

# Nature Play Days

## June 8-16, 2019



### Indiana Children & Nature Network

Nature Play Day List – last updated 6/12/2019

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#### Family Campout

**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**  
**6/8/2019, 7:00pm-9:00am**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

It's your one chance of the year to camp at Eagle Creek Park! Registration is required for this special program and is \$10 per person ages 3 and up. We provide a campfire, s'mores supplies, and evening programming. You provide all the camping gear! This program usually sells out. Registration begins May 3.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148  
[http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14185](http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14185)

#### Nature Play Zone

**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**  
**6/8/2019, 12pm-3pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Here's an opportunity for you and your children to get out of the house, explore, and have fun! In honor of Nature Play Days, we're turning the exhibit hall into a loose parts nature play zone. There will be wood, plastic animals, puppets, small pretend play worlds, acorn caps, pine cones and more. We invite you to use these loose parts to have some imaginative play, make your own fun, and create your own games as a family. Then, you can invite another family to play the game with you. This program is free with park admission.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148  
[http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14310](http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14310)

#### Fairy House Fun

**Lake County Parks**  
**6/8/2019, 3-4:30PM**

Event location: Stoney Run County Park  
9230 E. 142nd Ave. Hebron, IN 46341  
Event county: Lake

Nature is full of lots of surprises –maybe even fairies! Participants will build a house in the woods for fairies and nature's friends to visit. The simple challenge of creating a fairy house gives children a unique activity that encourages them to go outside and connect with the natural world, while nurturing care and respect for the environment. Please dress for the weather. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188. Homeschool, scout and other groups are welcome to attend, but all families within a group must register individually.

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188  
<http://lakecountyparks.com/calendar.aspx?eid=713>

#### National Get Outdoors Day Hike and Campfire

**Lake County Parks**  
**6/8/2019, 7:30-9PM**

Event location: Stoney Run County Park  
9230 E. 142nd Ave. Hebron, IN 46341  
Event county: Lake

Looking to explore one of local county parks? National Get Outdoors Day is the perfect time to join in a guided evening hike and campfire at Stoney Run. Please bring a flashlight. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188. Homeschool, scout and other groups are welcome to attend, but all families within a group must register individually.

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188  
<http://lakecountyparks.com/calendar.aspx?eid=701>

**Fuzzy Bumblebee Craft**  
**SullivanMunce Cultural Center**  
**6/8/2019, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Event location: SullivanMunce Cultural Center  
225 N. Hawthorne Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Buzz on over and create a fuzzy bumble bee with yarn and repurposed materials. Learn a bit about our local pollinators and the plants they like to visit. Ages: 4 years and up with an adult

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays

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**Campfire and S'mores**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/8/2019, 7 - 8 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Enjoy an evening hike through the Zion Nature Sanctuary as we search for nocturnal sights and sounds. We will end the evening roasting marshmallows and enjoying gooey s'mores around the campfire. Register at [www.zionnaturecenter.org](http://www.zionnaturecenter.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays

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**Outdoor Explore!**  
**Tippecanoe Co. Park & Rec.Dept.**  
**6/8/2019, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Event location: Tippecanoe County Amphitheater  
4449 St. Rd. 43 North West Lafayette, Indiana 47906  
Event county: Tippecanoe

Outdoor Explore! - A Beyond Your Backyard Sampler, is a free, all-ages community event that provides opportunities to learn about and actually try over 30 different types of outdoor activities: from beekeeping to mountain biking, archery to sailing and kayaking! The event is held rain or shine, from 10a.m.- 4 p.m., at two Tippecanoe County park properties: Tippecanoe County Amphitheater and Bicentennial Nature Area. Food is available at both sites. For further information contact Naturalist Mary Cutler at (765)567-2993, [mcut@msn.com](mailto:mcut@msn.com), or visit the Outdoor Explore! Facebook page.

Contact: Mary Cutler  
[mcut@msn.com](mailto:mcut@msn.com), 765567-2993

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**Get Outdoors Day Open House**  
**Dunes Learning Center**  
**6/8/2019, 11am-3pm**

Event location: Dunes Learning Center campus  
700 Howe Rd Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

Get Outdoors and explore your national lakeshore at our 7th annual Get Outdoors Day celebration. Learn about the secret life of the Little Calumet River, learn to kayak safely with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, or turn your inspiration into art at one of our "make and take" stations. Guided hikes, live music, and a picnic lunch under the trees-it's all free with your pre-registration!

Contact: Michelle Krueger  
[mkrueger@duneslearningcenter.org](mailto:mkrueger@duneslearningcenter.org), 2193959555  
<https://duneslearningcenter.org/events/goday>

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**38th Annual Kids' Fishing Rodeo**  
**Terre Haute Parks & Recreation Department - Dobbs Park**  
**6/8/2019, 8am-12pm**

Event location: Dobbs Park Nature Center  
5170 E. Poplar St. Terre Haute, IN 47803  
Event county: Vigo

This is a free fishing event for kids ages 2-15. Competition age categories are 5-7, 8-11, & 12-15, with a Fish-for-Fun category for ages 2-4.

Registration starts at 8am and ends at 10am. Fishing starts at 9am and ends at 11:50am.

Prizes will be awarded to the Largest Bass (Mayor's Special Award), and the boy and girl catching the largest fish overall.

Prizes will also be awarded for largest sunfish, catfish, and bass in each age category and most fish caught by a boy and girl.

Stringers are NOT ALLOWED at this event so we ask that you bring a bucket to transport your fish to the weigh station. The fish are released back into the pond after the event.

For more information, please contact Dobbs Park Nature Center at 812-877-1095.

Contact: Carissa Lovett  
[carissa.lovett@terrehaute.in.gov](mailto:carissa.lovett@terrehaute.in.gov), 18128771095  
<http://terrehaute.in.gov/departments/parks/city-parks/dobbs/NC>

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**Enter the Outdoors: Celebrating Outside IN**  
**Conner Prairie**  
**6/8/2019, 10 am to 5 pm**

Event location: Conner Prairie  
13400 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN 46038  
Event county: Hamilton

Come celebrate the abundant natural wonders of Indiana's outdoors. Explore Indiana's natural history and find out ways you can help sustain our environment. Guests will have the opportunity to take part in hands-on activities across the grounds that highlight Indiana's amazing and diverse natural resources.

Contact: Rachel Poe  
[poe@connerprairie.org](mailto:poe@connerprairie.org), 317-776-6000 ext. 245

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**Nature Play Day & PlayScape Birthday**  
**Wesselman Nature Society**  
**6/8/2019, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Event location: Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve  
551 N Boeke Road Evansville, IN 47711  
Event county: Vanderburgh

Visit the largest urban old growth forest in Indiana AND the largest Nature PlayScape in the nation at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve! Community partners will provide kid-friendly hands-on activities, and we'll celebrate the Nature PlayScape's 1st birthday with cake and fun for all ages. Bring a change of clothes and plan for mess. Regular nature center admission rates may apply (\$3 ages 3 - 11, \$5 ages 12 & up).

Contact: Gena Garrett  
ggarrett@wesselmannaturesociety.org, 8124790771

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**Teddy Bear Picnic**  
**Hendricks County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/8/2019, 12:00pm-1:00pm**

Event location: McCloud Nature Park  
8518 Hughes Road North Salem, Indiana 46165  
Event county: Hendricks

Grab your favorite stuffed friend and your lunch and join us for a picnic on the grass. After lunch, we're going on a bear hunt!

This program is FREE to attend, appropriate for all ages, and no advance registration is required.

Contact: Jordan Tremper  
mccloudnp@hcparks.net, (765) 676-5437  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2204498122944204/>

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**True Almond Joy - Discovering Flowers and Fruit**  
**College Park Church Castleton**  
**6/8/2019, 930-1130a**

Event location:  
5825 E. 91st Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46250  
Event county: Marion

Join us on the grounds of College Park Church Castleton as we explore flowers and fruit. We will discuss a Bible story involving almonds and have different kid-friendly activities and giveaways. If the plants and weather cooperate, we'll also explore foraging for wild berries.

