WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report July & August 2025



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Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts had 50.943 views. **E-blasts** are reaching 5,499 subscribers.
- 7/10: Toddler Trek: Creek Fun at Landen-Deerfield (LA): 27 kids, 14 adults, 1 volunteer = 42 participants
- 7/10: Intro to Kayaking at Armco with WC Soil & Water Conservation District: 9 participants
- 7/10: Creek Fun with Mason City Parks (SP): 9 adults, 11 kids = 20 participants
- 7/11: Leadership Float with area conservation organizations and local leaders (SP): 42 participants



- 7/11: Owl Prowl at Armco (LA): 23 kids, 14 adults, 1 volunteer = 38 participants
- 7/12: Cops & Bobbers at Deerfield Twp (SP & The Boys) = est. 200 participants
- 7/14: **Nature Education Team** meeting with Matt (SP, LA)
- 7/15: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Animal Adaptations** at LD with Cincy Museum Center (SP, LA): 45 adults, 122 kids, 5 volunteers = 172 participants
- 7/15: **Leadership Team** meeting (SP)
- 7/16: Warren County Fair Natural Resources Day with the reptiles (SP): est. 150 participants
- 7/17: Little Miami Watershed Network (LMWN) Junior Naturalists Camp guest at Miller Park (SP): 20 participants. This was a paid partner program as outlined under the new policy.















- 7/17: Toddler Trek: Creek Fun (LA): 8 adults, 6 kids, 1 volunteer = 15 participants
- 7/17: Solar Pollinator Habitat maintenance with Bryan Billhimer at Armco (SP)
- 7/19: Morrow Arts Center wildlife program (SP)
- 7/22: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Home is Where the Habitat Is** at Armco with WCSWCD (SP): 25 adults, 43 kids, 5 volunteers: 73 participants plus Melissa Proffitt and four SWCD interns
- 7/22: Warren County Conservation Collaborative meeting with Melissa Proffitt from WCSWCD, Erin Shaw from Caesar Creek State Park, and Laura Stanton from OSU Extension to discuss upcoming program opportunities (SP)
- 7/24: **LMWN Junior Naturalists Camp** at Hob Camp Nature Preserve guest (SP): 20 participants. This was a paid partner program.
- 7/25: Safety Town with City of Franklin with our animal ambassadors (SP): 60 participants
- 7/26: Stroll for Kindness with SAFE on Main at Armco (SP): est 50 participants
- 7/28: Nature Education Team meeting with Matt (SP, LA)
- 7/29: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Creeking and Colorful Coral** with Cincinnati Museum Center at LD (SP, LA): 39 adults, 75 kids, 4 volunteers = 118 participants plus staff from CMC and 3 interns from SWCD
- 7/30: **"Flora, Fauna, and Fun"** camp for **City of Mason** with reptile ambassadors (SP): 20 participants. This was a paid partner program.
- 8/1: Meeting with John Wagner from City of Mason about winter programming options (SP, LA)
- 8/5: **Tech-Free Tuesday: RAPTOR, Inc.** at Armco (SP, LA): 71 adults, 109 kids, 5 volunteers: 187 participants
- 8/7: Mid-year planning check-in with Matt (SP, LA)
- 8/8: Owl Prowl at Gulley (LA): 9 adults, 11 kids, 1 volunteer = 21 participants
- 8/9: Miller Park Butterfly Release (host booth) (SP): est. 1000 participants per Casey Burdick
- 8/11: Nature Education Team meeting with Matt (SP, LA)
- 8/12: Tech-Free Tuesday: Reptiles and Amphibians at LD (SP)
- 8/14: Insect Safari with City of Mason (SP): 4 kids, 4 adults = 8 participants
- 8/15: Water Striders: General Public Float on Caesar Creek Lake with SWCD (SP): 20 participants













