

Enviro-News

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Healing Our Waters Conference Scholarships Available-Apply Now

Great Lakes Colleagues: the 6th annual Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Restoration conference in Buffalo on September 22-24 is quickly approaching, and we are hoping to bring in as many partners from Western New York organizations working to protect and restore our Great Lakes to plug into this national effort. We are happy to announce that scholarships are being made available through the HOW Coalition, thanks to support from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, for western New Yorkers who would like to attend the conference!! Applications for scholarships are due no later than **September 3, 2010**. For a flyer, visit http://daemen.edu/~byoung/GLRC_Scholarship.pdf.

Native Plant and Mum Sale for WNY Land Conservancy

Order mums or native plants by **September 4th** to benefit the Land Conservancy! A range of chrysanthemum colors as well as native plant species are available for ordering with pick up on Saturday, September 11th at Orchard Glen Retirement Community at 6055 Armor Duells Road, Orchard Park. For order form and more information on available plants, [click here](#), or email mweaver@wnylc.org. Many thanks to the sponsors, Council Opticians of East Aurora & Hamburg, Kreher's Farm Fresh Eggs, Orchard Glen Retirement Community, Otis Eastern Service, Inc and Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola LLC. Thank you also to Amanda's Garden and Lockwood's for supplying plants.

New Environmental Website for WNY

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org/index.php>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. This website is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors, cares about the environment and wants to know the best places to go and things to do, eat, live, work and play greener. If you want to showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to visit their online calendar and submit your information. GrowWNY (Green Renaissance of Western New York) is a project of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and is made possible through grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the New York State Dept. of State Division of Coastal Resources.

Tour de Farms-Annual Bike Ride to Local Farms

Massachusetts Avenue Project's Annual Tour de Farms Event is taking place **Saturday September 11th** from 8am-5:30pm. MAP Tour de Farms is a bicycle tour of local urban & rural farms celebrating local food & the amazing bounty of Western New York. Biking is a great way to see the natural landscape and this ride specifically emphasizes the urban & rural connection that is so important to the vitality of our local food system. This year riders will travel from Buffalo's Westside, visiting several urban farms, stopping at Bipperts Farm & ending at the Oles Farm in Alden, NY. MAP's Tour de Farms Local Food Celebration following the ride will feature a lip-smacking feast, local beer and wine & music from the Outer Circle Orchestra! MAP's Tour de Farms benefits the Massachusetts Avenue Project & supports the work we do employ local teens, increase healthy food access and make our communities better. [Register today!](#)

Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour

Join Penn Dixie naturalists for a nature cruise on Miss Buffalo on **September 11** from 8:30am-1:30pm. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Information and registration form are available on website at www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560.

Volunteers Needed for the Annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings

WNYSEA needs volunteers for the Annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings to help with site coordination. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 881 1639, or jkbozer@gmail.com. The tour will be Saturday, October 2, 2010, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with planning before that date. There will be a volunteer orientation get-together on Monday, **September 13th**, 7:30 p.m., at Joan's house for those who can help out.

Healthy Lakes 2010 Conference-Putting People to Work to Restore the Great Lakes

The Healing Our Waters®-Great Lakes Coalition 6th Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference will be held from Wednesday, September 22– Friday, September 24, 2010 at the Adams Mark Buffalo Niagara Hotel. Join others for this regional conference which Buffalo hosts this year. [Register](#) for the Conference by **September 10th, 2010**. After this date a late fee of \$40 will be charged. The registration fee for the 2010 Conference is \$120 which includes: dinner and drinks at the reception and awards dinner on Thursday, September 23rd, breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday, September 23rd and 24th, all conference materials, field trip of your choice on Wednesday afternoon and Tall Ships Challenge Reception. Note a limited number of scholarships are available until September 3 (see first article in Enviro-News).

A vital part of our nation's economic recovery will be to restore the Great Lakes. The Healing Our Waters® – Great Lakes Coalition invites you to the shores of Lake Erie to reunite with friends, celebrate our successes, and develop strategies to advance Great Lakes restoration and economic recovery. The conference will address critical issues such as securing long-term congressional funding for Great Lakes restoration, developing strategies to ensure that new federal investments result in measurable ecological and economic progress, and establishing the coalition's restoration priorities for 2011 and beyond.

The Business of Energy- Photovoltaics: Silicon and Beyond

“The Business of Energy” is a series of half-day programs focused on how research and technical advancements, as well as commercial and regulatory developments, are shaping and reshaping business models and opportunities. This session “Photovoltaics: Silicon and Beyond” will be held on **September 15** from 8:30am-1:30pm at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hwy, Amherst. Early Bird registration by September 3 is \$65. For an agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.nydirectedenergy.org/seminars/>.

Reinstein Woods Fall Festival

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invites the public to celebrate the 10th Annual Fall Festival at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Cheektowaga. The festival will feature nature activities, exhibits, live animals, food and music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, **September 18, 2010**.

In addition to exhibits from DEC Divisions of Law Enforcement, Wildlife and other organizations, visitors can get an up-close look at a variety of wildlife at exhibits from groups like Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc., and the Buffalo Zoo will have animals on display from 10 am-1pm. To mark the 10th anniversary of the festival, participants can take a guided tour through the woods and learn the history of Reinstein Woods. Children can create nature crafts, including making leaf art, binoculars, and walking sticks. Exhibits and demonstrations will also take place inside the “green” environmental education center throughout the day. The “Creatures of the Night” room will highlight how the forest comes alive after dark. Families with very young children can relax and engage in simple nature play in the Toddler Zone. “Mama Earth” Susan Rozler will perform her interactive musical show at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and Boy Scout Troop 500 will sell food all day. All events will take place at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, off of Como Park Boulevard in Cheektowaga. Donations to Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve are requested at the door. For more information call Reinstein Woods at 683-5959 or visit www.dec.ny.gov and search for “Reinstein Woods.”

25th Annual Great Lakes Beach Sweep

Join volunteers for the annual Great Lakes Beach Sweep on **Saturday, September 18th** from 10:00am – noon at Woodlawn Beach State Park. Last year over 500,000 volunteers participated in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) in 108 countries and 45 of our United States. They collected 7.4 million pounds of trash; 64% came from shoreline and recreation activities and 25% was smoke related.

Humans have created the marine debris problem and humans must take responsibility for it. We must encourage community efforts like the Lake Erie Great Lakes Beach Sweep. This event really does make a difference -- whether it is making the local beach or shoreline free of debris or raising awareness and empowering individuals to support a healthier, more resilient ocean. For info on how you can participate, contact info@greatlakesbeachsweep.com.

Brush Up Buffalo 2010 Rescheduled

Brush Up Buffalo 2010 has been rescheduled for **September 18**. The goal for the community project is to paint 15-20 homes in one day, so we need about 40 painters per paint team/home or approximately 600 volunteers! These homeowners, many of whom are low-income and/or elderly, just need a little help maintaining the appearance of their homes. Brush Up Buffalo is a not-for-profit organization that depends on the support of community-minded people of Western New York to make a difference in the neighborhoods that are vital to the culture, health and well-being of our great city. During its 13-year history, Brush Up Buffalo and more than 6,500 volunteers have painted more than 250 homes in the City of Buffalo. You can sign up [online](#) you can call our hotline at 250.3353 and let us know you're interested. Note: You must be 18 years or older to paint, however, minors may participate in hospitality-related activities.

Greener Shade of Blue and You Day and Pride of New York Showcase

On **September 21st**, the 2nd annual Greener Shade of Blue and You Day and Pride of New York Showcase will be held at the University at Buffalo on the North Campus from 10am-2pm. Both free events will feature lectures, door prizes, demonstrations, and vendors offering ways to "green" your home and reduce your environmental footprint. The Pride of New York Showcase will feature local exhibitors showcasing the very best in locally-grown produce and dairy products, ice cream, fresh baked goods and other foods. For info, visit www.pss.buffalo.edu/GSBandU.php.

Training Opportunity: Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners

This free training is offered by the National Center for Healthy Housing-National Healthy Homes Training Center & Network in partnership with Cornell University Cooperative Extension and New York State Dept. of Health and hosted locally by the Regional Lead Poisoning Resource Center and Erie County Dept. of Health. Training will be **October 5-6**, 2010 from 8:00 am-4:30 pm at Erie County Fire Training Academy, 3359 Broadway St, Cheektowaga, 14227.

If you visit homes to provide health or inspection services of any type, you will benefit from the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners Course. The training will help you understand the connection between health and housing and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems, which threaten the health and well-being of residents. The training complements hazard-specific training in lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and asbestos. It identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to seven principles of healthy housing: keep it dry; keep it clean; keep it pest-free; keep it ventilated; keep it safe, keep it contaminant-free; and maintain the house.

