

WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

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Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts have reached 17,100 people. **Weekly e-blasts** are reaching 1,434 subscribers. *We will be importing Civic Rec emails once MailChimp plan is upgraded to include approximately 2,500 additional contacts.
- 7/11: Meeting with **Kathleen Welch at Mary L. Cook Library** to discuss future collaborations. (LA)
- 7/15: Zoom meeting with **Warren County Astronomical Society** and **Drive Electric Dayton** to plan this year's **EVs Under the Stars** event at Hisey Park (SP)
- 7/16: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Digging for Dinos** at Landen-Deerfield Park with special guests from Cincinnati Museum Center. 112 kids, 55 adults, 6 volunteers = 173 total participants. (LA, SP)
- 7/16: **Team Meeting** with Matt Latham, Larry Easterly, Bryan Billhimer, Kathy Francis, Haden Englert. (SP)
- 7/17: **Little Miami Watershed Network's (LMWN) Junior Naturalists Camp** at Harmon Museum. 14 kids. (SP)
- 7/17: **Warren County Fair's Natural Resources Day** with our reptile ambassadors. (SP)
- 7/18: **Toddler Trek: Bird Bonanza at Hisey Park**. 6 kids, 7 adults = 13 participants. (LA)
- 7/19: **River Cleanup** with **Butler and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation Districts**. (SP)
- 7/20: **Owl Prowl Night Hike at Gulley Park**. We heard and saw eastern screech owls! 8 kids, 17 adults, 2 volunteers = 27 total participants (LA, SP)
- 7/22: **Nature Education Team Meeting** with Matt. (LA, SP)
- 7/23: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Creek Exploration** at Armco Park with special guests from WCSWCD and Friend of WCPD member John Pohlman's 4H alpaca and llama. 63 kids, 35 adults, 4 volunteers = 102 total participants. (LA, SP)
- 7/24: **LMWN's Junior Naturalists Camp** at Armco Park. 16 kids. (SP)
- 7/24: **SAFE on Main's Stroll for Kindness** at Armco Park. **Friends of WCPD** members **Kathie Bowers** and **Cheryl Holly** participated along with nine other community partners including **Warren County Sheriff, Warren County Children Services**, and others. 38 kids + 32 adults = 70 total participants.



- 7/24: Pop-Up **Creeking** at **Landen-Deerfield Park**: 24 kids, 9 adults, 2 volunteers = 35 total participants (LA, SP)
- 7/25: Ohio Department of Natural Resources **State Wildlife Action Plan** (SWAP) meeting at Cox Arboretum with other southwest Ohio conservation agencies. (SP)
- 7/30: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Wildlife Officer, K9, Archery, and Fishing** at **Landen-Deerfield Park** with special guests from Ohio Division of Wildlife. 45 kids, 22 adults, 6 volunteers = 73 total participants. (LA, SP)
- 8/1: **Strategic Planning Focus Group: Education**. (LA, SP)
- 8/5: **LMWN Junior Naturalist Camp** follow-up meeting. Excellent feedback from parents and children. (SP)
- 8/6: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Camouflage** at Armco Park. Special appearance by **John Pohlman's** alpaca and llama. 84 kids, 30 adults, 7 volunteers = 121 total participants. (LA, SP)
- 8/6: Meet with **April Hamlin**, Friends of WCPD president. (SP)
- 8/6: **Team Meeting** with Matt, Larry, and Kathy. (SP)
- 8/6: Meet with **Kathie Bowers**, Friends of WCPD treasurer. (SP)
- 8/8: **Toddler Trek: Spider Kids** at Landen-Deerfield Pk. 12 kids, 8 adults, 1 volunteer = 21 total participants. (LA)



Upcoming Events and Projects

- **Continuing projects:** working with Bryan on placement and installation of monitors at Armco Park for Duke Energy grant; writing content and collecting photos for new website; monitoring and coordinating volunteer inquiries; monitoring bluebird boxes near new no-mow zones (several have nests with eggs or babies!)
- 8/10: **Miller Park Butterfly Release** in partnership with Lebanon City Parks and Rec. (SP)
- 8/10: **Night Glow Golf** and Foot Golf.
- 8/12: **Nature Education Team Meeting**. (LA, SP)
- 8/12: **EVs Under the Stars** planning meeting via Zoom (SP)
- 8/13: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Birds of Prey** with RAPTOR Inc at Landen-Deerfield Park. (LA, SP)
- 8/13: **Hisey Fall Fest planning meeting** (SP)
- 8/14: Meeting with **Our Open Home, Arrow Adventure** (SP)
- 8/17: **Night Hike: Constellation Celebration** at **Hisey Park** (LA, SP)
- 8/20: **Team Meeting** (SP)
- 8/21: **Toddler Trek: Spider Kids** at **Armco Park** (LA)
- 8/22: **All Staff Meeting** (LA, SP)
- 8/26: **Nature Education Team** meeting (LA, SP)
- 8/27: **Nature Lovers' Book Club: Nature's Best Hope** by Doug Tallamy, with **Laura Stanton** from **OSU Extension** at **Armco Park** (LA, SP)
- 8/28: **Introduction to Kayaking** with **WCSWCD** at **Armco Park** (SP)
- 9/2: Final day of **100-Hours-Outside** challenge (12 kids have completed challenge as of 8/8/24)
- 9/3: Meeting with **Casey Burdick** from **City of Lebanon**, **Larry**, and **Bryan** at **Armco Park** about forest management strategies and planning (SP)
- 9/5: **Toddler Trek: Beautiful Butterflies** at **Hisey Park** (LA)
- 9/9: **Nature Education Team** meeting (LA, SP)
- 9/13: **Toddler Trek: Beautiful Butterflies** at **Landen-Deerfield Park** (LA)

INTRODUCTION TO KAYAKING

FOR AGES 12 AND UP

LEARN BASIC PADDLING WHILE ENJOYING NATURE!

AUGUST 28

10 AM - 12 PM

**ARMCO PARK
1223 OH-741, LEBANON**



REGISTER

www.warrenswcd.com/introduction-to-kayaking