

WCPD Naturalist Report

July 2019



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Community Connections

- **Tech-Free Tuesday 6/18 at Landen-Deerfield:** “Kindness Rocks” rock decorating, binocular making, taxidermy coyote, pouring down rain! – 77 children, 37 adults, four volunteers = **118 total**.
- **Tech-Free Tuesday 6/25 at WC Armco:** Reptiles with Shannon and Mickie Marquis, snake mobiles, nature playscape – 100 children, 45 adults, eight volunteers = **153 total**.
- **Tech-Free Tuesday 7/2 at Landen-Deerfield:** Reptiles with Shannon and Mickie Marquis, snake mobiles, playground, “sink or float” game – 86 children, 43 adults, six volunteers = **135 total**.
- **Tech-Free Tuesday 7/9 at WC Armco:** Wonderful World of Water with Shannon and Warren Co Soil and Water Conservation District, water games, crafts, “sink or float” game, wood duck – 44 children and adults with disabilities, 20 adults, 11 volunteers = **75 total**.
- **Atria Nature Series:** 6/17/19, “Backyard Wildlife” with Shannon. 10 residents in attendance. Renee and Annie have left and there’s another new director, Jay Kasmer, there now. Clint, if you have not received a donation from this program, please contact Jay at Jimmie.Kasmer@atriaseniorliving.com.
- **Otterbein Nature Series:** Hope Taft and Bill Schiemann led a program about the Little Miami River. Clint, if you have not received a donation from this program, please contact Ronda at Ronda.Hammermeister@otterbein.org.
- **Joshua’s Place, South Lebanon:** Speaker on 6/14/19 for 42 community members as a part of the summer lunch program. Taxidermy collection, three program turtles and the snake met with the public.
- **Joshua’s Place, Little Miami:** Speaker on 6/20/19 for 27 community members as a part of the summer lunch program. Taxidermy collection, three program turtles and the snake met with the public.
- **Sonder Brewing in Mason:** 6/27/19. “Coyotes in Our Community,” 25 attendees in their outdoor venue.
- **First Baptist Church of Waynesville, Vacation Bible School:** 7/8/19. Thank you, Jim Prickett, for hooking me up with this outreach opportunity! Approximately 175 community members met our taxidermy collection, one program turtle and the snake.
- **Stream Encounter:** 7/8/19, assisted Melissa and crew from Soil and Water with this outreach program at Harmon Park in Lebanon. Met with approximately 35 community members.
- **WC Armco Solar/Pollinator Habitat:** Wildflowers are starting to bloom! Dianna Kenneally is submitting grant application this week. We were featured on The City Show starting around minute 38: YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW17ZOdJaEk>



Coming Up

- **Otterbein Nature Series:** Mon., 7/22, 1-2pm, “Mulching with Native Plants” with OCVN Sue Saari.
- **Nature Nurses Wildlife Rehabilitators:** “Intro to Wildlife Rehabilitation” class being offered at WC Armco Pavilion on Sun., 7/28 to train attendees in the basics of wildlife rehab. I will be assisting with this class and will be sharing some of our WCPD taxidermy collection with attendees. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Shannon for details.
- **Atria Springboro Nature Series:** Mon., 7/29, 11am-noon, “Mulching with Native Plants” with OCVN Sue Saari.
- **Miami University Institute for Learning in Retirement:** I’ll be leading a five-week program entitled “Nature in Your Own Backyard” at the West Chester campus this fall. Details to follow! Thank you to Friend Patricia Decker for the connection!
- **Little Miami Watershed Network:** I’ll be hosting an activity at their 9/7/19 fundraiser at Hisey Park. Details TBD.
- **Tech-Free Tuesdays for the rest of summer:**
 - Tuesday, 7/16/19, 10-11am, Landen-Deerfield Park: RETRO WEEK!
 - Tuesday, 7/23/19, 10-11am, WC Armco Park: BUGS
 - Tuesday, 7/30/19, 10-11am, Landen-Deerfield Park: BUGS
 - Tuesday, 8/6/19, 10-11am, Landen-Deerfield Park: Beautiful Bats!

Tuesday, 8/13/19, 10-11am, WC Armco Park: Nature Nurses Wildlife Rehabbers.

Tuesday, 8/20/19, 10-11am, Landen-Deerfield Park: Monarch Butterfly Hunt

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- **Fall OCVN Cohort at Cincinnati Nature Center:** 9/11-10/18/19. Please send any interested parties to Shannon for an application.
- **Stream Encounter with WCSWCD:** 2-4pm at St. Susanna in Mason on Thurs., 8/9/19.
- **Butterfly Release:** 10am-noon at Miller Ecological Park on Sat. 8/10/19.


Long-Term Projects

- **Wildflower Restoration Project and Accessible Trail:** at Landen-Deerfield Park... The trail is finished!!! Thank you, Larry, for making this happen! Our next step will be to improve the pollinator habitat and come up with ideas and funding for signage.
- **100 Hours Outside Challenge:** Start thinking about prize ideas! Ideally, I would like to include something that would encourage people to use our wonderful WCPD facilities!





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Mon., 7/22, 1-2pm

Programs are free and open to the public!






 

Thank you to Otterbein SeniorLife of Lebanon and the Friends of Warren County Park District for providing these educational experiences. Do you have a suggestion for an upcoming program? Email WCPD Naturalist Shannon Russell Pennington at shannonrussellpennington@warrencountyparkdistrict.com

Programs are held indoors in the Phillip Meeting Room at Otterbein, 545 N. State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036.

 **Tech-Free Tuesdays 2019** 

Unplug and get outside with Naturalist Shannon Russell Pennington 10-11am every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Labor Day!


    

1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays
Landen-Deerfield Park
2258 W US Hwy 22/3
Maineville, OH 45039



2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Warren Co Armco Park
1223 OH-741
Lebanon, OH 45036



Free for kids of all ages! No registration necessary.
A responsible guardian must stay with children during program.


Warren County Park District Summer Challenge
#WCPD100HoursOutside
Memorial Day to Labor Day



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Programs are held in the Theater Room at Atria Springboro, 355 W Central Ave, Springboro, OH 45066.

No registration necessary. Visitors must sign in at the front desk.