For more info, go to <http://www.healthyhomestraining.org/Practitioner/index.htm>. To register, submit the following information to Stephanie Kellner at skellner@kaleidahealth.org. (Please mention Healthy Homes Essentials Training in the Subject line.)-Name, Title, Organization, Address, Phone and Email. *You must register for the training by **September 10**. Space is limited.*

Plan to Attend the Annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings

On **Saturday, October 2** from 10 am to 4 pm, hundreds of homes and other buildings that use renewable energy open their doors to the public for this unique nationwide event. This year marks the 15th year of the Northeast Green Buildings Open House, which is part of the American Solar Energy Society's National Solar Tour. In the Northeast, we have

expanded the national event to include a wide range of residential, commercial and institutional buildings that use a variety of renewable energy and green building technologies and materials. Homeowners and building managers will be on site to describe their green building features and answer questions. Members of the public can learn basic principles of green building, such as designing for solar heating or electricity, energy-efficient building techniques such as super insulation and air sealing, safe indoor air quality, and resource-efficient and healthy building materials. Many of the buildings will demonstrate how solar hot water is collected and stored, how photovoltaics can be placed on or integrated into the shell of a building to produce electricity, and how wind can be used to generate power. The goal of the tour is to demystify green building technologies, proving that they are affordable, comfortable, and attractive. The Western New York Sustainable Energy Association is sponsoring the tour locally. For more information, contact Elizabeth Nichols at enarcht@gmail.com.

Writing Home: A Sense of Place at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve

Join writer and teacher Rick Ohler of Right Field Writing Works for a two-day writing adventure on Saturday & Sunday, **September 18th & 19th**, 9 am to 4 pm & 1 pm to 4 pm. Using directed writing exercises and gentle feedback, participants will spend the weekend writing about place. Over the two sessions each writer will craft a unique Sense of Place essay that, when finished, can be published on the Western New York Land Conservancy's website. There will be plenty of time for freewriting as well as time to explore the Land Conservancy's headquarters, a beautiful 131-acre nature preserve. The workshop is limited to 12 participants, so sign up today. A fee of \$125 includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, refreshments on Sunday. More information at rightfieldwritingworks@gmail.com.

6th Annual WNY Environmental Summit

"This Land is Your Land: Reclaiming Your Home, Your Neighborhood, Your Community" is the theme for the 6th Annual Western New York Environmental Summit. The event is hosted by Daemen College on Saturday, **September 25** from 8:30am-12:30pm and is free and open to the public. This year's summit will feature speakers, workshops and panel discussions on issues related to improving our communities from housing to green space. Opening remarks on "Extreme Home Makeover: The Aftermath" will be presented by Aaron Bartley, Executive Director, PUSH Buffalo. Registration for the free event is available at http://my.daemen.edu/academics/environmental_summit/. If your organization or business is interested in reserving a free informational table, please contact Brenda Young at byoung@daemen.edu.

College Course Tied to NAAEE Conference-Registration Open

In conjunction with the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) conference taking place in Buffalo this fall, the University at Buffalo is pleased to offer conference participants an academic credit bearing course, MFC 481: Sustainable Practice in Action: Applications and Opportunities in the Field of Environmental Education!

The course is 1 credit and can be taken online. It will consist of targeted readings, online discussions, conference attendance, and a paper to be submitted within two weeks following the conference. Readings will focus upon current issues and best practices in the environmental education field and will provide conversation points for online discussion to be facilitated through UBLearns, the distance learning platform of the University. The course will be co-taught by Erin Moscati and Jim Simon, Environmental Educators at the UB Green Office, UB's environmental sustainability office. To register for the course, please visit www.millardfillmorecollege.com/content/pages/NAAEE. Under the "Registration" section of the page, please follow the instructions for filling out the form and sending payment to UB. The course syllabus is available for review on the website as well. Please register by **September 8th** to ensure a seat in the class and have enough time to immerse yourself in the coursework and discussion! If you have any questions about the course material, please contact us at jrsimon@buffalo.edu or emoscati@buffalo.edu or (716) 829-5725 or (716) 829-5743.

Annual Wildlife Festival

The New York Power Authority and the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs will hold the 25th annual Wildlife Festival Saturday and Sunday, **September 25-26**, 2010 from 10am to 5pm daily at the Niagara Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY 14092. Admission and parking are free and the show goes on rain or shine! More than 50 environmental exhibitors, outdoor educators and wildlife rehabilitators now participating including everything from reptiles to primates and birds of prey. Call 866-NYPA-Fun or 286-6661, npvista@nypa.gov or visit www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm.

Buffalo ReUse Talent & Treasure Auction

Buffalo ReUse invites you to join them on **Saturday, September 25** from 8:00-10:00pm for A Talent and Treasure Auction, a fundraiser to support Buffalo ReUSE Community Programs. The event will be held at Buffalo Bar & Grill located at 307 Louisiana St, in the Old First Ward of Buffalo, NY. This event is free to attend and open to the public. Finger foods and a cash bar will be available. Buffalo ReUSE will auction off over a dozen of unique and antique items found in the ReSOURCE, the organization's retail store. Lighting, knickknacks, and other treasures will be awarded to the highest bidder. Additionally, Buffalo ReUSE staff, members, and friends will auction off their most special talents and donated items, including car washes from the big rain barrel, dog walking, French toast breakfast in bed, photography, home rain barrel installation, and more. Attendees can even bid on a night with Olaf, the organization's favorite cat.

If you have talent or treasure you would like to auction off please contact us immediately. For more information call Danielle or Caesandra at the main office of Buffalo ReUse, (716) 885-4131 or email volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Prescription Drug Dropoffs Scheduled

The Drug Enforcement Agency is coordinating a nationwide prescription drug takeback program **Sept. 25** from 10am-2pm with multiple dropoff sites. Held in conjunction with local governments and health and law enforcement partnerships, the program will provide free, anonymous collections for expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. For a location near you, check https://www.deadiversions.usdoj.gov/NTBI/NTBI-PUB.do?_flowId=public-flow.

Shipboard Field Trips for Grades 4-12: September Discounts Available

Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education (BUOE) offers high-impact hands-on science field trips for grades 4-12 in Western New York. Taking place on the tall ship Spirit of Buffalo, students engage in hands-on, interactive learning stations in physics, environmental science, biology, ecology and nautical studies all while sailing along our historic waterfront. All lessons meet NYS Learning Standards in science, living environment and history. BUOE programs use our backyard watershed to teach new topics, bolster classroom learning and open eyes to new experiences! Call 796-8393 or email kate@buoe.org for more information and bookings! Receive \$100 discount for booking in September!

Fall Shoreline Sweeps in Buffalo and Niagara

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is organizing their Fall Shoreline Sweep for multiple days this fall. A clean up of Scajaquada Creek will be on Saturday **September 25th**, from 9am – 12pm. Most other sites will be on Sunday, **September 26th**, World Rivers Day, noon until 3pm. For the following sites, cleanup will be on Saturday, September 18th, 9 a.m. until noon: Erie Basin Beach, Harlem Road Fishing Access Site, and Tiffit Nature Preserve. A number of Niagara County sites will be organized by Niagara 350: Gill Creek Park, Griffon Park, Century Club/LaSalle Waterfront Park, and Robert Moses Bicycle Path. There will be a thank-you picnic from 3-5 pm (location TBA) on the 26th and one for the Scajaquada crew only immediately following the cleanup on Saturday, at their headquarters, the American Legion Post on Amherst street. Volunteer signup is available at <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/cleanups/>.

National Environmental Education Conference in Buffalo

The North American Association For Environmental Education is holding its 39th annual conference at the Buffalo Convention Center from **September 29-October 2, 2010**. "Building Connections-Bridging Gaps" will feature speakers, workshops and field trips showcasing outdoor education and environmental appreciation. For program information and registration, visit <http://www.naaee.org/conference>.

Enchanted Forest-Reservations Open

Beaver Meadow Audubon Center will hold its Enchanted Forest Festival on October 8-10. This popular evening event with costumed woodland creatures sells out early each year. Reservations are now being accepted. Call 800-377-1520 to save your spot. Cost is \$8 (\$7 members). Info available at <http://www.buffaloudubon.com/>.

World on Your Plate-Registration Open

The annual World on Your Plate Food Conference will be held at Daemen College on **October 8 and 9, 2010**. The event features two outstanding keynote speakers, Sandra Steingraber and Anna Lappé, as well as workshops and a locally sourced organic lunch. Dr. Steingraber is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. Anna Lappé is a national bestselling author respected for her work on sustainability, food politics, globalization, and social change. For an agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>. You can save \$5 by pre-registering, making the whole event a mere \$25!! And this year, students are invited to attend FREE of charge, when they pre-register through the website. Visit www.WorldOnYourPlate.org for more info and to register today!

Wearable Recycled Art/Fashion Show Seeks Exhibitors

Buffalo ReUse's ReFIND ARTS proudly presents their 4th Art Exhibition ReTHREAD on Thursday, October 21 from 7-10pm at ArtSpace at 1219 Main St., Buffalo. This one night only Trashion Show is for artists and designers to create attire from recycled materials, found objects or garbage. It is important that the creation actually be wearable and either the artist or another person can model the pieces, but the pieces will not be static on mannequins. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, Oct 11th**. Photos of entries can be emailed to Caesandra at refindarts@buffaloreuse.org. Artists and Designers can submit up to five different entries. In the application the artist will explain the materials used and the influences of the piece. Entry fee is \$20 (for up to 5 entries) and helps offset the costs associated with the exhibition (rental, equipment, publicity, catering, liquor permit).