Contact: Chad Jaggard  
cjaggard@gmail.com,

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**Get Outdoors Open House**  
**Dunes Learning Center**  
**6/8/2019, 11am-3pm**

Event location: 700 Howe Rd  
700 Howe Rd Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

Get Outdoors and explore Indiana Dunes National Park! Take a hike led by expert DLC naturalists, or get your feet wet exploring the Little Calumet River. Explore campus by geocaching or volunteering for our Bio Blitz using the iNaturalist app. Enjoy live music, crafts, nature play and more-it's all free with your pre-registration at [DunesLearningCenter.org/events/goday](http://DunesLearningCenter.org/events/goday).

Contact: Michelle Krueger  
mkrueger@duneslearningcenter.org, 2193959555  
DunesLearningCenter.org

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**Tinkergarten Trial Class**  
**Tinkergarten**  
**6/8/2019, 5pm**

Event location: Celery Bog Nature Area  
1620 Lindberg Road West-Lafayette, Indiana 47906  
Event county: Tippecanoe

Tinkergarten provides high-quality early childhood learning in the healthiest classroom of all-the outdoors. Families connect with trained leaders in their local community for play-based kids classes that help develop core life skills, all while having fun!

Please register at  
<https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen> for a free trial class.

Contact: Sarah Verhaeghen  
sarah.verhaeghen@mail.tinkergarten.com,  
<https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen>

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**Nature Play Day**  
**Meridian Hills Cooperative Nursery School & Kindergarten**  
**6/8/2019, 10 am - 12 pm**

Event location: Meridian Hills Cooperative  
7171 N Pennsylvania St Indianapolis, IN 46240  
Event county: Marion

Come play with us on the MHCNS certified Nature Explore playground and in the Forest Kindergarten classroom! Climbing, digging, art, music and more.

Free and no registration required.

Contact: Gin Ranly  
gin.ranly@yahoo.com, 2156946331  
meridianhillscoop.org

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**Nature Play Day**  
**Clifty Falls State Park**  
**6/8/2019, 10am-10pm**

Event location: Clifty Falls State Park  
2221 Clifty Drive Madison, Indiana 47250  
Event county: Jefferson

10am Boundless Bubbles - Come to the Nature Center to discover how animals use bubbles, then make your own bubble maker using recycled materials. 30 minute activity.

12pm-1pm Picnic with the Naturalist - Picnic with the park naturalist and ask any nature-related questions you may have. We'll meet in the pool parking lot, and enjoy lunch next to our pollinator habitat where we'll watch the butterflies, bees, and other insects enjoy a meal too! Bring your sack lunch, and any questions you have!

1pm Stream Safari - Gather in the pool parking lot to take a short easy hike down the trail to explore one of the many streams in our park. We'll search for insects, salamanders and more! Be sure to wear your water shoes, and be prepared to get wet! 1 hour program.

3pm Insect Investigation - Join the naturalist at the Nature Center to discover the lives of various insects that call Clifty Falls home during this 30 minute program. We'll venture outside and see what 6-legged creatures are spending the afternoon in our garden.

7-8pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the campground with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

9pm Nighttime Senses Hike - Meet at the Campground Gatehouse to go on a 1 hour moderate hike and see if your 5 senses match up to those of our nighttime critters.

Contact: Kayla Leach  
KLeach@dnr.in.gov, 812-273-0609  
www.in.gov/CliftyFalls

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**Feeding Time**  
**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**  
**6/9/2019, 1:30-2:30pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Watch as our educational reptiles and amphibians and other residents of the Earth Discovery Center enjoy their lunches! You'll also learn some natural history about each animal along the way. On the menu: worms, defrosted mice, salad, crickets, and frozen bloodworms, yum! Free with park admission.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148  
http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\_Search/14309

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**Habitat-Tat**  
**Minnetrasta Cultural Center**  
**6/9/2019, 6:00-7:00pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Cabin Lawn  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Teddy Bear Picnic**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/9/2019, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
41 S. 2nd Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Grab your favorite stuffed animal friend and your lunch and join us for a picnic on the Lincoln Park lawn. After lunch we're going on a bear hunt! Register at [www.zionnaturecenter.org](http://www.zionnaturecenter.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**Family Dog Walk**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/9/2019, 3 - 4 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
4795 Turkey Foot Rd Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Grab your favorite furry family member and join us on a group dog walk. We'll explore the sights and sounds along Eagle Creek. The trail is stroller accessible.

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**The Art in Nature**  
**Tippecanoe River Run**  
**6/9/2019, 4pm**

Event location: Tippecanoe River Run Campground  
1417 w. 375 n Rochester, In 46975  
Event county: Fulton

Come on out to Tippecanoe River Run and enjoy a fun painting experiment with items found only in nature!

Contact: Sarah Straeter  
Tippecanoeriverrun@gmail.com, 7654348481

**Camo Critter Crawl**  
**Hendricks County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/9/2019, 1:30 PM**

Event location: McCloud Nature Park  
8518 Hughes Road North Salem, Indiana 46165  
Event county: Hendricks

You're invited to play hide and seek with McCloud's resident (replica) animals and perhaps some of the park's (live) residents, too. Can you see past the tricks and illusions of nature's masters of disguise? Scour the trails to put your observational skills to the test!

Hiking terrain: easy hike over gravel and natural surfaces, up to a half mile.

Appropriate for all ages; children younger than 16 must attend with a parent or guardian who is able to hike the trails.

Free to attend; no registration required.

Approximate program duration: up to 1 hour.

Contact: Jordan Tremper  
mcccloudnp@hcparks.net, (765) 676-5437  
<http://hendrickscountyparks.org/>

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**Macroinvertebrate Mayhem**  
**Chain O' Lakes State Park**  
**6/9/2019, 1pm**

Event location: Chain O' Lakes State Park  
2355 E. 75 S. Albion, IN 46701  
Event county: Noble

Come and explore the miniature world of the tiny creatures that call Chain home. Learn about life cycles and get a hands on look at their lives with a special activity. Please wear water shoes and prepare to get a bit messy! (1 hour)

Contact: Kaitlyn Sproles  
amanuel@dnr.in.gov, 260-636-2654  
<https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2987.htm>

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**I Spy Young Naturalists**  
**Lake County Parks**  
**6/10/2019, 9:30-11:30AM**

Event location: Gibson Woods Nature Preserve  
6201 Parrish Ave. Hammond, IN 46323  
Event county: Lake

Foster that natural curiosity in your little one by venturing outdoors to 'spy' what's happening at Gibson Woods Nature Preserve. Each session will include story, craft, snack and plenty of outdoor exploration. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188.

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188  
<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=668>

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**Senses In Nature Walk**  
**Hike It Baby Muncie**  
**6/10/2019, 10am-12pm**

Event location: Morrow's Meadow  
1901 S Tiger Dr, Yorktown, IN 47396 Yorktown, IN 47396  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Kassy P.  
kassypatrick.hikeitbaby@gmail.com,  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Color Matching**  
**Minnetrissa Cultural Center**  
**6/10/2019, 3:00pm-5:30pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Backyard Garden  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Squirt Gun Painting**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/10/2019, 10 - 11 a.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Help us create nature masterpieces by painting with....SQUIRT GUNS! We recommend you wear clothing that can get stained. Our final artwork will hang in the Zion Nature Center until the end of the month.

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**Bug Safari**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/10/2019, 1 - 2 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
165 N. Elm Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Bring your bug net, or borrow one of ours. We're going on a safari in our backyard. Join us as we search high and low for six and eight-legged creatures.

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950

[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**family bike ride**  
**Cardinal Greenway**  
**6/10/2019, 10:00 AM**

Event location:  
213 North 3rd St. Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

Families can bring their own bikes, or rent from the Fitness Warehouse

Contact: Brian Schleeper  
[brian@cardinalgreenways.org](mailto:brian@cardinalgreenways.org), 983-7275

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**Feed the Birds**  
**Indiana Dunes State Park**  
**6/10/2019, 10:00 a.m. CST**

Event location: Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center  
1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

Join the Naturalists at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center for some up-close views of our native songbirds as you help them fill all of the bird feeders. This is a great way to also learn how YOU can attract birds to your backyard, too!

Contact: Marie Laudeman  
[mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov), 219-926-1390  
[www.calendar.dnr.in.gov](http://www.calendar.dnr.in.gov)

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**Ant Lion Safari**  
**Indiana Dunes State Park**  
**6/10/2019, 3:00 p.m. CST**

Event location: Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center  
1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

Join the Naturalists at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center for this short discovery walk looking for the unique lions of the dunes. Unlike the African lion, these small insect larvae have unique adaptations to help them ferociously eat ants.

