

2009 Calendar of Programs and Events



Feb. 10 The Fun of Winter Bird Feeding:

The best seed and feeders for great results. KC Public Library/Erlanger. 7 pm.

Feb. 13/16 Great Backyard Bird Count (just 15 minutes on one of four Count days). See www.birdsource.org for details.

Mar. 12 Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail NEW Monitors meeting. Observe from nest to egg to fledging to empty nest in a matter of weeks. We need volunteer monitors. KC Public Library/Durr. 7 pm.

Mar. 19 Adult Recreation Softball Leagues Managers MANDATORY meeting – Monday Men's Church and Friday Women, Kenton County Public Works building in LRP/7 pm. \$

Mar. 21 Lincoln Ridge Disc Golf Course Cleanup (formerly Banklick Woods). Walk the course, pick up litter, and create "rabbitat", or stick piles for small mammals, reptiles, and birds – the low end of the food chain. If we can encourage the low end, maybe we'll also have visits from hawks, owls, and foxes! LRP/10 am-2 pm.

Apr. 21 Pitch, Hit & Run Baseball Skills Contest for boys and girls, ages 7-14. Pitch: Throw to a fixed target. Hit: For distance and accuracy (think dead center field); Run – Timed running from second base to home plate. Presented in cooperation with Independence Parks & Recreation. PP/4-7 pm.

Apr. 25 Great American Cleanup at Doe Run Lake & Nature Trail. Wear boots or old shoes and work clothes. This could get messy! Featuring the "Most Unusual Find" Contest! Hey, kids! RiverWorks Discovery will be there. Sign the Kids for Clean Rivers Pledge, fulfill

the requirements, and earn a colorful Otter Patch or Duck Patch! Ever wanna try Geocaching? Hang with OKI Cachers, "Cache In, Trash Out" and learn as you go! Meet at boat launch parking lot. Volunteers Picnic to follow. DRL/9 am-1 pm.

May 2 World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend A fun intro to the sport with learn-to-play demonstrations, exhibitions, and contests. We'll begin new 1.5 hour sessions at noon and 2. LRP/12 pm and 2 pm. Rain date: May 3. \$

May 6 Wild Wednesdays! with Raptor Rehab of KY featuring Owls ~ They Only Come Out at Night. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL SIGNED

May 11/15 Northern Kentucky Senior Games for those 50 or better. LOTS of fun and camaraderie! For information and entry form, visit www.ftthomas.org or call 859/283-1885. \$10 early registration, includes t-shirt, 2 lunches! \$

May 13 Wild Wednesdays! with Cincinnati Zoo featuring Wildlife Comes To You w/ Kate Hammer. MMP/9:30 am. ARC/MOJO SIGNED STP/M

May 14 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Crystal Clear Science featuring "Sounds" Like Fun. PP/10 am. UB

May 16 High School Disc Golf Championships with Team and Individual Championships. Open to all currently enrolled high school students. Best 5 scores from your school are your Team score. Course CLOSED for tournament play from 12-6 pm. Please arrange to complete casual rounds before noon. LRP/12-6 pm. \$

May 20 Wild Wednesdays! with Scott Braunstein and House of Reptiles, LLC.

featuring Reptiles Alive! MMP/9:30 am. NA SIGNED

May 27 Wild Wednesdays! with Sunrock Farm featuring Farmer Frank and Barnyard Animals including Milking Goat. Bring your cameras! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL SIGNED STP/M

May 28 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Crystal Clear Science featuring Amazing Air. PP/10 am. ARC

June 3 Wild Wednesdays! with Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky featuring Birds of Prey and Aquila, the Bald Eagle. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL

June 4 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Incredible Insects. Get up close and personal with creatures that make up the Earth's largest population: Bugs! PP/10 am. UB/MOJO

June 4 Hershey's Track & Field Regional Meet for boys and girls 9-14. Presented by Boone County Parks at Conner HS in Hebron. Registration 5:30-6 pm; Meet begins at 6:15 pm. Call (859) 334-2117 for details.

