WORKING ON THE BOARDWALK

Or anything else that needs attention! Raking leaves. Cleaning the Nature Center. Painting the ‘shed’. Washing windows (there must be someone who does that!) Hauling wood chips. Hiking the trails looking for problems. Taking care of the ‘bats in our belfry.’ We have lots of tasks large and small where your help would be invaluable. This is an especially good opportunity for high school community service hours!

Bring your gloves, hammers, shovels, neighbors, and kids to The Ridges Sanctuary Fall Family Work Day on October 4th from 9-noon. This Saturday morning will be devoted to “sprucing up” – (not tree planting!) the grounds after the summer season.

We will provide a chili lunch at noon before sending you home with our grateful thanks! Please call The Ridges Sanctuary at (920) 839-2802 to let us know if you can make it.

Since we have to remove (pull) small trees from the Range light Trail, bring a bag or pot and take some home!

Welcome to Camp! Let’s Nature!

If you haven’t been out in the woods for a while, get a kid to go with you. That good feeling you had when you last visited The Ridges will re-emerge like a butterfly from its chrysalis. From the get go, the camp kids this summer immersed themselves in touching, seeing, hearing and smelling the interactive environment of The Ridges Sanctuary. “This smells good!” they would say as they turned the corner onto Sandy Trail and the fragrance of the conifers was fully released into the warm sun. Poking around in bog water is fun but getting into it and hunting for larvae or frogs or algae weeds was better. They created owl pellets out of cotton candy and nature art à la Andrew Goldsworthy. They concentrated on plant seeds for a day - those amazing little packages of botanical growth. The kids never stopped finding seeds after that. Open your eyes and your hearts and you too will become a true aficionado of the outdoor.

Volunteers’ Fall Get-together

If you are a volunteer in any capacity, come to the Bar-B-Q at the Marshall Cabin and meet and socialize with other volunteers, Board Members, and staff. Marc makes a mean burger! Staff & Board members provide the lunch. Call to reserve a bun! 839-2802

Coming Up!

Sept 20 • ‘Recycle Extravaganza’ at The Ridges 8 AM-4 PM
Sept 26, 27 • Logan Creek Hikes (1 PM)
Sept 10 • Marc’s at the grill! Volunteer Lunch at Marshall cabin
Oct 4 • Ridges Family Work Day (9-Noon)
Oct 15 • Woodshed Ribbon Cutting/ Volunteer Lunch
Oct 19 • Nature Store Closes

DEDICATION!

Wed Oct 15 11:45 AM
Ribbon cutting on the re-built woodshed!

Ridges’ Special Lunch
Tour of the facility
Short Guest Speaker
(The speech—not the speaker)

We Wish …
Copy machine paper
New volunteers!
Clear plastic bins (various sizes-Rubbermaid type with covers)
Office Supplies
Adding machine with tape
Gardening Supplies
Wishes Do Come True!
Thank you to the donors of the wind-up flashlights, copy paper, & chocolate!

Call or visit our website for more information: (920) 839-2802 • www.RidgesSanctuary.org

Ridges Sanctuary 2008 Annual Meeting

The Ridges Sanctuary 71st Annual Meeting, held August 2nd was called to order at 10:00am by board President Ed Pentecost. Executive Director, Steve Leonard, gave a presentation on the year’s activities followed by various committee reports. Alan Kimbell, Larry Leporte, Betsy Rogers, and Jean Leavitt were unanimously elected for a second term on the Board. Before adjourning the meeting Ed invited members to participate in an “open mic” session. Following the meeting all gathered under a tent at the Ridges for a picnic lunch catered by Alexander’s of Fish Creek.

Volunteers are Priceless

In 2007, our volunteers donated more than 7,670 hours of their time. If we paid them it would have been equivalent to $149,000. That is equal to three fulltime staff.

Of course we cannot give a value to all the goodwill that each one brings to the ‘job’, which then reflects well on The Ridges. Thank you Volunteers!

Kudos to Bob Brogan & Don Juers—our Volunteers of the Year!

Ridges Lites
A monthly update of Ridges Activities • August 2008
Remember When …

...you first experienced The Ridges? Recall the special qualities of diversity, solitude, and the close experience with this natural wonder that made you certain that helping to preserve this unique sanctuary was an important thing to do. All those qualities are still there, The Ridges is still educating children and adults with their summer programs and year-round workshop offerings. The Ridges is still offering sanctuary to the many rare and endangered species that flourish in the habitats of the ridges and swales. And researchers still come to study the fascinating aspects of The Ridges. Please 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: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City, State, ZIP: ____________________________________

Phone ( ) ___________________________ Date: _________

Email address: ____________________________________

Second Address from ______/______ to ______/______

Address: __________________________________________

City, State, ZIP: ____________________________________

Basic Membership $40 • Family Membership $65

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

Please have my additional donation applied to: □ Operating □ Endowment □ Land □ Building

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

Recycling EXTRAVAGANZA

FLEA MARKET

September 20th • 8 AM—4PM

Come to The Ridges during Bailey’s Harbor Fest on September 20th for our “Recycling Extravaganza Sale!” Your friends and neighbors will be there with gently used items that you can’t do without! Better than a garage sale because there will be more choices. Come to browse and buy or call 839-9929 or 839-2802 to reserve a space to display your own un-needed treasures.

Collectibles • antiques • treasures • junque • books • really good stuff!

THE MOST CHARMING GIFT SHOP IN DOOR COUNTY

The Ridges Nature Store, the place for that perfect gift for nature enthusiasts of all ages! Check out the end-of-season bargains on books, puppets, and apparel. If you can’t visit in person—shop online by clicking on The Ridges Sanctuary Nature Store at: www.innline.com/dcstore