Contact: Marie Laudeman  
[mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov), 219-926-1390  
[www.calendar.dnr.in.gov](http://www.calendar.dnr.in.gov)

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**NaturePlay: Take Childhood Back**  
**Koch Immersive Theater**  
**6/10/2019, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Event location: Evansville Museum - Koch Immersive Theater  
411 S.E. Riverside Dr Evansville, IN 47713  
Event county: Vanderburgh

A brief synopsis of the film is as follows:

"Filmed in Denmark, Norway and Sweden and the US, NATUREPLAY portrays the Scandinavian method of teaching, living and enjoying nature that is juxtaposed with the high stakes/high stress American testing culture. In the USA rampant testing has become a virus, a disease not in alignment with how children naturally learn. NaturePlay film finds a way to TAKE CHILDHOOD BACK- in Nordic Udeskole- concepts in outdoor learning and playing in nature. Featuring the different ways Udeskole is practiced in Scandinavia through forest kindergartens, adventure playgrounds, teaching outdoors, increased recess, after school clubs, and nature- based play areas- the film investigates the Nordic research and cultural "Friluftsliv", Free Air Life, attitudes behind it all. NATUREPLAY has won seven awards so far including one for Cinematography and a Global Humanitarian Award."

Contact: Genie Burns  
[genie.burns@gmail.com](mailto:genie.burns@gmail.com), 334-320-6277

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**Tinkergarten Trial Class**  
**Tinkergarten**  
**6/10/2019, 10am**

Event location: Celery Bog Nature Area  
1620 Lindberg Road West-Lafayette, Indiana 47906  
Event county: Tippecanoe

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Please register at  
<https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen> for a free trial class.

Contact: Sarah Verhaeghen  
[sarah.verhaeghen@mail.tinkergarten.com](mailto:sarah.verhaeghen@mail.tinkergarten.com),  
<https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen>

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**Nature Play Days!**  
**Hamilton County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/10/2019, 10:00am - 12:noon**

Event location: Cool Creek Park  
2000 East 151st St. Carmel, Indiana 46033  
Event county: Hamilton

Come and visit our NEW Nature Play Area. This area features natural play elements in a shaded area. It is designed to encourage unstructured play in a natural setting.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: not required

Contact: Holly Faust  
[holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov), 317-776-8412  
[www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com)

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## **Hike & Seek**

### **Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**

**6/11/2019, 10:30-11:30am**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Hike & Seek is designed to be a true immersive experience for preschoolers. There is no set theme for these hikes. We will hike at the pace of our tiniest walkers, stopping to investigate things that interest us along the way. During this session of Hike & Seek we are creek stomping! Depending on the weather leading up to the program, the creek may or may not have water in it, but dry or wet, the creek bed is fun to explore. Meet at the Earth Discovery Center and come dressed in clothes and shoes that can get wet (just in case). Please, no flip flops. Free with park admission.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/806127393096955/>

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## **Shadow Science**

### **Lake County Parks**

**6/11/2019, 1-2:30PM**

Event location: Gibson Woods Nature Preserve  
6201 Parrish Ave. Hammond, IN 46323  
Event county: Lake

Shadows are all around us. How do they keep us cool? Can they be used to tell time? Explore the science behind all this and you'll be 'made in the shade.' Designed for all ages. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188. Homeschool, scout and other groups are welcome to attend, but all families within a group must register individually.

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188  
<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=684>

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## **Floating Castle**

### **Minnetrista Cultural Center**

**6/11/2019, 10:00am-2:00pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Backyard Garden  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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## **Painting with Nature**

### **Ross Community Center**

**6/11/2019, 1:00pm-5:00pm**

Event location: Ross Community Center  
1110 W 10th St. Muncie, IN 47302  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Amanda O.  
n/a, 765-747-4741  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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## **Early Learning Forest**

### **Appletree YMCA**

**6/11/2019, 4:30pm-6:30pm**

Event location: Appletree YMCA  
3501 N Chadam Lane Muncie, IN 47304  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Emma D.

n/a, 765-286-0616  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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## **Freddy the Fish**

### **Boone County Solid Waste Management District (BCSWMD)**

**6/11/2019, 10 - 11 a.m.**

Event location: Boone County Solid Waste Management District (BCSWMD)  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Join the Boone County Solid Waste Management District and Freddy the Fish as we explore water pollution at its effects on our environment as we follow Freddy downstream. Register at [www.zionnaturecenter.org](http://www.zionnaturecenter.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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## **Creekstomp**

### **Zion Nature Center**

**6/11/2019, 1 - 3 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
11001 E. Sycamore Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Join us as we explore Eagle Creek. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Nets and buckets are provided. Register at [www.zionnaturecenter.org](http://www.zionnaturecenter.org) Ages: 4 years and up with adult

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**story time**

**Morrison-Reeves Library**

**6/11/2019, 10:00 AM**

Event location:

80 North 6th Street Richmond, IN 47374

Event county: Wayne

Story with craft and songs on Elstro Plaza across the street from the library

Contact: Leslie Baumer

baumer@mrlinfo.org, 966-8291

mrlinfo.org

**creek walk**

**Cope Environmental Center**

**6/11/2019, 2:00 PM**

Event location:

4910 Shoemaker Road Richmond, IN 47374

Event county: Wayne

Children and families will take a 2 hour hike across the road, into the woods and in the creek. Wear appropriate attire.

Contact: Stehpanie McCurdy

keblansett@gmail.com, 855-3188

copeenvironmental.org

**Nature Play Days!**

**Hamilton County Parks & Recreation**

**6/11/2019, 10:00am - 12:noon**

Event location: River Road Park

12575 River Road Carmel, IN 46033

Event county: Hamilton

Play on the archaeology inspired playground and see the early Native American interactive display. Wander through the prairie to the woods and river. Meet at the restrooms.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: not required

Contact: Holly Faust

holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, 317-776-8412

www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

**Grow It! Try It! Like It!**

**Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District**

**6/11/2019, 11:00am-1:00pm**

Event location: Sullivan County SWCD

2316 N. Section St. Sullivan, IN 47882

Event county: Sullivan

Join us for our kids container gardening event! Join us on the lawn of the Sullivan County SWCD for a story "How Did That Get into My Lunchbox" and a hands-on container gardening presentation. Each

child will plant and take home their own tomato container garden.

Also, enjoy a tasty snack and learn different recipes that you can make from plants that you grow in your container garden!

Contact: Allison McKain

sullivan-swcd@iaswcd.org, 812-268-5157, ext. 3

**Books and Boots**

**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**

**6/12/2019, 10-11:30am**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park

5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254

Event county: Marion

The children's book "I am Josephine (and I am a living thing)" will be our inspiration for our hike. After reading the story indoors, we will hit the trails in search of living things. How many animals will we find? How many mammals? Will we find non-living things? Join in on the adventure to find out! Free with park admission.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker

heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148

<https://www.facebook.com/events/378212713021725/>

**Summer in the Park: Nature Made Art**

**Lake County Parks**

**6/12/2019, 10AM-NOON**

Event location: Deep River County Park

9410 Old Lincoln Highway Hobart, IN 46342

Event county: Lake

Nature Made Art! We're surrounded by art every time we step outside! Paint a masterpiece with flowers, rocks, and leaves who needs paintbrushes when you have nature! Summer in the Park is a free weekly program for kids ages 10 and under along with their family! Meet us at the Visitor Center each Wednesday at 10 a.m. for songs, stories, fun and games! Each program offers a unique opportunity to get outside and learn something new about history or nature!

Contact: Dyan Wheeler-Quilter

dyanwq@lakecountyparks.com, 219-947-1958

<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=594>

**Pond Exploration Day**

**Lake County Parks**

**6/12/2019, 9:30-11AM**

Event location: Lake Etta County Park

4801 W. 29th Ave Gary, IN 46406

Event county: Lake

Ever wonder what lives underwater in a pond besides fish? Join us as we collect and look at some of the smaller and spectacular species of the watery world at Lake Etta. Wear shoes/clothes you do not mind getting dirty. Gate fee applies at Lake Etta. For ages 3 and up. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188. Homeschool,



scout and other groups are welcome to attend, but all families within a group must register individually.

