

Forsythe Explorer



April is the Children & Nature Network's "Children & Nature Awareness Month," and Forsythe is helping spread the word about getting children outdoors...

April 3-30, 2010



Saturday, April 3
Bird Walk 8-10 a.m.

Join experienced birders from the Friends of Forsythe on a walk to see the abundance of birds attracted to our refuge. The cost is \$5 per person. Meet in front of the new Visitor Contact Station.

Thursday, April 8
Night Walk on the Wild Side 7-9 p.m.
Sunset is just the beginning of the day for many wildlife species. Come along with refuge biologist Vinny Turner on an evening walk to experience the nocturnal life of Forsythe. Meet in front of the refuge Headquarters building.

Friday, April 9
Forsythe Discovery Hike 4-7 p.m.
Forsythe is famous for bird watching, but also offers great hiking opportunities! The five mile route will sample a wide variety of natural habitats on the refuge and may hold some surprises for you. Meet in front of the refuge Headquarters building.

Saturday, April 10
Bird Walk 8-10 a.m.
Join experienced birders from the Friends of Forsythe on a walk to see the abundance of birds attracted to our refuge. The cost is \$5 per person. Meet in front of the new Visitor Contact Station.

April 11-17
National Environmental Education Week

Sunday, April 11
Junior Refuge Manager Activities 10 a.m.-noon

This program is a fun, hands-on way for both you and your child to learn about nature. A refuge ranger will help you get started and then you can finish it on future visits to the refuge. Once the packet is completed, your child will earn an official Junior Refuge Manager certificate and badge. Meet in front of the refuge Headquarters building.

Saturday, April 17
Bird Walk 8-10 a.m.
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Saturday, April 17

Junior Refuge Manager Activities 3-5 p.m.

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April 19-25

TV Turnoff Week

Wednesday, April 21

Great Balls of Fire! 8-10 p.m.

Celebrate Global Astronomy Month at Forsythe by viewing a night of peak activity for the Lyrid Meteor shower! Also, learn about man's observations of the night sky through the ages. Bring a flashlight. Telescopes are welcomed. Meet in front of the refuge Headquarters building.

Friday, April 23

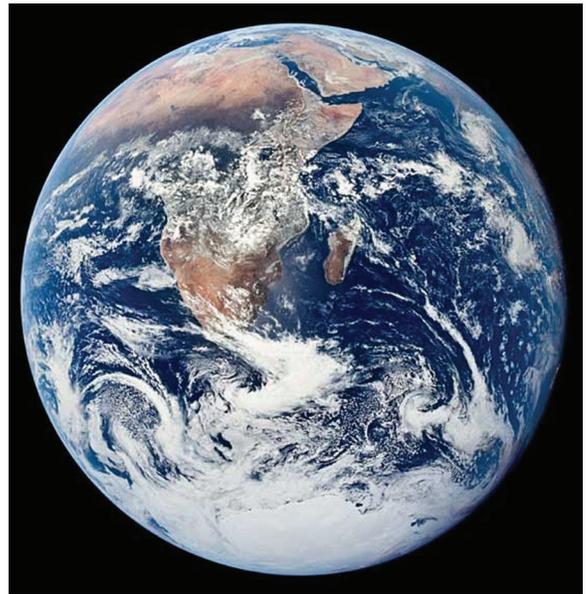
Campfire Sing-Along 6-8 p.m.

Bring a picnic basket and enjoy and a family dinner together in our picnic grove; then join our volunteers for a nature walk. Finally, sit around a campfire for a wildlife sing-along. Dress for the weather and bring blankets or chairs. Meet at the picnic area by the Aker's Woodland Trail.

Saturday, April 24

Bird Walk 8-10 a.m.

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Saturday, April 24

Earth Day Clean-up 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the 40th Earth Day by helping with a clean-up along the Wildlife Drive. This is a great community service opportunity for Scouts. Lite lunch served for all volunteers. Meet at the headquarters auditorium. Pre-registration is required: (609) 748-1535. Rain date: Sunday, April 25.

Spring Awakening 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with food, guided walks, and more! Also, the refuge will provide youth archery opportunities supervised by certified instructors. Rain date: Sunday, April 25.

Friday, April 30

Forsythe Discovery Hike 4-7 p.m.

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Remember to be prepared for minimum to moderate hiking. Wear appropriate clothing (comfortable shoes/boots, hat, and dress to get a little dirty), bring own water, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc. For all programs, except when noted otherwise, please meet at Refuge Headquarters parking lot 15 minutes before posted time.