Upcoming Events and Projects

- 8/16: **Heroes on the Water** event (SP)
- 8/18: **Friends** meeting (SP)
- 8/19: **Hisey Fall Fest** planning meeting (LA, SP)
- 8/20: **WCSWCD** Annual Meeting (SP)
- 8/21: **Toddler Trek:** Insect Safari at Hisey (LA)
- 8/23: **Tentative Volunteer Day** (LA)
- 8/25: Wellness Walk with OSU Extension at Gulley Park (SP)
- 8/27: **Toddler Trek**: Insect Safari at Gulley (LA)
- 9/1: Final Day for 100-Hours-Outside challenge
- 9/2: Presentation for **Lebanon Garden Club** (SP)
- 9/4: **Toddler Trek** at LD (LA)
- 9/6: **Owl Prowl** at Hisey Park (LA, SP)
- 9/10: Monarch Storytime at **Salem Twp Library** (LA)
- 9/13: **Deerfield Township** Touch-a-Truck (LA)
- 9/14: Butterfly Search with **Mason Community Center** at Pine Hill Lakes Parks (LA)
- 9/15: Monarch Storytime at **Springboro Library** (LA)
- 9/17: Monarch Storytime at Franklin Library (LA)







PRESS RELEASE

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Local Eagle Scout Candidate Will Hampton Completes Astronomy-Themed Project at Hisey Park

Warren County, OH – July 25, 2025 – Will Hampton, a 14-year-old Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 316 of the Miami Valley Council, has successfully completed his Eagle Scout service project at Hisey Park in coordination with the Warren County Astronomical Society (WCAS) and Warren County Park District (WCPD). The project was recognized at a ceremony on July 5 during which WCAS and WCPD thanked Will for his volunteerism.

Inspired by his passion for astronomy and prior visits to the Fred Bay Observatory as part of his Scouting journey, Will designed and painted a large-scale solar system rendering next to the observatory. The educational mural enhances the park's astronomical programming and serves as a creative visual tool for stargazers and science learners of all ages. The mural's planets are aligned as they were on 12/29/2011, the date WCAS was founded.

"I learned a lot of skills such as flexibility, leadership, understanding, and problem-solving," said Will. "I want to thank everyone who helped me with my project—it truly meant a lot to me."

Throughout the project, Will led a diverse group of volunteers ranging in age from 10 to 60. His efforts involved thoughtful planning, hands-on artistic work, and consistent coordination with both the Warren County Park District and the Warren County Astronomical Society.

"There's a reason why only four percent of Scouts make it to the rank of Eagle—because it's not easy," said Joe Dimisa, Eagle Scout Coach and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 316 in Centerville, Ohio. "Will was poised for success with a well-thought-out plan for the project, excellent leadership skills guiding a group of volunteers, and good communication abilities with the Park District and Astronomical Society. We are proud of him and happy with the inspiring results."

Will's project is now a permanent addition to Hisey Park and the Fred Bay Observatory, where it will educate and inspire visitors for years to come. Visitors can see the project at 5443 Middletown Rd, Waynesville, OH 45068.

About Warren County Park District - Warren County Park District is a county-wide park and green space provider, managing 1,716 acres in 12 parks across the County including its flagship parks, Armco and Landen-Deerfield. WCPD's mission is to enhance our community's well-being by preserving quality natural spaces where all are invited to discover and experience the great outdoors. For information, see www.warrencountyparks.com, or call (513) 695-3980.

About Warren County Astronomical Society – Warren County Astronomical Society is organized by volunteers for the enjoyment of astronomy for educational and scientific purposes for members and the public. Members

operate the Fred Bay Observatory at Hisey Park near Waynesville and hold free monthly public programs through an agreement with the Warren County Park District. WCAS also helps operate the Rachel A. Hutzel Observatory at Camp Joy near Clarksville. For more information, visit https://wcas-oh.org/.

About Scouting America - Scouting America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The Scouting organization is composed of more than one million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21 and more than 628,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information, visit https://stg.scouting.org/

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Project dedication. L-R. Joe Dimisa, Kara Hampton, Chris Celek (WCAS President), Will Hampton, Mike Hampton, Brian Retterer (WCAS VP).