Foodie to Farm Tour Features Local Harvests

Feed Your Soul has one "Foodie to Farm" tour remaining for the summer on **September 12**. These trips were started three years ago as a way to connect chefs to local harvest. The trips are now open to foodies, health practitioners, nutritionists, culinary students and everyday people interested in seeing another side of Western New York. With our unique and remarkable climate and prime soil ratings, it is no surprise that our 8,500 farms (most of which are small and family-owned) are a major contributor to our country's food supply. In addition to a large dairy, maple and produce industry, we also are home to two wine trails, talented artisan foodmakers and a variety of farmers raising livestock. Join us this summer for one of our three farm tours, where a great lunches prepared by local chefs featuring local foods, farmer-led field walks, sampling and information about both sustainability and WNY's unique agrarian bounty will be discovered. For info and tickets, visit <http://feedyoursoul-buffalo.com/>.

Regenerative Urban Habitat Planned at Central Terminal

The Buffalo Urban Habitat Project will be a living inner-city demonstration classroom on three acres of unused property at the Central Terminal. The project features habitat restoration, native plants, and sustainable site development and construction while explaining the benefits of biodiversity and is seen as a Buffalo first and a model that can be repeated elsewhere as greening and urban farming gain favor in a shrinking city. The urban habitat will demonstrate Regenerative and Ecological Design (RED) principles- the next generation of sustainability and "green. Dave Majewski, owner of landscape contractor Premium Services Inc. Majewski is working with the Curtis Urban Farm Foundation ([CUFF](#)) and the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation to develop the project. Read more about the project and view a site plan at <http://www.buffalorising.com/2010/08/urban-habitat-proposed-at-central-terminal.html>.

Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Local Governance

Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Local Governance will be held on **October 6-7**, at Ellicottville, NY. Hosted at Holiday Valley Inn & Conference Center, this event will include updates from state and federal agency representatives on funding updates and opportunities, and will offer educational sessions including asset management, succession planning, personnel management, stormwater management, land-use planning, and solid waste management. Contact [Khris Dodson](#) or call 315-443-8818 for more information. The \$120 registration includes meals, lodging, networking reception and all programs. Note: This subsidized price is offered to community representatives and state agency officials only. Private consultants' fee is \$240. [Register here.](#)

AIA Conference-“Architecture: Creating the Fabric of our Culture”

The Buffalo/WNY Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is proud to host the 2010 AIA New York State/American Society of Landscape Architects New York Upstate Chapter Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on **October 14-16, 2010**. The theme of the convention will be Architecture and the Culturals. It will highlight the richness Architecture has on Buffalo by celebrating the great projects here such as the Martin House, the Guaranty Building, the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, the Erie Canal, and many museums and schools. The event will be an opportunity to fulfill continuing education requirements for professionals, but also experience the best Buffalo has to offer its Architecture, people and culture. For more info, visit <http://www.aiabuffalowny.org/>.

Nature Ed-Ventures Weekends

Join Nature Ed-Ventures for one of their upcoming weekends. All program fees include comfortable indoor accommodations with showers, three home-cooked meals, and all program materials and activities at Camp Allegany, Allegany State Park. Women's Outdoor Weekend is **September 17-19** and activities include nature hikes, star gazing, outdoor skills, self-defense, aromatherapy, massages, and much more. Halloween Harvest Family Weekend is **October 16-17**. Fees for the family weekends are as follows: \$80 for ages 5+, \$40 for 2-4 year olds, Under 2 free. For more info, visit <http://www.natureed-ventures.com/community.php>.

New York Citizen-Scientists Wanted in Search of Crane Flies

Cornell entomologists are seeking volunteers from around New York to help survey crane flies in the state for two weeks in September. New York hosts two invasive crane fly species as well as native crane fly species. Scientists in Cornell's Soil Insect Ecology Laboratory want to monitor the invasives as they can severely damage all types of turfgrass and forage grass species and are also known to attack seedling nurseries and a wide range of vegetable and small-fruit crops.

Crane flies, which don't bite, look like oversized mosquitoes with extra long legs. The flies emerge in the early fall, but it is the larvae in the early spring, and sometimes in the late fall, that devour roots and cause yellow spots and bare patches in grass. The invasive species were first identified in New York in 2004 by Cornell entomologists.

Volunteer citizen-scientists will be asked to go out to such areas of turfgrass as home lawns, city parks or sports fields to collect several crane fly specimens, if found, at each location and send them in for identification. No prior knowledge of these insects is required, and participants will be provided with detailed instructions. For more information, e-mail Matthew Petersen at mjp266@cornell.edu or Debra Marvin at dem35@cornell.edu.

Water-based Education for your Classroom

From November through April, Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education (BUOE) will offer classroom-based lessons to meet NYS Standards in history and science with locally-relevant aquatic studies content. Connect your students to their local water resources with the Lake Tank, Watershed Exploration, Buoyancy and Boat-Building, Ships and Navigation, Wind Technology and other water-based activities and lessons. A BUOE educator will visit your classroom to facilitate each lesson and lessons can be booked individually, in series or in combination with an aquatic science field trip on the Spirit of Buffalo. Lessons will help students make real-world connections to aquatic topics and issues and their local water resources. For more info, call (716) 796-8393 or visit www.buoe.org.

Public Comments Invited for DEC Plans for Endangered and Threatened Species

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) plans to strengthen protections for endangered and threatened species and to provide developers, local officials and others with a clear regulatory framework. The draft proposals would establish criteria for the listing and de-listing of species and requirements for restoration and recovery plans. The proposals will also establish time lines, procedures and standards for reviewing applications for construction projects and other projects that might impact endangered and threatened species. In addition, regulations call for applicants to develop a mitigation plan that results in a net conservation benefit to the listed species. For the first time, state regulations will spell out criteria for listing or de-listing a species. Public comments will be accepted through **Sept. 20, 2010**. To read the proposal, visit www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/34113.html. To comment, write to Dan Rosenblatt, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4750 or send an e-mail to wildliferegs@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Geocaching on the Great Lakes Seaway Trail

If you need an additional excuse to visit our scenic outdoor areas, take up geocaching and start logging your visits to the caches. Geocaching is “treasure-hunting” with GPS devices as you seek out coordinates and clues to find hidden containers (geocaches) and is fun for all ages. There are about 75 caches along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail. You can pick up a logbook at designated sites (<http://www.seawaytrail.com/geotrail.html>) and use the unique punches at a each site to mark your book. If you find 10 caches in one of the five regions, you can collect one of the special souvenir coins. To get started, go to the [Great Lakes Seaway Trail GeoTrail](http://www.geocaching.com) page on www.geocaching.com to obtain the coordinates for the caches. Pay attention to the descriptions for each cache as they indicate in which region the cache is found and the punch number for that cache.

Explore Buffalo’s History and Architecture this Summer

There are a number of wonderful opportunities to learn more about Buffalo’s wonderful history and architecture. Bus tours and guided walking trips are available through several groups. The Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture is offering open-bus tours this summer. Check out their schedule at <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/files/2010-tour-sheet.pdf>. Buffalo Tours offers educational tours for Preservation Buffalo Niagara and their schedule is available at <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/page/buffalo-tours/>.

Building Materials for Sale at Framing Hope Warehouse

WNY AmeriCorps has partnered with Gifts In Kind International and The Home Depot to open the Framing Hope Warehouse at 635 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY. The first such warehouse in the nation, the Warehouse offers brand-new building and renovating materials to local non-profits for a fraction of what you’d pay wholesale or retail. Materials available at the WNY AmeriCorps “Framing Hope Warehouse” include lighting, doors, high-efficiency windows, cabinets, fencing, window treatments, tile, paneling, trim, and bathroom fixtures. All of the materials are first-quality and donated by local The Home Depot stores. The Framing Hope Warehouse is open every Wednesday from 12 Noon to 3 PM and by appointment Monday thru Thursday. For more information and to download a PDF of the Warehouse’s complete inventory, visit <http://www.WNYAmeriCorps.org/warehouse>.

Backpacking, Kayaking and other Outdoor Courses

Preparing your backpack for a day, week-end or week adventure can be a challenge as your backpack has limited space to carry your gear, group gear and food. Setting out in a kayak requires some confidence in your ability to recover from a spill. Paths, Peaks & Paddles is teaming up with different community education programs to offer outdoor programming for the general public. Check out their offerings at <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com>.

Hoyt Lake and Scajaquada Creek Projects Will Improve Water Quality

A project to improve water quality in Hoyt Lake and the Scajaquada Creek waterway will begin this fall with funding from a \$150,000 state grant from the Environmental Protection Fund. The work will upgrade groundwater wells and three pumps along the lake and provide up to 1.85 million gallons per day of fresh, clean water to the lake, boosting oxygen levels and improving water quality.

Terracycle is Helping to End “Garbage”

Traditionally, most of our purchases end up in a landfill after serving their original purpose. Now, Terracycle, is trying to work with manufacturers to find new lives for many of our products. Unlike traditional recycling which often breaks down packaging and remakes objects, Terracycle is trying to upcycle materials and increase their usefulness. For example, juice pouches can see a new life as purses. Watch the video at www.terracycle.net and begin collecting materials which you can ship for free and receive donations for your favorite charity. As discussed in the excellent book “Cradle to Cradle” (www.mcdonough.com/cradle_to_cradle.htm), nature treats waste as “food” and our ecosystems recycle their wastes. Similarly we consider the life cycle of our goods in designing them and find ways that the materials can be used as technical nutrients for future goods. If you haven’t considered the amount of energy and raw materials that are used in making our stuff, I recommend that you watch the video “The Story of Stuff” at www.storyofstuff.com/. With Terracycle, we now have a place to send our candy wrappers, wine corks and many other items.

