fashioned Christmas fun—The Ridges' Natural Christmas****

Jan 15 • Family Snowshoe Hike

Feb 19 • GEOCACHING

Mar 18 • Build a Bluebird House

For more information call The Ridges or visit our website www.RidgesSanctuary.org



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)



CHRISTMAS is Coming!

Carols, cookies, crafts, campfire, & More at The Ridges' Natural Christmas December 11 3-6 PM

We Wish ...

- Laser or inkjet mailing labels
- Copy paper
- \$\$ 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.

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?

8/13/10 A fawn, a red-breasted nuthatch, a boreal nuthatch, chickadees, mushrooms, a thumbnail sized frog, and two, big, unidentified birds of prey were noted by a group.

9/2/10 Spotted a mink along Mt Maple Trail! Very Exciting!

9/15/10 Hummingbirds were still visiting our feeders. (They've been recorded as late as October 9 in Door County.)

9/21/10 September 21 was a brief return to summer, with humidity, balmy south winds and temperatures in the upper 70s.

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.uwsp.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.

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.uwsp.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 20% 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!

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!* Contact Cathleen Haskins at 262-949-4617, or cathleenhaskins@yahoo.com or The Ridges Sanctuary at 920-839-2802, or info@ridgessanctuary.org.



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

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

Additional Donation for Planning: __\$25 __\$50 __\$100 __\$150 Other \$ _____

___ 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)