Will's project was utilized as part of Warren County Soil and Water District's Future Conservationists camp earlier this summer.



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Warren County Park District Launches "Frame the Fun" Photo Contest 2025 to Celebrate Community and Nature

Warren County, OH — August 11, 2025 — Warren County Park District (WCPD) is inviting photographers of all ages and skill levels to capture the heart and soul of our parks through photography. The 2025 "Frame the Fun" Photo Contest offers participants a chance to showcase authentic park experiences that reflect the many ways people enjoy our Warren County Parks.

"This contest is about more than beautiful landscapes—it's about capturing the spirit of our parks through the people who bring them to life," said Warren County Park District CEO Matt Latham. "We want to see the joy, the connection, and the stories that unfold every day in our shared spaces."

Contest Highlights

- · Open to amateur and professional photographers
- Submission period: August 4 September 15, 2025
- Categories:
 - o Family Moments
 - o Action & Adventure
 - o Quiet Nature Appreciation
 - o Seasonal Snapshots
 - o Park District or Community Partner Programs
 - o Youth Submissions (ages 15 and under)

Participants may submit full-color digital photos taken within the last year in WCPD parks or during Park District programs. All entries must be submitted online.

Awards & Recognition

The top three entries in each category will receive prizes including complimentary boat rentals, fishing or golf. Winning photos will be featured:

- In a digital gallery on the WCPD website and social media
- On display monitors at Armco Park
- · At a public exhibit during Hisey Fall Fest
- In Park District e-blasts and promotional materials

The "Frame the Fun" contest is more than a celebration of photography—it's a recognition of our community. Whether it's a child's first catch at the lake, a family picnic under the trees, or a moment of solitude on a wooded trail, every photo tells a story worth sharing.

Full contest details and entry form can be found at www.WarrenCountyParks.com.

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Our Parks, Our Perspective

Frame the Fun Photo Contest



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Dates: 8/4/25-9/15/25

Top Three Winners in Each Category Will Win WC Park District Gift Cards

For full contest details, visit WarrenCountyParks.com/events





TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD







A SEED'S JOURNEY

Thursday, 9/4/25, 10:30-11:30am Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039 Monday, 9/22/25, 10:30-11:30am Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068



SPIDER SEARCH

Thursday, 10/16/25, 10:30-11:30am Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

Monday, 10/27/25, 10:30-11:30am Gulley Park- 2168 Middleboro Rd, Clarksville, OH 45113



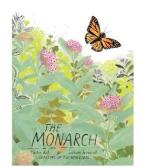
COLORS OF FALL

Thursday, 11/6/25, 10:30-11:30am Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039 Tuesday, 11/18/25, 10:30-11:30am Armco Park- Shelter 23- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036

Registration required.
For questions, call 513-409-1389
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Please register your child at www.warrencountyparks.com/events



The Monarch Story Times



Join Warren County Park District Naturalists as we team up with libraries throughout Warren County for programs based around <u>The Monarch</u> by Kirsten Hall. We will bring monarchs at different stages of their life cycle as well as other caterpillars and butterflies that call Ohio home. Please check with each library for any registration information, if it's required, and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Story Time

Date and Time TBD 535 W Pike St, Morrow, OH 45152

FRANKLIN- SPRINGBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool Story Time

September 15, 2025 11:30am Springboro Library- 125 Park Ln. Springboro, OH 45066 September 17, 2025 11:30am Franklin Library- 44 E.4th St. Franklin, OH 45005

MARY L. COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool Story Time

September 25, 2025 10:30am 381 Old Stage Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

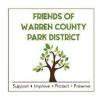
Family Story Time

September 30, 2025 7:00pm 200 Reading Rd. Mason, OH 45040



Homeschool Hangout

October 3, 2025 11:00am 101 S Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036



For more information and details visit www.warrencountyparks.com/events

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