June 6/7 Disc 'N Dat Bluegrass Open Disc Golf Tournament, a PDGA A-Tier event at Lincoln Ridge (formerly Banklick Woods). Course CLOSED for tournament play from 8 am-6 pm on both days. Please arrange to play casual rounds after 6 pm. See www.discndat.com for details. LRP/8 am-6 pm. \$



"Biggest Fish of Each Species" prize winners from Kid's Fishing Derby!

June 6 - Kids Fishing Derby presented in cooperation with KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources featuring "Biggest Fish of Each Species" Contest and Northern Kentucky Youth Association Fundraiser Picnic. MMP/1-4 pm.

June 6 Kick-Off To Summer Party presented in cooperation with Kenton County Public Library featuring Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals, Mini-Golf, Dominach's Taekwondo Academy Demo, and NKYA Fundraiser Picnic. MMP/5-8 pm.

June 10 Wild Wednesdays! with Fowler Creek Field Programs' Michael Strohm as John James Audubon and Howard McDaniel as Fishtrap, his Shawnee Indian friend. MMP/9:30 am. UB STP/M

June 17 Wild Wednesdays! with Farmer Joan's Equine Show featuring miniature horse, pony, and donkey. MMP/9:30 am. ARC/DTA

June 18 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with COSI On Wheels featuring Agriculture Adventures w/ Chef Provolone and Caesar, the talking chicken. WHERE does food come from? PP/10 am.

June 20 Skittles Championship of the World. Wind string around a wooden top, give it a pull and let 'er spin! Topple pins, then add up your points. Winner will take home the trophy! Anyone can play! PP/12 pm Registration, 1 pm Start.

June 24 Wild Wednesdays! with Kentucky Down Under featuring Kangaroos and Animals Unique to the Land Down Under. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL/MOJO STP/M

June 25 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with RiverWorks Discovery, featuring A Journey of Exploration & Imagination on America's Waterways. PP/10 am.

July 8 Wild Wednesdays! with Vikki Rawe and Out of Control Wildlife featuring Feet, Feathers, Fur and Friends! And that means Turtle Races! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL

July 15 Wild Wednesdays! with Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals. Come ready to party! MMP/9:30 am. B-CM/MOJO STP/M

July 16 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with COSI On Wheels featuring Current Conditions ~ Weather: How it affects life on earth everyday. PP/10 am.

July 17-19, 24-26 25th Anniversary of the Bluegrass State Summer Games. Wow! See www.bgsg.org for details. \$

Kenton County Conservancy members at Great American Clean-Up at Doe Run Lake and Nature Trail!



LRP (Lincoln Ridge - formerly Banklick Woods)
DRL (Doe Run Lake)

MMP (Middleton-Mills)
PP (Pioneer)

RRP (Richardson Road)

Most programs are free; if there is a fee, it is indicated (\$) and you must call 859/525-PLAY to register.

July 19-26 Kenton County FAIR

WEEK! KC Cooperative Extension Service at 859/356-3155 will have all the details.

July 22 Wild Wednesdays!

with Michael Strohm as John James Audubon and Howard McDaniel as George Lehman ~ Fowler Creek Field Programs. MMP/9:30 am. UB/DTA

July 29 Wild Wednesdays!

with Farmer Frank and Sunrock Farm Barnyard Animals. Bring your cameras! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL STP/M

July 30 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science

with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Digging for Dinosaurs. Learn how fossils are formed and uncover fossils on a paleontology “dinosaur dig”! PP/10 am. UB/MOJO

July 31 Critters in the Crick with Vikki Rawe and Out of Control Wildlife. Plan to get a little wet! Yeah, you might! It’s a “wadin’ in th’ crick an’ catchin’ cool stuff” adventure! PP/10 am.

Aug. 1 You Fish Like A Girl! Come on, girls! Let’s go fishin’ with Vikki! Led by Out of Control Wildlife’s Vikki Rawe, experi-

ence the fun and excitement of catching fish! NO BOYS ALLOWED! Open to girls of all ages. MMP/10 am-12 pm.