Master Gardener Training

The next Master Gardener training will start **September 8th**, 2010, and run each Wednesday evening 6:30 - 9:00 until December 8th. Class size is limited and priority is given to Niagara County residents. A one time fee of \$250 covers classes and a Master Gardener Notebook. For more information about the Master Gardener Program and training contact John Farfaglia at jaf21@cornell.edu.

Courses Available for Solar Installation

A range of courses in photovoltaic installation, solar hot water heating and solar power permitting are offered across New York. Courses fill quickly, so register early. For registration info, visit www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/.

NOFA-NY Challenges New Yorkers to Eat Locally

Northeast Organic Farming Association of NY (NOFA-NY) is hosting its first ever Locavore Challenge to run throughout the month of September 2010. The Locavore Challenge serves multiple functions for NOFA-NY and for the organic movement in NY State. The first is as a general awareness builder, the second is as a membership recruitment initiative and the third is as a major annual fundraiser for the organization. The goal is to have more than 4,000 participants throughout the state involved in this event. For info and registration, visit <https://www.nofany.org/events/ny-locavore-challenge>. Participants register to complete the challenge and pay a nominal fee to participate.

Stress Reducer Paddles with Paths, Peaks and Paddles

Paths, Peaks & Paddles, Inc. sponsors Stress Reducer Paddles every Tuesday and Thursday evening through the summer. Join the guides and instructors for a friendly, fun paddle and watch the sunset. On Tuesdays, trips leave their store (1000 Ellicott Creek Rd., Tonawanda) at 6pm for a trip on Ellicott Creek. On Thursdays, meet at Wilson Tuscarora State Park back parking lot at 6:30pm. Join them for free if you have your own kayak or canoe, or rent one. Cost for renting a boat for Ellicott Creek is \$20 solo or \$25 tandem including paddle and required personal floatation device (PFD). For Thursday paddles, cost is \$25 solo or \$30 tandem and they deliver the boat, paddles and PFDs to Wilson. Reservations are required if you are renting a boat-call 716-213-0350. Beginners are welcome!

Beetle Detectives Needed-Help us Save our Forests

WNY PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management), USDA, NY Agriculture & Markets and our local forests need your help to determine if emerald ash borer (EAB) and Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) are in your community. Can you spare some time to check trees where you live or work for these invasive beetles? It's easy to do and will help detection efforts across the region and beyond. We're asking that surveys be completed as soon as possible during the next few days through September. Follow these simple steps and you will be helping saving our forests:

1. Go to <http://beetledetectives.com/> Print out the two attachments which have identification tips for EAB and ALB and simple survey guidelines.
2. Go outside where you live or work and locate host trees (ash for EAB and hardwood trees such as maple, birch, horsechestnut, willow, and elm for ALB) and examine the host trees for signs of EAB or ALB infestations.
3. Go to <http://beetledetectives.com/> (the site tracks both negative and positive observations). Check out trees on your site(s), Click on the tab 'Report Your Findings', Click on whether you are reporting observations for ALB, EAB, or Both, Select WNY PRISM as your organization and enter your information. A reporting form similar to those in the attached fact sheets will appear. Complete the sections and then click "Submit Findings."

National Smart Seafood Guide 2010

Food & Water Watch analyzed over 100 different fish and shellfish to create the only guide assessing not only the human health and environmental impacts of eating certain seafood, but also the socio-economic impacts on coastal and fishing communities. Their guide recommends safer, more sustainable options based on your personal tastes and priorities. [See Understanding the 2010 Smart Seafood Guide* for more information.](#)

New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Conference at Grand Island

The New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council is holding their annual seminar from **October 22-24** at the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort & Conference Center on Grand Island, NY. This event includes lectures, specialty workshops on animal care as well as opportunities to take the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation exams. Attendees include wildlife rehabilitators, nuisance wildlife control officers, veterinary technicians, and those who want to become more involved with wildlife care. Early Bird registration ends on September 23. For more info, visit <http://www.nyswrc.org/2010registration.pdf>.

Free Rabies Clinics for Cats and Dogs

The SPCA Serving Erie County will once again work in association with the Erie County Department of Health as it offers free rabies vaccinations to dogs and cats. Dogs must be on leashes, and CATS MUST BE CONFINED; please keep cats in carriers and/or on leashes, NOT wrapped in blankets or coats. Pet owners should ensure animals are wearing current identification. Veterinarians from the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society (NFVS) will administer the vaccinations to dogs and cats. For more info, please contact the Erie County Health Department at 716-961-6800. Dates are available at http://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/pdfs/rabies_clinics.pdf.

Composting-Not just Banana Peels

If you think that compost piles are only for vegetable scraps and coffee grounds, think again. An article at Planet Green (<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/surprising-compost-items.html>) has a list of 75 items from around the house that can be composted rather than sent to the landfill.

Boat Launch Site Resource

Bob's Buffalo/Niagara Paddling Put-in Guide, <http://tinyurl.com/BuffaloPaddlesMap2>, is a map of places to launch your canoe or kayak in Western NY, as well as some of his favorite launch sites within a six hour drive from Buffalo. Users can zoom in for more detail, and select from the "map" mode, or view a satellite photo. Click on the symbols for more information about each location.

Play Free Online Games and Raise Money for Charity

Now you can enjoy a few minutes of solitaire or other games guilt-free. Go to www.gamesthatgive.net and register your choice from their list of charities. As you score, your charity benefits. The Wilderness Society is currently on the list of charities benefiting from this program.

Grant Opportunities

The Blue Moon Fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy is aimed at developing environmentally-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems promotes new economic and cultural approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Reenergizing Urban Communities is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant cities is their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental, and spiritual benefits of urban life. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the <http://www.bluemoonfund.org/> to take the required online eligibility test. Rolling deadlines exist for grants.

The Environmental Support Center is accepting applications for training and technical-assistance funds to strengthen nonprofit environmental organizations in areas including fund raising, organizational development, and planning. Regional, statewide, or local nonprofit organizations serving low-income or minority constituencies that have environmental issues as a significant part of the organization's agenda may apply. For more information, visit <http://www.envsc.org>.

The [National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance's Sustainable Vision](#) grants program funds transformational education programs where breakthrough technologies are created and commercialized through entrepreneurial models for the benefit of people living in poverty in the US and abroad. Focus areas include, but are not limited to, health, clean air and water, energy, nutrition, and shelter. The grants support enrichment and deepening of ongoing programs by building and strengthening interpersonal and inter-institutional networks, and by creating new initiatives within existing programs. Proposals are due **October 15, 2010**.

The National Gardening Association awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations across the United States with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of the following: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. One hundred recipients will receive a \$500 gift card from program sponsor the Home Depot and educational materials from the National Gardening Association. Deadline: **November 1, 2010**. More information [here](#).

Green Jobs - Green NY (GJGNY) is a statewide program to promote energy efficiency and the installation of clean technologies to reduce energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program supports sustainable community development and will create opportunities for green jobs. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) seeks proposals from qualified organizations interested in supporting the effective roll-out and ongoing efficiency of GJGNY Outreach activities through Constituency Based Organizations (CBOs). CBOs will encourage participation in energy efficiency programs, facilitate awareness of workforce training opportunities available through the GJGNY, and assist with regional enrollment in those efforts. For more information please go to <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/2080rfp.asp> . Proposals are due **September 2, 2010**.

Start Your Flippers for 2010 Tour de Turtles

Join the online community to follow the journey of 10 sea turtles with the Sea Turtle Conservancy's third annual Tour de Turtles, a sea turtle migration marathon unfolding online at www.tourdeturtles.org. The marathon began on August 1 and for three months, Tour de Turtles will follow 10 individual sea turtles, using satellite-tracking technology, as they travel from their nesting beaches to unknown feeding grounds with the goal of being the first turtle to reach the 2,620 km, or 1,628 mi, distance. With as few as one out of 1,000 hatchlings surviving to adulthood, sea turtle conservation efforts must focus on combating human-caused threats through research and education. By tracking sea turtle migrations using satellites, scientists can learn more about these endangered reptiles and the best ways to ensure their protection.

Similar to a human marathon, each turtle will race to increase awareness about a particular "Cause" or threat to sea turtle survival. Utilizing interactive online maps, videos and games, Tour de Turtles will focus on the biology and conservation of sea turtles and their habitats. Each turtle's distance will be monitored on a regularly-updated Leader Board that will track the turtles' progress on the Tour de Turtles website. The public can support a competitor's Cause through online contributions. This secondary competition, known as the Causes Challenge, is designed to see which turtle can generate the most support and awareness. Tour de Turtles offers everyone an opportunity to get involved. To start tracking these determined competitors, visit www.tourdeturtles.org. And don't forget, saving sea turtles is a marathon, not a sprint!

Bond Lake Park Survey-Please Complete

Niagara County will soon be applying for grant funds to make improvements to Bond Lake Park. Through a brief survey, the Niagara County Parks and Recreation Department is seeking your input to help develop and rehabilitate facilities within Bond Lake Park. Take advantage of this opportunity to voice your thoughts on this wonderful, natural resource. Everyone is welcome to submit a completed survey. Your comments mean a lot to us and will go a long way in helping to secure improvements funding. Please help! [CLICK HERE](#) to view the survey.