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188  
<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=703>

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### **Bird Senses**

#### **Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**

**6/12/2019, 2pm-3pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
6515 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46278 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Just how well do birds see? Can birds smell? Explore a 0.5mile trail with the Ornithology Center naturalists using your five bird senses and learn about how birds perceive their surroundings! Perfect for the whole family. This program is free with park admission.

Contact: Molly Goodwin  
molly.goodwin@indy.gov, 317.327.2473  
[http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14302](http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14302)

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### **Nature Storytime**

#### **Kennedy Library**

**6/12/2019, 10:30am-11:30am**

Event location: Kennedy Library  
1700 W McGalliard Rd Muncie, IN 47304  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Katie L.  
n/a, 765-747-8200  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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### **Library Lady Outdoor Storytime**

#### **Red-Tail Conservacy & Muncie Public Library**

**6/12/2019, 12:00pm-2:00pm**

Event location: Dutro-Ernst Woods  
W Kilgore Ave. Muncie, IN 47304  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Kim M.  
n/a, 765-288-2587  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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### **Outdoor Obstacle Course**

#### **Ross Community Center**

**6/12/2019, 1:00pm-5:00pm**

Event location: Ross Community Center  
1110 W 10th St. Muncie, IN 47302  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Amanda O.  
n/a, 765-747-4741  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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### **How Old is This Tree?**

#### **Minnetrissa Cultural Center**

**6/12/2019, 3:00pm-5:30pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Nature Area  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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### **Sunflower Storytime**

#### **Maring-Hunt Library**

**6/12/2019, 4:00pm-5:00pm**

Event location: Maring-Hunt Library  
2005 S High St. Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Katie L.  
n/a, 765-747-8200  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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### **Jump to Jupiter**

#### **Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library**

**6/12/2019, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Event location: Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library  
250 N. 5th Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Meet at the Library to learn about the solar system and then get a chance to jump through the solar system! We will begin at the library and end up in the Nature Sanctuary. Dress for the weather, caregivers required to stay with children. Register at [www.zionsvillelibrary.org](http://www.zionsvillelibrary.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**Kicking it with Fire Fighters**  
**Zionsville Fire Department**  
**6/12/2019, 1 - 4 p.m.**

Event location: Zionsville Fire Department  
9645 Whitestown Road Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Join the Zionsville Fire Department crew at Mulberry Fields for a memorable game of kickball. There will be activities for all ages. Come ready for a good time!

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**nature Playscape**  
**Hayes Arboretum**  
**6/12/2019, 9:00 AM**

Event location:  
801 Elks Road Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

Explore a playground made with natural materials, including an art area, mud kitchen, music station, logs to climb and use for building.

Contact: Lisa Burkhardt  
l.burkhardt@aol.com, 914-9938  
hayesarboretum.org

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**music in the park**  
**Richmond Parks Department**  
**6/12/2019, 11:30 AM**

Event location:  
80 North 6th Street Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

Live music, food trucks on the lawn

Contact: Michelle Spalding  
mspalding@richmondindiana.gov, 983-7275  
richmondindiana.gov

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**Sun Fun!**  
**Indiana Dunes State Park**  
**6/12/2019, 3:00 p.m. CST**

Event location: Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center  
1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

This is a SHINING program starting at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center where you will have fun learning all about solar energy and make a fun craft to take home.

Contact: Marie Laudeman  
mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov, 219-926-1390  
[www.calendar.dnr.in.gov](http://www.calendar.dnr.in.gov)

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**Nature Play Day**  
**Indiana State Museum**  
**6/12/2019, 6:00-8:00**

Event location: Indiana State Museum  
650 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Event county: Marion

Celebrate summer nights on the canal with free activities and family fun.

This evening, it's time to get outside and play! Take part in some classic outdoor activities like corn hole and hula hooping, and discover some more historic activities like using an atlatl or stick and hoop. Community partners will be on-hand to help you discover even more ways to take your family on an outdoor adventure.

Contact: Shawnte Gaston  
SGaston1@indianamuseum.org, 317-234-8380  
<https://www.indianamuseum.org/default.aspx?p=142288&evtid=1387803:6/12/2019>

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**Good, Clean, Dirty Fun!**  
**St. Joseph County Parks**  
**6/12/2019, 6-8pm**

Event location: St. Patrick's County Park  
50651 Laurel Rd. South Bend, IN 46637  
Event county: St. Joseph

Families join us for an evening of muddy fun! Activities will include mud painting, making mud pies, stomping in the swamp and more. Wear old clothes and bring a towel. Shoes with ties are required for the swamp stomp.

Contact: Shelley Chaffee  
schaffee@sjcparks.org, 574-277-4828  
[www.sjcparks.org](http://www.sjcparks.org)

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**Nature Survival Skills**  
**Lake County Parks**  
**6/13/2019, 1:30-4PM**

Event location: Buckley Homestead  
3606 Belshaw Rd. Lowell, IN 46356  
Event county: Lake

Animals have amazing adaptations to survive in nature, but humans have some handy tools to get along. Join us as we learn about the 3's of survival, and try our hand at fire building and wild shelter building. Wear shoes/clothes you do not mind getting dirty. \$5 per child with caregiver. For ages 8 and up. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188. Homeschool, scout and other groups are welcome to attend, but all families within a group must register individually.

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188

<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=737>

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**Crafting with Pinecones**  
**Minnetrissa Cultural Center**  
**6/13/2019, 10:00am-2:00pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Cabin Lawn  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Historic Petting Zoo**  
**Delaware County Historical Society**  
**6/13/2019, 1:00pm-4:00pm**

Event location: Delaware County Historical Society  
120 E Washington St Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Jim W.  
n/a, 765-282-1550  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Make a Face From Nature**  
**Ross Community Center**  
**6/13/2019, 1:00pm-5:00pm**

Event location: Ross Community Center  
1110 W 10th St. Muncie, IN 47302  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Amanda O.  
n/a, 765-747-4741  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Read and Roll**  
**Red-Tail Conservancy & Muncie Public Library & Appletree Nature**  
**Preschool**  
**6/13/2019, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Event location: Dutro-Ernst Woods  
W Kilgore Ave. Muncie, IN 47304  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Kim M.  
n/a, 765-288-2587

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Maplelawn Open House**  
**Maplelawn Farmstead**  
**6/13/2019, 9 - 11:30 a.m.**

Event location: Maplelawn Farmstead  
9575 Whitestown Road Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

You're invited to the Farmstead for hands-on activities to create crafts and toys that would've been available to children in the 1930s, as well as old-fashioned games our grandparents and great-grandparents would've played when they were children.

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
[mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov), 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**Dino Egg Hunt**  
**Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library**  
**6/13/2019, 4 - 5 p.m.**

Event location: Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library  
250 N. 5th Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Stop by the Library to catch a dinosaur and then head over to the Nature Sanctuary for a roaring good time! Dress for the weather, caregivers required to stay with children. Register at [www.zionsvillelibrary.org](http://www.zionsvillelibrary.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
[mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov), 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**nature art**  
**Joseph Moore Museum**  
**6/13/2019, 10:00 AM**

Event location:  
801 National Rd. West Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

native insects - habitat and habits

Contact: Lisa Butch  
[butchli@earlham.edu](mailto:butchli@earlham.edu), 983-1303  
[earlham.edu](http://earlham.edu)

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**Creek Peek**  
**Indiana Dunes State Park**  
**6/13/2019, 10:00 a.m. CST**

Event location: Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E  
Chesterton, IN 46304  
1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

Meet the Naturalists at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center to embark on a fun exploratory hike to discover what animals call

the unique dunes creek habitat their home! Come prepared to get your feet wet as we give you tools to find different, insect larvae and fish that live in the creek.

Contact: Marie Laudeman  
mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov, 219-926-1390  
www.calendar.dnr.in.gov

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**Nature Play Day at Merry Lea**  
**Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College**  
**6/13/2019, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Event location: Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College  
2388 S 500 W Albion, IN 46701  
Event county: Noble

Don't miss this opportunity to join Merry Lea at this free, family-friendly event designed to get people outside! There will be a variety of guided and self-guided activities to choose from all afternoon. Dip for tadpoles, create a nature craft, go on a hike, work on a scavenger hunt, and much more! This is a free event and no registration is required. Come explore the natural world in your own backyard!