Aug. 1 Star Gaze

1 with Cincinnati Observatory Center and Midwestern Astronomers. Indoor one-hour program followed by telescopic night sky viewing of 4-day old first-quarter

phase Moon and Jupiter rising. Meet in Kenton County Public Works building in LRP/8:30 pm.

Aug. 5 Wild Wednesdays! with Scott Braunstein and The Reptile House, LLC featuring Reptiles... And LOTS of ‘em! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL/DTA

Aug. 6 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Experimenting with Physical Science. Explore bubbles, sound, electricity, magnets, light, color, mirrors and optical illusions. PP/10 am. UB

Look for the continuation of our Calendar of Events in the next What’s Happening Kenton County!®

Codes for Pre-Program and After-Program Guests

Pre-Program Guests

ARC: American Red Cross will provide information on tornado safety (May 13) and will also present a First Aid for Pets demonstration for children (June 17).

KCPL: Children’s Outreach Librarian Laura Davies will be on hand to read stories, sing songs, and promote the Kenton County Public Library’s terrific summer reading program, called *Spark Your Imagination at the Library!*

BCM: Regina Siegrist from the Behringer-Crawford Museum will bring “something surprising”!

NA: Rich Detzel from the Nature Academy will share peculiar facts about Kentucky flora and fauna.

UB: Enjoy pre-program stories from Nancy Ann Wartman of Usborne Books.

SIGNED: During the month of May, Missy Cook from Signing Together will interpret Wild Wednesdays! using sign language.

After-Program Guests

DTA: Enjoy a special demonstration of martial arts presented by Dominach’s Taekwondo Academy.

MOJO: Noah’s Ark Stuffed Animal Workshop will be on hand to offer special workshops in which your child can make his or her own stuffed animal for a small fee.

Call 525-PLAY or email steve.trauger@kentoncounty.org to sign up for for weekly e-mail updates on “What’s Happening in Kenton County’s Parks”!

News and Notes

NEW Online Calendar

So you don’t miss any of the action, we’ve added a calendar to our website. Just type this address into your web browser: www.localendar.com/public/whynotnow and you’ll be there! For additional details, visit our website at www.kentoncounty.org, click on County Departments, then on Parks & Recreation, and then on Recreational Programs.



Tom Sparrow, the Space Painter during Wild Wednesdays!!

10th Anniversary Year for Wild Wednesdays!

Wild Wednesdays!, Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society’s Outstanding Program of 2005, just keeps getting better and better! From May 6 to August 26, join us for our 10th season of Wild Wednesdays! presented by Toyota. Programs are held rain or shine at Middleton-Mills Park Shelterhouse 2, begin at 10 am, and last about an hour.

Plan to arrive by 9:30 am! There is something “extra” happening BEFORE every scheduled Wild Wednesdays!

Every other week beginning on May 13, the Independence Snappy Tomato stores will once again provide free pizza for all WW visitors, and McDonalds will provide the drinks. (See dates marked STP/M).

Wild Wednesdays! is free to attend and enjoy. Instead, we collect

donations of non-perishable food or personal care items for those less fortunate.

(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science!

Whoever said “Science is boring” had to be kidding! These programs are interactive and educational. And FUN! (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science is free to attend and enjoy. Please remember bring a donation of non-perishable food or personal care items for those less fortunate. Your donation will go a long, long way right here in our community.

Shelterhouse Reservations Begin February 2

Shelterhouse reservations may be made any weekday between the hours of 7:30 am and 4 pm for all shelterhouses in the parks maintained by Kenton County Fiscal Court. Call 859/525-PLAY (7529) for shelterhouse availability.

No. Kentucky Senior Games May 11-15

If you are 50 or better, we invite you to compete in a wide variety of events at various Northern Kentucky venues. Participants compete with others in the same approximate age groups.

The Games begin on May 11 and end on May 15. Seniors are encouraged to pre-register; the entry fee is just \$10 and includes a t-shirt and two lunches. Call NKSG today at 859/781-1700 for details, or visit the Northern Kentucky Senior Games website at www.ftthomas.org and click on Recreation.