Solar Highways

Out of the box thinking could lead to highways paved with photovoltaics rather than petroleum-based asphalt. Imagine your roads helping to capture energy to light up your home. Check it out at <http://www.wimp.com/solarhighways/>

Re-Tree WNY Needs Volunteers for Fall Plantings

Re-Tree WNY has planned their fall plantings. They will be planting approximately 400 trees as part of a Streetscape project on South Park Avenue on October 23 and November 6, beginning at 8:30am. Bare root planting technique training session will precede this planting project. They will also need help at other times. On October 29, 2010 - 7:30am-5pm, they will need volunteers to unload, sort and count trees at 1120 Seneca Street. If you come to help unload you may pick up your trees. On October 30, 2010 at 8:30am, Re-Tree WNY is planting 2,000 trees with City of Buffalo block clubs and 18 WNY community organizations. Volunteer or gather your group and requisition trees by clicking how to help. City of Buffalo: <http://www.city-buffalo.org/retreewny> Other WNY suburbs: <http://www1.wd-gis.com/ReTreeWNY/UserForms/ReTreeWNY/VolunteerSignup.aspx>.

11th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science

The 11th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science will be held **September 24-25, 2010** at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Amherst. Presented by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, this conference brings together people who are interested in teaching science using case studies. Our conference features two plenaries and a dinner talk: The Flexibility of Case Methods by Margaret Waterman, Professor of Biology, Southeast Missouri State University, Science 2020: The Transformation of Science Education for Future Scientists and Citizens: by Felicia Keesing, Associate Professor of Biology, Bard College, and Using the Power of Stories to Engage Students from Under-represented Populations: The Native Cases Initiative by Barbara Leigh Smith, Senior Scholar, The Evergreen State College, a poster session, and a number of mini-workshops organized in three tracks - one for the beginner, one for the more experienced case teacher, and a high school teacher track. If you are interested in clicker cases we have a session on how to use clickers with cases in the classroom. Early bird registration (before or on September 1, 2010) is \$500. Regular registration (after September 1, 2009) is \$550. We also offer a One Day Saturday registration rate of \$350. For more information, including how to submit your poster proposal, see the conference website at: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/conference/conference.html>.

The Story of Cosmetics Video

Annie Leonard, producer of “The Story of Stuff”, has created a new video to inform us of the dangers in our bathroom cabinets. Check it out at <http://storyofstuff.org/cosmetics/>.

Position Open-Director of Environmental Affairs for City of Buffalo

The City of Buffalo seeks a Director of Environmental Affairs for their Office of Strategic Planning. Potential applicants should understand grant management, land use planning, be able to integrate environmental perspectives into the city's ongoing planning efforts and review development proposals in terms of their environmental significance. The Director of Environmental Affairs coordinates and advises on all environmental matters. All applicants must apply in writing for the above position and specifically detail all experience and qualifications outlined in the [Notice of Vacancy](#) . [Click here](#) to view this announcement on the City of Buffalo website. Apply by **September 7** for full consideration.

Position Available for Associate Director for the New York Sea Grant Institute

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University seeks an Associate Director for the New York Sea Grant Institute (NYSGI) to lead a dynamic, highly-rated, University based Sea Grant Extension program that addresses critical marine and Great Lakes coastal issues. Qualifications include an earned doctorate with at least 5 years. professional outreach and administrative experience in aquatic science, natural resource or conservation management or other appropriate environmental sciences; OR a Master's degree with 10 years programmatic and progressive administrative experience in the above fields and demonstrated leadership experience. For full position description go to: <http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/article.asp?ArticleID=357> or contact Nancy at nag3@cornell.edu or call 607-255-2832. Review of applications will begin August 23rd.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

A number of volunteer opportunities are available at organizations in Western New York. Opportunities exist for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. For a listing of some Buffalo positions, visit <http://www.handsongreaterbuffalo.org/>.

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Buffalo Audubon's Iroquois Observations and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. Tour leaders are desperately needed for the school year tours. The Iroquois programs take place at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, NY. The For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Your help is welcome if you like birds and people! Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Buffalo Audubon Volunteer. Free training to become a volunteer will be held the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call the Center at (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot for volunteer training.

Buffalo Carshare- This new non-profit has brought car-sharing to Buffalo. Volunteers are needed for office help and promotion. Contact them at <http://www.buffalocarshare.org/volunteer.html>.

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens- Docents needed. To be a tour guide you must enjoy plants and be able to communicate with small groups. Training is provided with the next round from Sept. 8-12 from 9am-noon. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

Buffalo Museum of Science has volunteer and internship opportunities available for teens, college students and adults. For information, contact Monika McFoy, Director of Community Programs, at 896-5200, ext. 343.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper- <http://www.bnriverkeeper.org/programs/riverwatch/index.htm> for volunteer opportunities.

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things including fundraising, graphic design, building salvage and material pickups. Join them for their fun Saturdays. To help, contact them at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Berries have been planted and raised beds will be maintained throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

Eastside Redevelopment Task Force has volunteer openings to help improve the Eastside community. For contact info and details on their vision, visit <http://www.eastsideredevelopment.org/>.

Excalibur, a private, non-profit all volunteer, charitable organization seeks competent anglers and captains to help provide free boating and fishing opportunities on Lake Erie for disabled and disadvantaged persons using the organizations new vessel. Contact Director Jim Catalano at jim@excaliburl.org or visit <http://excaliburl.org>

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help impact lives of families in the city of Buffalo by building simple, decent homes. Call 204-0740 or volunteer@habitatbuffalo.org.

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is seeking volunteers for who would like to work with wildlife. 16 years or older. Call 716-652-8646. Email info@hawkcreek.org.

HOME, Inc. (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) seeks volunteers to work on various committees to further fair housing. If you would like to get involved with the work of HOME consider sitting on any one of the following committees: Development, Finance, Membership, Nominating, Program Operations & Planning, Annual Meeting or the JoAnne Champion Granger Scholarship committee. For information/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs presented in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Programs include: birding field trips, scope watches, owl prowls, canoe trips, hands on activities, and guest speakers. If you are friendly and love the outdoors those are all the qualifications you need to volunteer. Please contact Garner Light at 772-5110 or glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

Lead Safe Erie County needs volunteers to help paint houses and prevent lead poisoning. For those who are interested, there is also free training for Lead Safe Work Practices Certification. Service learning students, block clubs and others are welcome. Call Mary at 716-833-2929, ext. 117.

Olmsted Parks-Volunteers are needed for tree plantings (5/2 and 5/9), special park events, office work and mailings. Please contact Sal at (716) 838-1249 x. 33 for more information on becoming an Olmsted parks volunteer.

Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center- Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are needed. Have a few hours a month to help introduce children and adults to the natural sciences? Please call (716) 627-4560 and leave your name and phone number.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns and volunteers are welcome. For info, visit <http://www.landmark-niagara.org/>.

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve offers a variety of volunteer positions as well as internships for college students. You can be trained to give tours, care for our trails and gardens, act as a youth instructor, greet visitors, or help spread the word about Reinstein Woods at off-site events. Our newest volunteer program is Trail Tuesdays, where volunteers help control invasive species each Tuesday. It's a great way to meet new people while doing something positive for the environment. For more information about these and other opportunities, call 683-5959 or visit the volunteer page of Reinstein Woods' website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1960.html>.

Science Firsthand needs adult mentors to work with children in learning about science. All materials are provided for fun experimentation. Mentors and students meet one hour per week after school at a community center. For information, call 858-7548.

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. Call 662-1342 or email tiftfriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Wednesday, September 1

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for info.

Tomato Canning Workshop-3pm – 6pm at 320 Northampton ([map](#)). Learn how to put up some tasty tomatoes with Buffalo ReUse.

Working for Downtown Brown Bag Lunch Series-12 to 1 pm at [Buffalo & Erie County Central Library](#), Central Meeting Room on 2nd Floor. For more information or reservations, please contact Lynn Waclawek at lwaclawek@mtb.com. Free or \$10 to order box lunch.

Thursday, September 2

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Wellness Walk at Tiftt-10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiftt volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Friday, September 3

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Saturday, September 4

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Volunteer Day at Massachusetts Avenue Project-10am to 1pm. Bring water and sunblock. <http://www.mass-ave.org/index.htm>

Wood Refinishing Workshop at Buffalo ReUse-10am – 12pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)).

Zoo's Clues-Buffalo Zoo family Workshop from 10am to noon. Can you find animals at the zoo that are colorful, scaly, smooth, spiny, small, or tall? Challenge your animal knowledge as we use our senses and explore clues to learn more about the animals around us. We will investigate scat and bones, solve animal riddles, and participate in a scavenger hunt that will take us all around the zoo! [click here to download the WILD WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM](#).

Flowers and Fruits-10:30 AM. Take a walk in the woods, and learn about the bounty of the season. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Sunday, September 5

International Rock Flipping Day- Get outdoors and flip some rocks to discover what hides below. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center will offer some guidance at our family walk at 2pm as we discover what is hiding under the rock at the nature preserve. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Miss Buffalo Tour with Riverkeeper- 9am – 12pm. We take a boat ride aboard the lovely Miss Buffalo up the Buffalo River. This is a perfect River Tour for youngsters and seniors. Learn about the environmental history of the Buffalo River that was once set ablaze with burning pollution! Plus, you get two tours in one: Tour guides from Buffalo Tours will join us to give the historical perspective of Buffalo and the grain elevators. For reservations, call 716.852.7483 or Email: info@bnriverkeeper.org.

