

Upcoming Events and New Opportunities at Saint John's Arboretum



Minnesota Natural History Lecture Series

3rd Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm
New Science Center, SJU

Free for teachers who bring classrooms on fieldtrips

Join the Arboretum for a monthly lecture and discussion on a variety of Minnesota natural history topics. Lectures will include a variety of topics such as animals, plants, ecology, water quality, environmental issues and much more!

Sept 19-The Botany of Harry Potter;

Oct 17-Worm Watch: Invasive Earthworms;

Nov 21-Nature Photography

See the website for descriptions of lectures and the complete schedule of topics.

Project WILD Workshop Saturday, February 25, 2012



Project WILD is an interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. Designed for educators of kindergarten through twelfth grade, Wild capitalizes on the natural interest that children and adults have in wildlife by providing hands-on activities. We'll show how to enhance your curriculum, not add to it! Join us at the Avon Hills Conference at SJU and participate in the teacher strand, where you will complete the training. See website for more details this fall.



Arboretum Presentations In Your Classroom!

Looking for a way to help address the new Nature of Science & Engineering science standards? Now available in November and December 2011 are 45 minute lessons that address a specific benchmark for your grade level. Taught by CSB/SJU students enrolled in the Environmental Education Pedagogy class, these lessons are hands-on experiences taught in your classroom. Presentations are available at no cost and include all materials. Contact Sarah Gainey for more information on these options.

Kindergarten: Trees (0.1.2.2.1)

1st grade: Life Cycles (1.1.3.1.1)

2nd grade: Wind Energy (2.1.2.2.3)

3rd grade: Watershed Mystery (3.1.1.2.1-4)

4th grade: Improving Inventions (4.1.3.3.1)

5th grade: Simple Machines (5.1.1.2.1)

6th grade: Water Cycle (6.1.3.1.1)

For more information on any of these offerings, please contact Sarah Gainey at 320.363.3133 or sgainey@csbsju.edu. View our Education section of the Arboretum website at www.csbsju.edu/arboretum and click on 'Education'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Minnesota Natural History 3rd Monday each month Lecture Series Sept.-Nov. & Feb.-Apr.

Free—Students (any age) & Arb members 6:30-8:00 p.m.
\$5—Nonmembers, nonstudents

October 17 *WormWatch: Invasive Earthworms*

November 21 *Seeing Through the Lens*

Interested in learning more about Minnesota's natural world? Join us each month during the school year for a lecture and discussion on a variety of natural history topics. Lectures will take place indoors, and all ages are welcome. Read descriptions of the individual lectures on our website!

Collegetown Colors Sunday, October 2

\$8/person, \$32 max/family 1:00-5:00 p.m.
\$10/person, \$40 max/family after Sept. 29

You don't want to miss this annual family event. Enjoy art, theater, music, and nature activities as you hike amongst the beautiful fall colors in the Arboretum. Bouja and other treats will be served all afternoon.

Nature as Spiritual Practice 2nd Wed. each month Book Group Oct.-Nov. & Feb.-May

Free and open to the public
Buy your books from the Arboretum!

Join the Arboretum and Steven Chase this fall and winter as we venture into Chase's innovative book and companion field guide, *Nature as Spiritual Practice*. Meetings will combine discussion with spiritual practice. Participants are encouraged to attend all six discussions. Light refreshments will be served. An optional weekend retreat will take place at Saint John's in late-spring/early-summer. More details on our website!

Adventure Challenge Saturday, October 22

Registration details TBD

Compete in teams of two or four in this annual Outdoor Leadership sponsored event. The challenge includes a relay race, canoeing, climbing, orienteering, and campsite set-up (untangle those tent stakes and lasso your bear bag!).

Annual Arboretum Photo Contest

Free and open to the public Entries due November 15

Submit photos from any time that were taken anywhere within the 2,740 acres of the Arboretum. Five photos can be submitted in each of three categories: Plants & Critters; Earth, Lake & Sky; and People at the Arboretum. A panel of judges will pick the best photos from each category in three age groups: Under 18; 18-22; and 23 & Up. *Best in Show* will be voted for at the Volunteer/Member Appreciation Open House in December.

30K Day November 15

More details coming soon!

The Bailey Herbarium at Saint John's University is celebrating 30,000 specimens in their collection! Come tour the Herbarium and listen to a panel of speakers—including state botanist and author Welby Smith—recount the past, present, and future of collecting and preserving plants at Saint John's and in Minnesota.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Thursday, November 17 7:30 p.m.

Ticket information TBD Pellegrene Auditorium, SJU

Journey to exotic locations, paddle the wildest waters, and climb the highest peaks. The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour begins immediately after the Banff Mountain Film Festival, held every November in Banff, Alberta, Canada. The diverse topics and stunning site locations shown through these films will offer viewers an unforgettable experience! Don't miss out.

Volunteer/Member Appreciation Open House Friday, December 2

Join us for our annual Volunteer/Membership Appreciation Open House. Start off the holiday season by enjoying food, entertainment, and conversation with friends, new and old. Bid on the silent auction; take your chances at the raffle table; and vote for *Best in Show* in the 2011 Arboretum Photo Contest. Invitations will be mailed in early November.

To volunteer, register, or get more information about Arboretum events, please call (320) 363-3163 or e-mail arboretum@cbsju.edu. Find us on the Web at www.cbsju.edu/arboretum

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14 Outdoor Leadership Center Staff
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