Contact: Katie Stoltzfus  
kcstoltzfus@goshen.edu, 260-799-5869  
<https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/category/event/>

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**Nature Art**  
**Joseph Moore Museum**  
**6/13/2019, 10 am - 11:30 am**

Event location: 801 National Road West  
Earlham College Richmond, Indiana 47374  
Event county: Wayne

This free workshop will allow participants to explore their creative side using inspiration and materials from nature. We will start by exploring outdoors to find craft materials then transition to making our masterpieces.

Contact: Lisa Butch  
butchli@earlham.edu, 7659831303

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**Exploring Tapawingo with Buckets and Hunts**  
**Engage Nature, West Lafayette Parks, and The Nature of Teaching**  
**6/13/2019, 9am-11am**

Event location: Tapawingo Park  
100 Tapawingo Dr West Lafayette, IN 47906  
Event county: Tippecanoe

We will have buckets and shovels for all ages to use for playing in the sand along the Wabash River bank, as well as scavenger hunts and habitat assessment sheets for older youth and families. This event is free

Contact: Rebecca Koetz  
busser@purdue.edu, 8159191311

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**Nature Play Days!**  
**Hamilton County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/13/2019, 10:00am - 12:noon**

Event location: Geist Park  
10979 Florida Rd. Fortville, IN 46040  
Event county: Hamilton

Let's go outside; summer is here! Time to get out and play! Visit the headwaters of Geist Reservoir on a peaceful hike along Fall Creek. We'll watch for birds, turtles and check out the wetlands. We have a new playground (meet there).

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: not required

Contact: Holly Faust  
holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, 317-776-8412  
www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

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**Playing Through the Seasons**  
**New Castle-Henry County Public Library, Alliance for Youth, Hope Initiative, & Covering Kids and Families**  
**6/13/2019, 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

Event location: 376 S. 15th Street  
376 S 15th Street New Castle, IN 47362  
Event county: Henry

Come and explore ways that you can play outside during the different seasons. There will be a booth with multiple activities for each season. Enjoy free snow cones & popcorn. Enter raffles for strollers, pool passes, Aldi gift cards, and baskets with various items for outdoor fun.

Contact: Lynn Thomas  
lynnt@nchcpl.lib.in.us, 7655754553  
<http://nchcpl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=19978&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2019/06/01>

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**Story Time on the Reservoir**  
**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**  
**6/14/2019, 9:30-10:30am**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

After reading a nature-themed story, participants will be able to visit stations at their own pace. The stations will vary from week to week but may include puppets, coloring pages or art, games or active play, artifacts with a naturalist, animal visits, and more about the week's topic. During nice weather, the program will meet at the EDC shelter behind the Go Ape! Cabin. If the weather is too cold or windy, we will meet in the nature center. This program is best suited for preschool and kindergarten participants, but early elementary students are welcome to join us. This program is free with park admission. Adults must stay with their children for the duration of the program.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148  
[http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14109](http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14109)

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**Kids' Insect Institute**  
**Lake County Parks**  
**6/14/2019, 10-11:15AM**

Event location: Gibson Woods Nature Preserve  
6201 Parrish Ave. Hammond, IN 46323  
Event county: Lake

Summer is synonymous with ant trails, buzzing bees and fluttering butterflies. What about some of the other cool but lesser known insects? Join us to investigate the lives of the fireflies, beetles, dragonflies and other amazing insects. For all ages. Register by calling 219-844-3188

Contact: Caryn Corriere  
carync@lakecountyparks.com, 219-844-3188  
<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=738>

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**Great Migration Challenge**  
**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**  
**6/14/2019, 4pm-5pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
6515 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46278 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Only open to the public at certain times, the Migration Obstacle Course in front of the Ornithology Center is a super fun way to learn about bird migration!

Contact: Molly Goodwin  
molly.goodwin@indy.gov, 317.327.2473  
[https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14432](https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14432)

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**Nature BINGO**  
**Lake County Parks**  
**6/14/2019, 10AM-NOON**

Event location: Deep River County Park  
9410 Old Lincoln Highway Hobart, IN 46342  
Event county: Lake

Nature BINGO is every Friday all summer long. Stop by the gift shop between 10 am - 12pm to pick up your bingo card. Then walk around the park and mark off things you find in nature. When you get a bingo, come back to the gift shop to pick out a prize.

Contact: Dyan Wheeler-Quilter  
dyanwq@lakecountyparks.com, 219-947-1958

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**Community Garden Fun**  
**Maring-Hunt Library**  
**6/14/2019, 9:00am-6:00pm**

Event location: Maring-Hunt Library  
2005 S High St. Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Katie L.  
n/a, 765-747-8200  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Leaf Tracing**  
**Huffer CCR&R**  
**6/14/2019, 10:00am-3:00pm**

Event location: Downtown Gaston Park  
110 W. Elm Gaston, IN 47342  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Ryan H.  
n/a, 765-284-0887  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Stick Cabin**  
**Minnetrasta Cultural Center**  
**6/14/2019, 3:00PM-5:30pm**

Event location: Minnetrista BYG  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Last Day of School**  
**Lake County Parks**  
**6/14/2019, 9-11AM, 1-3PM**

Event location: Buckley Homestead  
3606 Belshaw Rd. Lowell, IN 46356  
Event county: Lake

There is something magical about the last day of school before summer vacation. Come out to the Buckley's one room school house as we show kids what a day of school would have been like for students in the early 1900's. Then when the day is over we will be celebrating with historic games before sending the kids home for the day. Please arrive at the visitors center parking lot 30 minutes before your scheduled time to meet your guide. Pre-registration is required- call 219 769-7275.

Contact: Chris Orange  
bh@lakecountyparks.com, 219-696-0769  
<http://www.lakecountyparks.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=532>

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**Outdoor Storytime**  
**Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library**  
**6/14/2019, 10 - 10:30 a.m.**

Event location: Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library  
250 N. 5th Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Meet at the Library with a toy car that can get dirty! We will read stories on the library lawn and race and play with our cars. After we play we will be able to put the cars through the car wash! Dress for the weather, caregivers required to stay with children. Register at [www.zionsvillelibrary.org](http://www.zionsvillelibrary.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
[mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov), 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**Wetland Explorers**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/14/2019, 1 - 3 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Join the Zion Nature Center staff as we explore what flies, crawls and hops in the wetland. Wear clothing that can get muddy and wet. Nets and buckets are provided.

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
[mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov), 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**learning about flowers**  
**Rose Garden**  
**6/14/2019, 11:00 AM**

Event location:  
2200 East Main Street Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

4 stations educating participants about the care and kind of roses

Contact: Elaine Tiernan  
[tom-elaine@juno.com](mailto:tom-elaine@juno.com), 983-7275  
[richmondrosegarden.com](http://richmondrosegarden.com)

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**High Dunes Hike**  
**Indiana Dunes State Park**  
**6/14/2019, 10:00 a.m. CST**

Event location: Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center  
1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 Chesterton, IN 46304  
Event county: Porter

Strap on your hiking shoes and join the Naturalist to not only see beautiful views, but learn more about both the natural and cultural history of the Indiana Dunes. Meet at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center to begin this adventure to the top of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's tallest Dune.

Contact: Marie Laudeman  
[mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mlaudeman@dnr.in.gov), 219-926-1390  
[www.calendar.dnr.in.gov](http://www.calendar.dnr.in.gov)

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**Garden Yoga**  
**Hendricks Regional Health YMCA**  
**6/14/2019, 10am**

Event location:  
301 Satori Pkwy Avon, IN 46123  
Event county: Hendricks

Take a walk through nature with this garden themed yoga routine for kids

Contact: Angela Quiett  
[aquiett@indymca.org](mailto:aquiett@indymca.org),

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**Tinkergarten Trial Class**  
**Tinkergarten**  
**6/14/2019, 9.30am**

Event location: Celery Bog Nature Area  
1620 Lindberg Road West-Lafayette, Indiana 47906  
Event county: Tippecanoe

Tinkergarten provides high-quality early childhood learning in the healthiest classroom of all-the outdoors. Families connect with trained leaders in their local community for play-based kids classes that help develop core life skills, all while having fun

Please register at  
<https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen> for a free and fun trial class.

Contact: Sarah Verhaeghen  
[sarah.verhaeghen@mail.tinkergarten.com](mailto:sarah.verhaeghen@mail.tinkergarten.com),  
<https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen>

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**Nature Play Days!**  
**Hamilton County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/14/2019, 10:00am - 12:noon**

Event location: Potters Bridge Park  
19401 N. Allisonville Rd. Noblesville, IN 46060  
Event county: Hamilton

Let's go outside; summer is here! Time to get out and play! Walk across the historic coered bridge! Check out the river on a walk through the woods. Play on the playground. Meet at the playground picnic table.