Trek Tiftt-2-3:30 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiftt for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Monday, September 6

Happy Labor Day-enjoy the outdoors as summer begins to wind down.

Tuesday, September 7

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Wednesday, September 8

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

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Thursday, September 9

WNYEA Youth Environmental Mixer- 7 PM to 9 PM at Merge Restaurant. To RSVP or for more information, please email me at RebekahW@cfgb.org or give me a call at (716) 852-2857 x 219. This event is hosted by the Western New York Environmental Alliance (WNYEA) Youth Connection. The Youth Connection seeks to connect young leaders to our regional environmental movement, and as a leader in your campus environmental community, this is an opportunity for you to network and become acquainted with other student leaders from Western New York. At the mixer, you will meet the Youth Connection group and learn how you can join the group. You will hear about a contest to win a \$3000 grant award for student group environmental projects and you will learn about a training program especially for young environmentalists in Western New York.

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Friday, September 10

Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting- 7:30 pm. BAA member Jack Mack will MC the ever popular program, "What I Did Last Summer". Buffalo State College. Visit <http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/meetings.htm> for room number and directions.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Cold Frame Workshop at Buffalo ReUse-1-2pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)).

Saturday, September 11

Homestead Festival-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-5pm. Step back to an earlier time and enjoy exhibits of hearth cookers, blacksmith, birdsof-prey, mountain men, early farming, flintknapping, and many more. New Exhibitors this year. Crafts, games & nature hikes. \$7 adults/\$5 children/under3 free. Visit www.buffaloaudubon.org for directions.

15th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour-8:30am-1:30pm. Ticket information and registration form on website www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560.

Major's Park "Wildlife Hike"- Enjoy a stroll through the East Aurora park from 10am-noon in search of signs of wildlife. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Scratch-and-Sniff Walk-10:30 AM. Explore scents of nature on this informative walk. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Paws in the Park Walk-SPCA fundraiser. Come with (or without) your dog to a two-mile walk at Beaver Island State Park. The day includes lunch for participants, the opportunity to interact with 50+ pet-related vendors, exhibitors, and canine rescue groups, judged dog trick, costume, and dog-owner look-alike contests, an agility course for the dogs, and fun for children and adults alike with inflatable bounce houses. Info and registration at <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=430372>.

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Field Trip-Join others for a trip to Point Abino in Fort Erie, Ontario. Joint trip with the Canadian Bert Miller Nature Club. Meet at 8:30am at Front Park by Oliver Perry statue with lunch and passport. Call Joanne Schlegel if you plan to attend at 835-6042.

MAP's Annual Tour de Farms -8am-5:30pm. MAP Tour de Farms is a bicycle tour of local urban & rural farms celebrating local food & the amazing bounty of Western New York. Biking is a great way to see the natural landscape and this ride specifically emphasizes the urban & rural connection that is so important to the vitality of our local food system. A Local Food Celebration following the ride will feature a lip-smacking feast, local beer and wine & music from the Outer Circle Orchestra! MAP's Tour de Farms benefits the Massachusetts Avenue Project & supports the work we do employ local teens, increase healthy food access and make our communities better. [Register today!](#)

Houseplants Propagation Workshop-1pm at Urban Roots Garden Center. For info, www.urbanroots.org

Boater Safety Course- This class is for adults and children The instructor charges a fee for this course. If you are over 18 in addition to the class fee you will be required to pay NYS Parks a \$10.00 fee for your boating safety certificate. Maryvale High School, 1050 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga (Erie) Voelker, Michael (716)352-9606.

Sunday, September 12

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloaudubon.org for directions.

Special Event Day at Penn Dixie-1PM to 4 PM,. Experts will identify your fossils, rocks and minerals. Fossil collecting, viewing of sunspots and solar flares, and other activities. No pre-registrations required. Penn Dixie members free, non-member adults \$6, children 12 and under \$5, and children 2 and under free.

National Grandparents Day Stroll- Bring your grandparents and join us for a leisurely stroll from 2-4pm along the trails of the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center as we discover the many aspects of nature. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Trek Tiff-2-3:30 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiff for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Boater Safety Course- Held at Niagara Scuba Center,2105 Military Rd., Niagara Falls (Niagara) McCormick, Michael (716)316-8259. This class is for adults and children. If you are over 18 in addition to the class fee you will be required to pay NYS Parks \$10 for your boating safety certificate.

Environmental Justice Film Series: Blue Vinyl- From 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the Kenmore Library, sponsored by the Clean Air Coalition of WNY. When director Judith Helfand (A Healthy Baby Girl) heard her parents were affixing blue vinyl siding to their house, she decided to find out how this product was created and disposed of. She and co-director Daniel B. Gold travel the world to point out how vinyl has caused numerous health problems.

Monday, September 13

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Nature's Circle: Down and Dirty-10:30-11:15 AM for Ages 2-3 at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Read a story and have some fun during an outdoor circle time at Tiff. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at www.sciencebuff.org.

Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or www.buffaloinbloom.com.

Tuesday, September 14

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

"Butterflies as Botanists"-Talk by Steven Daniel as part of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society monthly meeting at the Harlem Rd. Community Center, Snyder (Harlem Rd. at Lincoln St.) at 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Bridget Quinn-Carey, Director, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

Wednesday, September 15

Buffalo Harbor Bridge: Design Update- A presentation by Stephen Ranalli, P.E. Senior Project Manager, Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. (ECHDC) at the Citizens for Regional Transit Monthly Meeting. Join us at Market Arcade (Landmark Society), 12:00 noon-1:00 PM at 617 Main Street, Buffalo. Free and open to the public. Does our community need a bridge connecting downtown Buffalo with the Outer Harbor? Come see the Buffalo Harbor Bridge alternatives.

Babes In The Woods-This nature discovery program at Beaver Meadow from 10-11:30am is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. "Sensing Nature" is the topic this month. Registration is required. \$5 child & adult/\$3 each additional child. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

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"Photovoltaics: Silicon and Beyond"- A half-day program as part of "The Business of Energy" series focused on how research and technical advancements, as well as commercial and regulatory developments, are shaping and reshaping business models and opportunities. This session will be held from 8:30am-1:30pm at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hwy, Amherst. Early Bird registration by September 3 is \$65. For an agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.nydirectedenergy.org/seminars/>.

Thursday, September 16

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Wellness Walk at Tifft-10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tifft volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Friday, September 17

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects indoors! Meet at 158 Eaton.

Saturday, September 18

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Penn-Dixie Astronomy Night-7pm. Telescopes, with filters, will be available to view sunspots and solar flares prior to sunset. After dark, telescopes will view the Penn Dixie Skies for a Gibbous Waxing Moon rising in the east about 8 PM, Jupiter and Uranus separated by only a few degrees, Andromeda M31, the famous double star cluster NGC 869-884 in Perseus, and a variety of other constellations. This is a great opportunity to view several of Jupiter's moons. No pre-registration required. \$2/members free. www.penndixie.org for info.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Pick Up Buffalo- Join Working For Downtown to help clean up the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. Meet at the rear parking lot at Pearl Street Grille & Brewery at 9am. Cleanup is from 9am-noon and coffee and water are provided. For info, contact membership@workingfordowntown.org.

East Aurora Fish & Game Teach-Me-To-Fish-Youth fishing event to help promote interest in fishing. For info and registration, contact Dave Barus 597-4081.

Fall Birding at Forest Lawn and Delaware Park- 8 AM, Join birder and photographer David Gordon for a hike through historic Delaware Park, searching for seasonal migrants and resident species. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please contact the Buffalo Audubon office for the meeting place and to register. 1-800-377-1520

10th Annual Reinstein Woods Fall Festival-10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Kick off the fall season by spending a day in the woods. Enjoy crafts for kids, live animals, guided nature walks, hands-on activities, music, Native American cultural demonstrations, food and more. No registration required. Donation requested at the door. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Growing Up WILD Educator Workshop- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Participants will receive the activity guide: Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children. Pre-registration required. Please call 896.5200 x342 to register.

Aquaponics Workshop at Massachusetts Avenue Project- 20\$/person. Call for info and register with Jesse (716) 882-5327.

Seed Saving Workshop-Urban Roots Garden Center workshop with Richard Price at 2pm. For info, www.urbanroots.org

Great Lakes Beach Sweep-10:00am – noon at Woodlawn Beach State Park. Join volunteers to help clean up our beaches. For info on how you can participate, contact info@greatlakesbeachsweep.com.

Electronics Dropoff- Proposed event to be held at GM Powertrain, Buffalo. Check http://www.erie.gov/environment/compliance/environmental_services_programs.asp for info closer to the date.

City Of Light Tour-Visualize Buffalo in 1901 through the eyes of the heroine of the historical novel City of Light. Approved by the author, Lauren Belfer, this tour reimagines the illustrious City of Buffalo at the time of the Pan-American Exposition with its state-of-the-art skyscrapers, electricity, and opulent parkways. From 9am-noon. [Click here to reserve online](#). Or call 716-852-3300. Reservations required; \$40. Meet at Buffalo Seminary, 205 Bidwell Parkway ([Map](#))

Buffalo Tails/Legendary Lincoln Parkway-Bring your pooch! On these Fido-friendly family walks, hear stories about Buffalo's beginnings, millionaire businessmen and master architects. This fun event provides water and treats for your 4-legged companions. Meet at 8:30am at the Lincoln Statue by the Rose Garden in Delaware Park ([Map](#)). \$25 per family in advance (\$20 with donation to Pet Food Pantry). Call (716) 852-3300 for reservations.

