

# Nature Notes

For the  
week of  
August  
3rd-7th

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum

**Enjoy the last couple weeks of summer and get outside!**



Photo courtesy of Arboretum Staff

**The painted turtle is the only critter with an excuse to stay inside—  
it is attached to its home!**

## Did you know...

- Painted turtles can live up to 40 years.
- Painted turtles bask in large groups on logs, rocks, and fallen trees. The sunning helps rid them of parasitic leeches.
- Painted turtles feed on plants, fish, and aquatic insects.
- Females will lay 4-15 eggs in early summer. Once the eggs hatch, the young are independent immediately.
- Painted turtles sleep underwater buried in the sand or mud. They can absorb oxygen from water.

<http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu>

<http://www.smm.org/warnernaturecenter>

## And now for some laughs...

Q: What do you get when you cross  
a turtle and a porcupine?

A: A slowpoke!

Q: Why did the turtle cross the road?

A: To get to the Shell station!

Q: What kind of turtle has a fake color?

A: A painted turtle!

Q: Why is turtle wax so expensive?

A: Because turtles have such tiny ears!

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## Upcoming Events

**Stargazing Night:** August 7th, 8:30pm-12:00a.m.

The Arboretum will be hosting summer students on Watab Island to enjoy the night sky.

<http://www.csbsju.edu/arboretum/csbsjueducation/StudentEvents.htm>

**Ultimate Frisbee Night:** August 11th, 6:30-9:00p.m.

Join the Arboretum staff as well as summer students for a game of Ultimate Frisbee. The Staff will be bringing locally grown fruit and cookies for snacks between games.

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If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail [arboretum@csbsju.edu](mailto:arboretum@csbsju.edu).

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

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

\*\*\*Nature Notes is a weekly publication designed to keep you informed about exciting events offered by the Arboretum!

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