Ages: All

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: not required

Contact: Holly Faust  
[holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov), 317-776-8412  
[www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com)

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**Chillin in the Sun**  
**Concord Neighborhood Center**  
**6/14/2019, 2-4pm**

Event location: 1310 South Meridian Street  
1310 South Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46225  
Event county: Marion

Although it will be hot outside, we will be relaxing, enjoying the sun and just chillin' in the great outdoors. Activities will include making ice cream, water games, cloud watching, mud facials, water yoga and of course a slip and slide! If you care to join us please RSVP your attendance by June 12 to Lynn at [Irogers@concordindy.org](mailto:Irogers@concordindy.org) and there is a \$5 donation per family.

Contact: Lynn Rogers  
[Irogers@concordindy.org](mailto:Irogers@concordindy.org), 3176374376

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**Let's Get Batty!**  
**Marian University**  
**6/14/2019, 8:30-9:30pm**

Event location: Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab  
3200 Cold Springs Road Indianapolis, IN 46222  
Event county: Marion

Did you know that some bats migrate? Did you know that some can eat half of their body weight in insects each night? There are many misconceptions about this misunderstood creature, so come out to the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab to get batty and learn the truth about our batty friends! We will be using our device, the Echo Meter Touch, to record and analyze the echolocations of the bats and determine the species of the bats we encounter in the EcoLab on the spot!

This event is free and open to the public of all ages. For more information and to register, please use the link provided. We will meet at the St. Francis statue next to Allison Mansion on the north end of campus. In case of bad weather, we will post a cancellation on our Facebook page as soon as it is decided, and will email all registrants. For questions, contact Stephanie Schuck, [sschuck@marian.edu](mailto:sschuck@marian.edu).

Contact: Stephanie Schuck  
[sschuck@marian.edu](mailto:sschuck@marian.edu), 317-955-6505  
<https://bit.ly/2IEc5c3>

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**Bean Blossom Farmers' Market**  
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**6/14/2019, 4-7pm**

Event location: St. David's Episcopal Church  
11 West State Road 45 Bean Blossom, IN 46160  
Event county: Brown

During the market each week, enjoy the playground and the Little Nature Library in the Children's Garden.

Learn about ways to reuse and recycle, conserve and preserve, methods of growing and cooking nutritional food, identifying invasive plants and encouraging native plants.

This week we will demonstrate how to make reusable shopping bags out of plastic shopping bags and old

t-shirts, so bring an old shirt and sew after you shop.

Contact: Cori McCabe  
[coripm@gmail.com](mailto:coripm@gmail.com),  
<http://beanblossomfarmersmarket.org>

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Contact: Cori McCabe  
[coripm@gmail.com](mailto:coripm@gmail.com),  
<http://beanblossomfarmersmarket.org>

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**Nature Play Zone**  
**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**  
**6/15/2019, 10am-3pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Here's an opportunity for you and your children to get out of the house, explore, and have fun! In honor of Nature Play Days, we're turning the exhibit hall into a loose parts nature play zone. There will be wood, plastic animals, puppets, small pretend play worlds, acorn caps, pine cones and more. We invite you to use these loose parts to have some imaginative play, make your own fun, and create your own games as a family. Then, you can invite another family to play the game with you. This program is free with park admission.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
[heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov](mailto:heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov), 317.327.7148  
[http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14310](http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14310)

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**Various Activities**  
**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**  
**6/15/2019, 10am-4pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
6515 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46278 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Visit the Ornithology Center and take part in several exciting activities! Get a chance to make your own suet and watch as birds eat it, touch real bird feathers, and try your hand at our exhibit hall scavenger hunt. These activities are free with park admission.

Contact: Molly Goodwin  
molly.goodwin@indy.gov, 317.327.2473  
[https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14432](https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14432)

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**Great Migration Challenge**  
**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**  
**6/15/2019, 11am-3pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
6515 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46278 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Only open to the public at certain times, the Migration Obstacle Course in front of the Ornithology Center is a super fun way to learn about bird migration! This program is free with park admission.

Contact: Molly Goodwin  
molly.goodwin@indy.gov, 317.327.2473  
[https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14432](https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14432)

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**Raptor Feeding Time**  
**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**  
**6/15/2019, 2:30p-3:00pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
6515 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46278 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Watch as the naturalists feed the live, bird of prey ambassadors at the Ornithology Center, including the curious turkey vulture and majestic owls. This program is free with park admission.

Contact: Molly Goodwin  
molly.goodwin@indy.gov, 317.327.2473  
[https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14432](https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14432)

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**Saturday Summer Hike**  
**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center**  
**6/15/2019, 9am-10:30a**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
6515 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46278 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Join a naturalist for a morning bird hike! The trail will be chosen based on trail conditions that day, but will be around 2 miles. More details and registration at [indyparks.org](http://indyparks.org) with course code #19301. \$3 per person; ages 10 and under free with a paying adult. Park admission is free with this program.

Contact: Molly Goodwin  
molly.goodwin@indy.gov, 317.327.2473  
[http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/14306](http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/14306)

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**Garden Planting**  
**Muncie Downtown YMCA**  
**6/15/2019, 9:00am-11:00am**

Event location: Muncie Downtown YMCA  
500 S Mulbery St Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Kim O.  
n/a, 741-5537 ext 224  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Bird's Nest**  
**Minnetrissa Cultural Center**  
**6/15/2019, 12:00pm-4:00pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Cabin Lawn  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Teeny Toddlers Outdoor Exploration**  
**Maring-Hunt Library**  
**6/15/2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm**

Event location: Maring-Hunt Library  
2005 S High St. Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Katie L.  
n/a, 765-747-8200  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Nature Faces**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/15/2019, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Join the Nature Center staff on a nature hike through the park. We'll collect items along the way. Then let your imagination soar as you



create your unique nature portrait. Register at  
[www.zionnaturecenter.org](http://www.zionnaturecenter.org)

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
[mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov), 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**Nature Letterboxing**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/15/2019, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Grab your clue sheet in the Zion Nature Center and solve the riddles to find the letterboxes hidden on our trail. Each letterbox contains a stamp and ink pad to prove you found it. Find all the letterboxes and claim a prize.

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
[mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov](mailto:mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov), 317-873-8950  
[www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays](http://www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays)

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**STEM@Night**  
**The STEM Connection**  
**6/15/2019, 5:00pm-8:00pm**

Event location: Moore Road Farm  
8407 Moore Road Indianapolis, Indiana 46278  
Event county: Marion

STEM@Night! is for Kindergarten - 6th grade. The evening is packed with fun, hands-on, minds-on and feet-on-the ground STEM activities, including creek exploration and firefly investigation.

The night takes place at Moore Road Farm on Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and includes dinner (Amore cheese pizza and juice). Space is limited and registration is required. \$30/per child. Sibling discounts available.

Contact: Stacie Hernandez  
[shernandez@thestemconnection.org](mailto:shernandez@thestemconnection.org), 3176984974  
<https://thestemconnection.org/stem-at-night/>

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**Nature Play: Let's Frog Out!**  
**Moser Park Nature Center**  
**6/15/2019, 10:30-11:30**

Event location: New Haven Train Depot  
546 State St. New Haven, IN 46774  
Event county: Adamns

Nature Play: Let's Frog Out!

Ages: 3-6

Topic: We will be meeting at the New Haven Train Depot located across the street from Moser Park Nature Center. We will learn about frogs and what they eat by turning into a frog ourselves!

Cost: Free

Please RSVP by calling 260-749-2212 or E-mail at  
[rbentz@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:rbentz@newhaven.in.gov)

Contact: Renee Bentz  
[rbentz@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:rbentz@newhaven.in.gov), 260-749-2212  
<https://www.facebook.com/MoserParkNatureCenter/>

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**Nature Crafts: Art of Amphibians**  
**Moser Park Nature Center**  
**6/15/2019, 1:30-2:30**

Event location: New Haven Train Depot  
546 State St New Haven, IN 46774  
Event county: Adam

Nature Crafts: Art of Amphibians

Topic: We will be meeting at the New Haven Train Depot located across the street from Moser Park Nature Center. We will learn about frogs and their life cycle by making frog art!