Sunday, September 19

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Jungle Cruise-Join the Women's Board of the Buffalo Zoo for a "Jungle Cruise" aboard the Miss Buffalo II. The twilight cruise will board at the Erie Basin Marina at 5:30 p.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. This floating fundraiser costs \$35 per person and will include snacks, beer, wine, soda and entertainment. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. For tickets or more information, please call (716) 995-6131. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets online.

Capture Nature Through a Lens-2-4 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Take only photographs and leave only footprints. Come to Tiff and learn how to capture nature through the lens of a camera with Friends of Tiff. We will go over the basic techniques and test them out in the preserve. Bring your own camera. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members.

Penn Dixie Geology Merit Badge Day -For Boy Scouts in the GNFC from 12 Noon to 4 PM. Scouts must pre-register with the GNFC and only a total of 50 scouts can register for this event. Please review the Geology Merit Badge Book, perform the required pre-requisites and bring them and be prepared to discuss the required questions. A flier on this event with pre-registration info is at www.penndixie.org.

Monday, September 20

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Papermaking Workshop-From 9:30AM-3:30PM at the Buffalo Museum of Science. WNYLRC and the Buffalo Museum of Science are partnering to offer a hands-on papermaking workshop. This workshop is an introduction to basic, handmade papermaking using the mold & deckle technique.. The workshop will include a brief history of paper and papermaking techniques, and various paper samples will be available for participants to handle and discuss. Each participant will take home a mold & deckle set they have constructed, several sheets of 11 X 17 paper and casted paper projects. For info on cost and registration, visit <http://www.sciencebuff.org/calendar/detail/708/>.

Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or www.buffaloinbloom.com.

Tuesday, September 21

Career Opportunities in the Life Sciences- 6-8PM Place: Diefendorf Hall, Rm. 147 UB South Campus, join us at this workshop to learn more about the exciting career opportunities and training that exists in the Life Sciences in the Buffalo Niagara region. Please call us at 829-3131 to register or receive more information.

Green Development Zones: A New Model Advances-Partnership for the Public Good forum from 4:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. at the 237 Main St., Suite 1200. . To guarantee a seat, please email megan@ppgbuffalo.org.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Greener Shade of Blue and You Day and Pride of New York Showcase-10:00 AM- 2:00 PM at University at Buffalo North Campus. Both free events will feature lectures, door prizes, demonstrations, and vendors offering ways to "green" your home and reduce your environmental footprint. Pride of New York Showcase will showcase locally-grown produce and dairy products, ice cream, fresh baked goods and other prepared foods.

Wednesday, September 22

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday or indoors if it's raining. Meet at 158 Eaton.

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End of Summer Full Moon Rising Stroll-7:30-9 PM for Adults (and youth 12 and older) at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Enjoy the last night of summer with a stroll by the light of the rising Harvest Moon. Non-Members: \$5 per person. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at www.sciencebuff.org.

Thursday, September 23

Moon over Tonawanda Paddle- 6:30-10pm paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Project WET Workshop-4:30 to 7:30 PM. This workshop provides K-12 teachers with an interdisciplinary, hands-on curriculum related to water. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Full Harvest Moon Walk-7:00 PM. Enjoy a guided walk in the moonlit woods. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Window Reglazing Workshop at Buffalo ReUse-10-11am at 298 Northampton ([map](#)).

Wellness Walk at Tiff-10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Friday, September 24

Party for the Parks -Live music, great local food at the historic Marcy Casino in Delaware Park, overlooking beautiful Hoyt Lake. 7:00 - 11 p.m. \$20 members, Presale, \$25 - \$30. Cash bar, food samples. <http://www.bfloparks.org>.

Full Moon Hike- 8 to 9:30pm, Walk along the trails at Beaver Meadow in the evening to discover the nocturnal animals at the preserve. \$5/\$3 members. Contact Beaver Meadow at 800-377-1520 or info@buffaloaudubon.org.

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Fence Installation Workshop at Buffalo ReUse-11am-2pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)).

Saturday, September 25

WNY Environmental Summit-Daemen College 8:30am-12:30pm. "This Land is Your Land" is theme for the 6th annual event. Free and open to the public. Registration for the free event is available online at http://my.daemen.edu/academics/environmental_summit/.

Great Egret Walk at Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area Roost – 5:30 - 7:30 pm: meet at Kanyoo Check Station.

"Small Wonders" at Warren Drive Park- Take a 10am to noon walk around the park in East Aurora to search for the miniature world of nature. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

25th Annual Wildlife Festival- The New York Power Authority and the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs sponsor this free event from 10am to 5pm at the Niagara Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY 14092. Admission and parking are free and the show goes on rain or shine! More than 50 environmental exhibitors, outdoor educators and wildlife rehabilitators now participating including everything from reptiles to primates and birds of prey. Call 866-NYPA-Fun or visit www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm.

Boaters Safety Class-Offered by US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 8am-5pm at McKinley Mall. Register with Bob Moscato at 681-3889. There is a fee associated with the course. For info, visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Worm Composting-10:30 AM. Take home a worm composting starter kit. For adults and kids age 10 and older. \$4.00 per kit; \$2.00 for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Buffalo ReUse Talent & Treasure Auction-Fundraiser for Community Programs (workshops, Tool Library, gardens and more) from 8-10pm at Buffalo Bar & Grille. Visit www.buffaloreuse.org for details.

Prescription Drug Dropoffs- from 10am-2pm with multiple sites. Held in conjunction with local governments and health and law enforcement partnerships, the program will provide free, anonymous collections for expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. For a location near you, check https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/NTBI-PUB.do?_flowId=public-flow.

Autumn Herbs-Earth Spirit Educational Services program from 10:00am - 12:30pm. Location: Chaffee Wildlife Preserve - Chaffee, NY. Focus: An introduction to foraging skills with a focus on wild edible and medicinal plants found in field, forest and wetland environment. Free of Charge -Sponsored by Waste Management of Chaffee. For registration info, visit <http://www.earthspiritedu.org>.

Boating Safety Course-Buffalo CDL Training, 410 Kenmore Ave, Amherst (Erie) Baker, Christopher (800)667-1555. This class is for adults and children The instructor charges a fee for this course. If you are over 18 in addition to the class fee you will be required to pay NYS Parks a \$10.00 fee for your boating safety certificate.

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Habitat Hunt-2:00 PM. Kids 12 and under will search for resident wildlife. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Trek Tift-2-3:30 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tift for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Fall Shoreline Sweeps in Buffalo and Niagara-Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is organizing their local shore cleanups for multiple days this fall (see article above). Most sites will be on Sunday, September 26th, World Rivers Day, noon until 3pm. There will be a thank-you picnic from 3-5 pm (location TBA). Volunteer signup is available at <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/cleanups/>.

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Tuesday, September 28

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

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Thursday, September 30

"Fresh" Film Screening-The Food Matters film series concludes with an encore screening of [FRESH](#). FRESH looks at solutions to our ailing food supply by celebrating the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. Doors open at 6:30pm with the film beginning promptly at 7pm. Tickets for each film are \$8.00 for general admission and \$6.00 for Lexington Cooperative Market members, Edible Buffalo subscribers, seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Lexington Coop. Market at 807 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo or online at [here](#).

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About Boating Safely Course-8:30am-4:30pm at Gander Mountain. Register with [Joe Kassler](#) at 873-1953.

Log Hotel-10:30 AM. What happens to a tree after it falls down? Join us on a walk through the woods and see what creatures are living underneath downed trees. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Iroquois Observations Canoe Trek- 9:00am - 1:00pm. Meet at Knowlesville Rd. Bridge. We will explore the primitive beauty of Oak Orchard Creek. Bring your own canoe or kayak-life jackets are required. For info, call Rick Allen at 716-445-9685.

Fall Ecology Hike- Join Earth Spirit from 1:00pm - 3:30pm at Birdsong Park - Orchard Park, NY for a leisurely hike through varied environments with a focus on season changes in local plant and animal communities. Fees and Registration: Please contact the Orchard Park Recreation Dept: 716-662-6450 or oprec@orchardparkny.org

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http://www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx.

Working for Downtown Brown Bag Lunch Series-12 to 1 pm at [Buffalo & Erie County Central Library](#), Central Meeting Room on 2nd Floor. For more information or reservations, please contact Lynn Waclawek at lwaclawek@mtb.com. Free or \$10 to order box lunch.

Thursday, October 7

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

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Friday, October 8

The Enchanted Forest-6:30-8:30pm. An evening walk through the woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow their home. **Reservations required** (event sells out early). Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit costumed animal interpreters. Cost \$8 (\$7 members). Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

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13th Annual WNY Earth Science Day-9am to 3pm. National Earth Science Day WNY celebration at Penn Dixie. Talk to earth scientists as they exhibit and demonstrate various aspects of their professions; see a drill rig demonstrating rock coring and drilling operations; view sunspots; collect fossils; and participate in a wide variety of other activities. Girl Scout badge program (call 627-4560 for registration information).

