

Nature Notes

For the
week of
Oct. 21-28

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Go Orienteering with your Family and Friends in the Arboretum!



Photo courtesy of Tony Perouthy.

Jokes...so bad
they're funny!

Q: What's long and
yellow and always points
north?

A: A magnetic banana!

Q: What do John Wayne
and a map key have in
common?

A: Both are legends!

Q: Why are maps like
fish?

A: They both have
scales!

Q: Why do paper maps
never win at poker?

A: Because they always
fold!

What is orienteering?

- Orienteering is a thinking sport which uses a compass to navigate to a series of points.
 - The first public orienteering event took place in Oslo, Norway on 31 October 1897. Prior to 1897 orienteering was primarily a military training exercise.
 - Ernst Killander of Sweden, a youth and scout leader, started orienteering to revive fading interest in athletics.
 - The largest annual individual orienteering meet, O-Ringen, has been held since 1965 and attracts 15,000 - 25,000 athletes to compete in the Swedish forests.
- http://www.orienteering.asn.au/gfolder/Development_Resources/Orienteering%20History.pdf
- Saint John's Arboretum has an orienteering course, with several routes for every ability. All you need is a compass!
 - To print off courses and learn more about orienteering, please visit the [Arboretum Website!](#)

Upcoming Arboretum Events

Buckthorn Pull and Trail Maintenance Saturday, Oct 24, 9am-12pm

Gather your friends or club members to volunteer at Oak Hill Community School in St Cloud! The school needs help with two projects in the Big Woods behind their school. There are several trails winding through the woods that are in need of widening and cleaning up. They will also be working on removing European Buckthorn, an invasive species, from the woods. Email arboretum@csbsju.edu for more information!

350 International Day of Climate Action Saturday, Oct 24, 11am-6pm

Come take a walk on the beautiful Arboretum trails of Saint John's Abbey & University. We will be setup on the beach of Lake Sag, at the head of the Chapel Trail. There you can learn about 350.org, the Arboretum, and the CSB/SJU Green Funds while enjoying a cup of hot cocoa. Then take the traditional walk with your family and friends to the chapel on the other side of the lake. Stop by before or after the Johnnie football game. Hope to see you there!

Controlled Deer Hunt Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8

The goal of the hunt is to assure a deer population level that will allow both adequate regeneration of the forest and a healthy deer herd. Non-hunters should not enter the woods this weekend without wearing blaze-orange clothing.

2009 Arboretum Photo Contest Entries Due Nov. 17

Submit up to 5 photos per category per person. A panel of judges will choose the "Best in Category" for each age group. See the [Arboretum website](#) for categories and more information!

Minnesota Natural History Lecture Series

Third Tuesday of the Month

October—May , 6:30—8 p.m.

Free—Arboretum members and students of all ages

\$5—Non-members/non-students

Emerald Ash Borer Tuesday, November 17

Val Cervenka, DNR Central Office in St. Paul

What is it? Where is it from? How did it get here? Why do we care?

Meet at the pendulum of the New Science Center of Saint John's University.

Check the [Arboretum Web site](#) for updates to this year's lectures.!

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

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