Cost: Free

Please RSVP by calling 260-749-2212 or E-mail at  
[rbentz@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:rbentz@newhaven.in.gov)

Contact: Renee Bentz  
[rbentz@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:rbentz@newhaven.in.gov), 260-749-2212

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**Gnomes Day Out...a fairy festival**  
**Izaak Walton Porter Co Chapter**  
**6/15/2019, 4-7pm**

Event location: Frame Family Little Calumet River Conservation Area  
1288 No County Line Rd Michigan city, Indiana 46304  
Event county: Porter

Follow Gnome on this magical outdoor adventure. Start on the fairy house trail then be shrunk to fairy size before you enter the village. Meet the Queen and her wee helpers! Play games, do crafts, take challenges. We encourage guests to wear fantasy costumes.

This family friendly fourth annual event will charm, delight and engage children in an outdoor setting. Families are encouraged to explore our conservation area. Six of the eight ecosystems of the lake Michigan coastal region are represented there. Play in our nature playground -- free maps and parking!

\$10/guest donation, adult free with donating child and babies under one year are free!

Funds raised support the chapter's new youth conservation education E-STEM program for Porter and LaPorte Co school children.

Contact: Annette Hansen  
[Executivedirectorwlapcc@gmail.com](mailto:Executivedirectorwlapcc@gmail.com), 2192417431  
[NWIConservation.org](http://NWIConservation.org)

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**Nature Play Days at Garfield Park Conservatory**  
**Garfield Park Conservatory - Indy Parks**  
**6/15/2019, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Event location: Garfield Park Conservatory  
2505 Conservatory Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46203  
Event county: Marion

No pre-registration required for this event. Please visit the Conservatory front desk, accessed through the entrance off of Shelby St, to pick up your self-guided packet. Explore the park, complete the packet and return it for a prize.

Contact: Jessica Helmbold  
jessica.helmbold@indy.gov, 317-327-7183  
www.garfieldgardensconservatory.org

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**Family Letterboxing**  
**Hendricks County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/15/2019, 10:00am-4:00pm**

Event location: McCloud Nature Park  
8518 Hughes Road North Salem, Indiana 46165  
Event county: Hendricks

Grab a clue sheet and solve the riddles to find the letterboxes on our trails. Each letterbox contains a stamp and ink pad to prove you found it. Find all of the letterboxes to earn a prize!

Hiking terrain info: Easy to moderate level of difficulty; gravel and natural surfaces with several steps up and down; up to 1 mile.

Recommended for ages 6 through adult.

This program is FREE to attend and no advance registration is required. Children younger than 16 must attend with a parent or guardian who is able to hike the trails.

Contact: Jordan Tremper  
mccloudnp@hcparks.net, (765) 676-5437  
http://hendrickscountyparks.org/event/family-letterboxing/?instance\_id=1741

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**Nature Play Day 2019**  
**Indianapolis Zoo**  
**6/15/2019, 11am-3pm**

Event location: White River Gardens, Indianapolis Zoo  
1200 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46222  
Event county: Marion

On June 15, join us in the Family Nature Center and White River Gardens for the Zoo's fourth annual Nature Play Day. There will be special activities and hands-on experiences designed to get kids of all ages active and exploring the wildlife all around us. This year, the International Crane Foundation and Butler University's Center for Urban Ecology will be there to give us a more in-depth view of Indiana wildlife. Guests may even get a close encounter with a "wild" Indiana resident like an eastern box turtle! Nature Play Day runs from 11am-3pm, and is free with Zoo admission. Come play with us!

Contact: Josh Dodson  
jdodson@indyzo.com, 317-630-2044  
https://www.indianapoliszoo.com/

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**Pop Up Play Indy**  
**Childcare Answers**  
**6/15/2019, 11:00-2:00**

Event location: Marion College  
3200 Cold Spring Road Indianapolis, IN 46222  
Event county: Marion

Join us for a Pop up Playground on the campus of Marion college in conjunction with the Pop Up Play Indy conference. Bring your children for a fun afternoon of cardboard construction and loose parts play.

Contact: Ann Aull  
anna@childcareanswers.com, 3177500538  
childcareanswers.com

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**Tinkergarten Trial Class**  
**Tinkergarten**  
**6/15/2019, 10am**

Event location: Celery Bog Nature Area  
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Event county: Tippecanoe

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Please register at  
https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen for a free and fun trial class

Contact: Sarah Verhaeghen  
sarah.verhaeghen@mail.tinkergarten.com,  
https://tinkergarten.com/leaders/sarah.verhaeghen

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**Nature Treasures Outdoor Play Day**  
**EnchantED Childhood**  
**6/15/2019, 1-2pm**

Event location: Brum Woods (Lena's Nature Trail)  
611 South Mulberry Street Batesville, IN 47006  
Event county: Ripley

Take a stroll through an enchanted forest to collect treasures from nature. Then use your treasures to create enchanted objects with nature play dough. All ages are welcome. Family event. Free will donation appreciated. Register by emailing your name, phone number, and number of attendees (and ages) to dawn.enchantedchildhood@gmail.com.

Contact: Dawn Koch  
Dawn.enchantedchildhood@gmail.com, 8125607228

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**National Nature Play Day**  
**Indiana Dunes National Park/Paul Douglas Center for EE**  
**6/15/2019, 1-3 pm**

Event location: 100 North Lake Street  
100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403  
Event county: Lake

Kids of all ages are invited to the always free nature play zone where you can build a fort, climb a tree, sort rocks, create awesome nature art and much more.

Contact: Julianne Larsen  
julianne\_larsen@nps.gov, 2193951821  
www.nps.gov/indu

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**Leo Club Play Day**  
**Zionsville Alpha Leo Club**  
**6/15/2019, 9 - 11 a.m.**

Event location: Lions Park Gazebo  
115 S. Elm Street ZIONSVILLE, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

Join the Zionsville Alpha Leo Club at Lions Park and help make the park beautiful with fun activities including rock painting, flower planting, a match game and more!

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 3178738950  
www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays

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**Creek Peek**  
**Turkey Run State Park**  
**6/15/2019, 1:00pm**

Event location: Turkey Run State Park  
8121 Park Rd. Marshall, IN 47859  
Event county: Parke

Meet in front of the Turkey Run Inn to explore one of the park's beautiful streams. We'll search for insects, salamanders, fish, and more! Be prepared to get your feet wet. Rugged Terrain.

Contact: Aaron Douglass  
adouglass@dnr.in.gov, 7655972654  
https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2964.htm

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**Story Walk Read-A-Long**  
**Avon Library/ Avon Parks and Recreation**  
**6/15/2019, 9am -11am**

Event location: 6570 E. U.S. Hwy 36  
6570 E. U.S. Hwy 36 Avon, IN 46123  
Event county: Hendricks

Join us and read aloud the story in our Story Walks located in Avon Town Hall Park near the library and Washington township Park. Everyone who completes the trail will be entered to win prizes. With the top prize tickets to Holiday World. this event is for beginning to intermediate readers. Registration will begin on June 8th. Reading may sign up for a 15 min time slot. #FREEFamilyFun

Contact: Delbert Harmon  
dharmon@avongov.org, 3172720948  
www.avonlibrary.net

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**Feeding Time**  
**Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center**  
**6/16/2019, 1:30-2:30pm**

Event location: Eagle Creek Park  
5901 Delong Rd. Indy, IN 46254 Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Event county: Marion

Watch as our educational reptiles and amphibians and other residents of the Earth Discovery Center enjoy their lunches! You'll also learn some natural history about each animal along the way. On the menu: worms, defrosted mice, salad, crickets, and frozen bloodworms, yum! Free with park admission.

Contact: Heidi Shoemaker  
heidi.shoemaker@indy.gov, 317.327.7148  
http://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\_Search/14309

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**Daddy & Me!**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/16/2019, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

In celebration of Father's Day, our popular Mommy & Me program is all about dad this month! With dad by our side, we'll discover who lives in our backyard and explore with our senses. Register beginning June 1 at [www.zionnaturecenter.org](http://www.zionnaturecenter.org) Ages: 1 - 3 years with an adult

Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays

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**Nature Letterboxing**  
**Zion Nature Center**  
**6/16/2019, 12 - 4 p.m.**

Event location: Zion Nature Center  
690 Beech Street Zionsville, IN 46077  
Event county: Boone

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Contact: Mindy Murdock  
mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov, 317-873-8950  
www.zionsville-in.gov/natureplaydays

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**Father's Day Hike**  
**Moser Park Nature Center**  
**6/16/2019, 1PM-2PM**

Event location: Moser Park  
601 Main St. New Haven, IN 46774  
Event county: Adam

Join us at Moser Park Nature Center for a guided hike with a naturalist! We will hike around the pond and into the woods.