East Aurora Park Hike-10:00am - 12:00pm at Majors Park. Rock Flippin to discover what lies beneath. Cost is \$5/\$3 members or \$15 family. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Growing Up WILD Workshop-9:00 AM to noon. This new program provides early childhood educators with an activity guide featuring 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature-based activities for indoor and outdoor fun. For educators of students ages 3-7. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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Monday, October 11

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"Native American Perspective on Plants: Medicine, Food and Culture"-Talk by Mike Bastine as part of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society monthly meeting at the Harlem Rd. Community Center, Snyder (Harlem Rd. at Lincoln St.) at 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Dr. James Williams, Superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

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Nature in Western New York's Future - Speaker Gerry Rising at The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens at 7pm. Also co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County and 8th District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Gerry as he discusses how wildlife and plants are influenced by our changing climate and weather. Stay and have light refreshments after his talk. Pre-registration required. www.buffalogardens.com.

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Saturday, October 16

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Pick Up Buffalo- Join Working For Downtown to help clean up the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. Meet at the rear parking lot at Pearl Street Grille & Brewery at 9am. Cleanup is from 9am-noon and coffee and water are provided. For info, contact membership@workingfordowntown.org.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Owls with Chuck Rosenburg at USA Birds Supply -1 to 3 pm. Join Chuck Rosenburg for an in-depth presentation on owls of our area. Hosted by the Land Conservancy and USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY.

Astronomy Night at Penn Dixie site-6pm. Telescopes will focus on a just past 1st Quarter Moon, Jupiter and Uranus in the east. Famous Double Star cluster in Perseus, E. T. star cluster NGC 457 in the W of Cassiopeia, and star cluster M15 in Pegasus. No preregistrations required. \$2/person.

Fall Tree ID-10:30 AM. View the beautiful colors of fall, and learn how to identify our local trees. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Sunday, October 17

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Monday, October 18

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Tuesday, October 19

The Regional Vacancy Crisis: Land Banks and Other Approaches- Forum by the Partnership for the Public Good. 4:00pm – 5:30pm at 237 Main St., Suite 1200 ([map](#)).

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Wednesday, October 20

Babes In The Woods-This nature discovery program at Beaver Meadow from 10-11:30am is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. "Falling Leaves" is the topic this month. Registration is required. \$5 child & adult/\$3 each additional child. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

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ReTHREAD: A City-wide Trashion Show-Buffalo ReUSE will hold their annual art exhibition at ArtSPACE from 7-10pm. Our [ReFIND Arts](#) is proud to present [ReTHREAD: A City Wide Trashion Show](#)--an exhibition of garbage couture.

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Friday, October 22

Full Hunter's Moon Walk-6:30 PM. As white-tailed deer prepare for mating, the moon will shine bright for spotting bucks as we walk the trails. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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Saturday, October 23

Moon over Tonawanda Paddle- 6:30-10pm paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

East Aurora Park Hike with Audubon-10:00am - 12:00pm at J.P. Nicely Park, 401 West Fall Rd. \$5/\$3 members or \$15 family. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Owl Prowl with Chuck Rosenburg at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve-6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join Chuck Rosenburg for an evening owl prowling. After a brief introductory presentation, participants will venture into the dark to listen and watch for owls. Chuck will imitate owl calls in an effort to lure in these secretive nocturnal raptors. Mr. Rosenburg gained a keen interest in the outdoors while growing up near the Klydel Wetlands in North Tonawanda. For reservations, please call 716.687.1225 or email Megan Mills Weaver at mweaver@wnylc.org.

Life under Leaves-10:30 AM. Search for animals living under leaves on this guided walk. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

The Northern Hardwood Forest - 1:00pm - 3:30pm with Earth Spirit at Shale Creek - Orchard Park, NY for a challenging hike to the "eternal flame" with a focus on the ecology of the Northern Hardwood Forest. Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00. For registration info, visit www.earthspiritedu.org.

Sunday, October 24

Morning Bird Walk-9:00 AM. Search for migrating and resident birds along the trails. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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Tuesday, October 26

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

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Saturday, October 30

Spider and Pumpkin Crafts-1:00 PM. Create reusable pumpkin bags for treats and spider webs for tricks. For kids ages 6 to 10. Materials fee = \$6.00 per child; \$4.00 for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Owl Prowl-Join Chuck Rosenberg for an evening search for owls and a walk in the nighttime woods. Pre-registration is required-call 585-948-5445.

Audubon Members Walk at Hunter's Creek-10:00am - 12:00pm. Join Bill Michalek on a hike through the eyes of the Iroquois nations. Call 585-457-3228 OR 800-377-1520 to register and get directions.

Sunday, October 31

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Tips for the Environment:

1. Visit <http://www.growwny.org/>- **GrowWNY.org** is the new one-stop site for information on environmental activities and organizations in Western New York. If you have an event to announce, post it to their calendar. For up to date event listings, check their calendar.
2. **Think green for your fall plans**- check out the following sites for ideas: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-fall.htm> and <http://eponline.com/articles/2007/09/01/tips-reducing-fall-home-maintenance-and-halloween-holiday-waste.aspx>
3. **Reuse and recycle your Tips for the Environment**-we are probably all using CFL bulbs, recycling regularly and engaging in lots of earth-friendly behaviors. It's time to reuse and recycle- I've compiled the full list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any you missed (www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews). If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

<http://wnyscienceleaders.ning.com/>

<http://www.buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Events/>

<http://www.exploreny.net/events.php3>

<http://www.metrowny.com/events.php>

<http://www.buffalo.edu/calendar>

Additional local blogs and websites-

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>
ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to zaczek@prodigy.net
New York Outdoors Blog- <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>
Buffalo New York Outdoors- <http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors>
Buffalo News Jim Heaney Blog-http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages_insights/
Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>
The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreeneride.org/>
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
MRodgers-FCS-Grant Resources- <http://mrfcsgreen.blogspot.com>
Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.blogspot.com/>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>
Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>
Educational Offerings for kids-<http://www.buffaloalliance.org/publications/erg/index.php>
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>
Buffalo First Blog- <http://blog.buffalofirst.org/>
Green Job opportunities- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>
Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Ecoessentials- <http://ecoessentials.wordpress.com/>
DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>.
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Tuscarora- <http://tuscaroraenvironment.com>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores
Computer equipment-Accepted at all local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers
Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities
Expired or Unused Medicines- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Drug disposal best practices- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Rechargeable Batteries-drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack stores
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods

Regional Environmental Websites with Calendars:

Rochester- <http://RocEarth.com>

Toronto- <http://www.greenontario.org/index.html>

Links to area/state environmental/community sustainability organizations and regularly scheduled activities:

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php
Animal Advocates of Western New York	www.animalswny.org
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	www.awarewildlife.com
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow	www.buffaloudubon.com
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	http://www.freewebs.com/bondlake/
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://www.bbbo.org
Brush Up Buffalo	www.brushupbuffalo.org
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Blue Bicycle	www.buffalobluebicycle.org
Buffalo CarShare	http://www.buffalocarshare.org/
Buffalo Earth Day	http://buffaloearthday.com/EarthDay/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Environmental Management Commission	www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices
Buffalo First	www.buffalofirst.org/
Buffalo Geological Society Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Green Fund	http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/
Buffalo Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/

Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalamaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org
Buffalo ReUse	www.buffaloreuse.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	www.buoe.org
Buffalo Waterfront	http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/
Buffalo Weed and Seed	http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture	http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/
Carvings for a Cause	www.carvingsforacause.com/
Celebrate the Waterfront	www.celebratethewaterfront.com/
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.cleancommunitiesofwny.org/
Clean Energy for Jamestown	http://www.cleanenergyforjamestown.com/
Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/
Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities	www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
Eastside Redevelopment Task Force	http://eastsideredevlopment.org/
Eco-Island Nature Center	www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/region02/state/nylink.htm
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie Canal Trailway	www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	http://www.eriectyfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Evergreen-Buffalo State College	www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen
Excalibur Leisure Skills	http://excaliburl.org
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
First Hand Learning	www.firsthandlearning.org
For A Clean Tonawanda Site	www.factsofwny.com/

Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/
Friends of the Lower Great Lakes	http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 5-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes Program/UB	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/glp/
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Gold Development Corporation	http://greengold.org/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscallofthewild.org
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jssbuffalo.com

League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
National Buffalo Garden Festival	http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm
New Millennium Group	www.nmgonline.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php
New York State Parks	www.nysparks.com
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://www.nysawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrisg/botany/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/
Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/

Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Niagara Watershed Alliance	http://www.had-e-nuff.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Our Shared Waters	www.oursharedwaters.com
Our Water Future	http://ourwaterfuture.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Queen City Farm-urban organic farm in Buffalo	www.queencityfarm.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org/main.html
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Slow Food Buffalo	www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/

Sustainable Earth Solutions	www.sustainableearthsolutions.com
Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825-6397 to confirm walk taking place	www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx
UBEN-UB Environmental Network Meetings Mondays at 7pm, 250 Student Union	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/esw/events.html
UB Environmental Stewardship Committee	http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/environmentalstewardship
UB ERIE Program	http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/
UB Green Office	http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen
Urban Design Project at UB	http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western NY	http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site_beactivenys/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Climate Action Coalition	wnyclimateaction@gmail.com
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Hiking Trails and resources	www.wnyhikes.com
Western New York Land Conservancy	http://www.wnylc.org/
Western New York Science Congress	http://wnysc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	http://www4.bfn.org/wnyseal/

West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideministries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Rehab and Release Center	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/
Zoar Valley Nature Society	www.zoarvalley.org