Cost: Free

Ages: ALL

Contact: Renee Bentz  
rbentz@newhaven.in.gov, 260-749-2212

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**Up & Away! Atlatl-Throwing & Kite-Flying**  
**Hendricks County Parks & Recreation**  
**6/16/2019, 2:00pm-4:00pm**

Event location: McCloud Nature Park  
8518 Hughes Road North Salem, Indiana 46165  
Event county: Hendricks

Take aim at a prehistoric beast with the ancient weapon: the atlatl. Borrow a kite from the Nature Center (or bring your own!) and launch it into the sky. Don't hit any passing birds or kites! Other yard games will also be available to check out.

Recommended for ages 8 through adult.

This program is FREE to attend and no advance registration is required.

Approximate program duration: 2 hours (ongoing)

Contact: Jordan Tremper  
mccloudnp@hcparks.net, (765) 676-5437  
[http://hendrickscountyparks.org/event/up-away-atlatl-throwing-and-kite-flying/?instance\\_id=1742](http://hendrickscountyparks.org/event/up-away-atlatl-throwing-and-kite-flying/?instance_id=1742)

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**World Cup Watch Party at Broad Ripple Park**  
**Indy Parks**  
**6/16/2019, 12 (noon)**

Event location: Broad Ripple Park  
1500 Broad Ripple Ave Indianapolis, IN 46220  
Event county: Marion

Free Outdoor World Cup Watch Party at Broad Ripple Park

Support the US Women's National Team as they play Thailand. Game will be shown on outdoor big screen at Shelter 1.

Free ice cream and youth soccer goals will be up for free play!

12 pm- More info and registration encouraged but not required

[https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity\\_Search/special-event-uswnt-watch-party-broad-ripple/14678](https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/special-event-uswnt-watch-party-broad-ripple/14678)

Contact: Josh Lane  
joshua.lane@indy.gov,

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**Kid's booth**  
**Farmer's Market**  
**12:00:00 AM, 9:00 AM**

Event location:  
47 North 6th Street Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

Stop and explore sensory boxes

Contact: Caleb Smith  
csmith@richmondindiana.gov, 983-7275  
[www.richmondindiana.gov](http://www.richmondindiana.gov)

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**movie in the park**  
**Richmond Parks Department**  
**12:00:00 AM, 8:30 PM**

Event location:  
Middlefork Reservoir Richmond, IN 47374  
Event county: Wayne

Showing "Angels in the Outfield" and "Aquaman"

Contact: Michelle Spalding  
mspalding@richmondindiana.gov, 983-7275  
[richmondindiana.gov](http://richmondindiana.gov)

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**Nature Play Day**  
**Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**  
**12:00:00 AM, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Event location: Douglas Center for Environmental Education  
100 N. Lake Street Gary, IN 46403  
Event county: Lake

Build a fort, make a rock tower, identify plants and animals in our "no rules" nature play zone adjacent to the center. Digging, creating and tree climbing is encouraged.

Contact: Julianne Larsen  
julianne\_larsen@nps.gov, (219) 395-1821  
[www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)

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**Teter Organic Farm Camp**  
**Teter Organic Farm**  
**12:00:00 AM, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with optional pre and after care**

Event location: Teter Organic Farm  
10980 East 221st St. Noblesville, IN 46062  
Event county: Hamilton

Teter Organic Farm Camp is a place for your child to learn about nature, where their food comes from, and participate in outdoor play. Campers will spend a week immersed in the natural world at Teter Organic Farm, getting their hands dirty with ecology lessons, hands-on farm tasks, and good old-fashioned outdoor fun.

Camp for 2019 is limited to students entering 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade in the fall.

Session 1 (5 Days) June 10-14, 2019

Session 2 (5 days) June 17-21, 2019

One Week Session: \$180 Per Week

Register at <https://www.teterfarmcamp.com/register.html>

Contact: MaryEllen St. Angelo  
info@TeterFarmCamp.com, 317-762-2289  
<https://www.teterfarmcamp.com/>

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**Hickory Hollow Scavenger Hunt**  
**O'Bannon Woods State Park**  
**12:00:00 AM, 10am to 2pm**

Event location: Hickory Hollow Nature Center at O'Bannon Woods State Park  
7234 Old Forest Road SW Corydon, IN 47112  
Event county: Harrison

Attention to all Kids! Put on your hiking shoes and bring your family to the Hickory Hollow Nature Center in O'Bannon Woods State Park. Sometimes we never see what is right in front of our eyes, so grab a scavenger hunt paper and explore the outdoors while searching for the items on your list on our easy nature center trail.

Contact: Karen Pierce  
kpierce1@dnr.in.gov, 812-738-8234  
<https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2976.htm>

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**Community Garden Fun**  
**Maring-Hunt Library**  
**12:00:00 AM, 10:00am-7:00pm**

Event location: Maring-Hunt Library  
2005 S High St. Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Katie L.  
n/a, 765-747-8200  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Nature Play Packet**  
**Connection Corner Library**  
**12:00:00 AM, 10:00am-6:00pm**

Event location: Connection Corner Library  
1824 E Centennial Ave Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Tenisha H.  
n/a, 765-747-8216  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Cardinal Greenway Scavenger Hunt**  
**Cardinal Greenway**  
**12:00:00 AM, 8:30am-3:30pm**

Event location: Cardinal Greenway  
700 E Wysor St. Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Angie P.  
n/a, 765-287-0399  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Explore an Orchid Greenhouse**  
**BSU/Rinard Orchid Greenhouse**  
**12:00:00 AM, 10:00am-4:30pm**

Event location: Rinard Orchid Greenhouse  
2500 W University Ave Muncie, IN 47306  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Cheryl L.  
n/a, 765-285-8839  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Ross Center Scavenger Hunt**  
**Ross Community Center**  
**12:00:00 AM, 10:00am-6:00pm**

Event location: Ross Community Center  
1110 W 10th St. Muncie, IN 47302  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Amanda O.  
n/a, 765-747-4741  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Kid's Summer Lunch Bunch**  
**Ellis Park - Train Station - Kid's Summer Lunch Bunch**  
**12:00:00 AM, 12pm - 1pm**

Event location: Ellis Park - Train Station  
600 E. Main St. Danville, Indiana 46122  
Event county: Hendricks

The Ellis Park Kid's Summer Lunch Bunch program will meet from June 4 to August 1 (excluding July 4) each Tuesday/Thursday for a total of 16 sessions. We provide a free sack lunch, a free book, reading, exercise and nutrition program. Children of all ages are

welcome to attend. No registration is necessary. We meet rain or shine!

Contact: Nate Phipps  
nphipps@danvilleindiana.org,  
<https://kidslunchbunch.org/schedule.php?Location=Danville-EllisPark>

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**Nature Under A Microscope**  
**Huffer CCR&R**  
**12:00:00 AM, 10:00am-3:00pm**

Event location: Craddock Wetland Preserve  
Craddock Wetland Preserve Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Ryan H.  
n/a, 765-284-0887  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Nature Play Days Kick-Off**  
**Minnetrasta**  
**12:00:00 AM, 8 am-12pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Farmers Market  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Marissa Rose  
marissa@muncieby5.org, 265-216-7423  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**River Float**  
**Muncie Sanitary District**  
**12:00:00 AM, 11:00am-1:00pm**

Event location: White River  
300 N High St. Muncie, IN 47305  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Jason D.  
n/a, 765-716-2595  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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**Imagination Playground**  
**Minnetrasta Cultural Center**  
**12:00:00 AM, 8:00am-12:00pm**

Event location: Minnetrista Moon Garden  
1200 N Minnetrista Parkway Muncie, IN 47303  
Event county: Delaware

Event descriptions are available on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events/>

Contact: Rachel F.  
n/a, 765-282-4848  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/munciedelawareB5/events>

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