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Sterling Heights
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**Nature Center
Summer 2017
Newsletter**

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WALK-IN/ VISITOR HOURS:

Summer Hours: Tuesdays *thru* Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (June 20th thru August 31st, 2017)

Fall/Winter/Spring Hours: Tuesdays *thru* Friday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Morning hours available for School Field Trips & Special or Home School Field Trips, please call to make an appointment.

Fees are listed below. Pre-registration required for all of the following programs:

NATURE FOR KIDS SUMMER CLASSES:

ALL ABOUT DINOSAURS - THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Take an imaginary field trip to the time of the dinosaurs. Discover how long, how tall and how hungry dinosaurs were. This adventure will take place outside. Please dress for the weather.

FEE: \$8.00 Resident \$12.00 Non-resident REF# 7002.215 TIME: 11am - 12:15pm AGES: 6 – 12.

ALL ABOUT SNAKES - THURSDAY, JULY 13

Kids will discover how snakes live and will get to explore outside looking and learning all about snakes. Please dress for the weather, we will be going outdoors.

FEE: \$9.00 Resident \$13.50 Non-resident REF# 7002.216 TIME: 11am - 12:15pm AGES: 6 – 12.

BEAVERS IN STERLING HEIGHTS?! - THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Join our staff and learn all about beavers. Discover how they create dams and how long they live. We will even hike along the Clinton River to see if we can find real beaver activity right here in our own backyard. Please be prepared to go outside on a hike.

FEE: \$9.00 Resident \$13.50 Non-resident REF# 7002.217 TIME: 11am - 12:15pm AGES: 6 – 12.

STORIES WITH THE ANIMALS!

Dates: June 28, July 12, and August 16

(Three, 1 hour classes meeting once a month)

Time: 10:30a.m.

Fees: \$9/Resident and \$13.50/Non-resident

Reference#: 7002.001 Ages 4-7yrs old.



Gather around our "stuffed animal pit" as we read a nature-related story, followed by a special activity and featured craft. These programs are an excellent introduction to the wonders of nature. Bring your favorite "stuffed animal" to join you.

It's Feeding Time.

Dates to choose from: Saturday June 17,

Thursday July 6 or Saturday August 19.

Starting at 2:00 p.m.

All animals must eat so they can grow, move and reproduce. Families are invited to learn what animals eat and then watch the Naturalist feed some of the center's LIVE animals. This is a FREE program but donations are appreciated.

SATURDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS AT THE NATURE CENTER

Saturday, May 20 anytime between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. --- OPEN HOUSE

Sponsored by: Christian Financial Credit Union. Join the Naturalist and the staff for this fun filled annual event. This year's Open House will feature a LIVE snake you can take your picture with. Participants will get to enjoy activities showcasing food chains and animal habitats, as well as fun craft project. Back by popular demand a scavenger hunt will be set up outdoors for those who like a challenge. Before you leave, enjoy some refreshments and an exclusive opportunity to sign up for our upcoming summer programs at a 10% discount. This is a GREAT opportunity to visit with the staff, have some family fun and maybe even learn a thing or two!

Saturday, June 10 anytime between 11a.m and 3 p.m. -- FLY TYING

Let's welcome Michigan's Fly Fishing Club as they host this event. Come out anytime between 11a.m and 3p.m. and learn to tie your first fly, followed by a tutorial on how to cast a flyrod, all materials are included. This is a free great family event you don't want to miss. The Clinton River Watershed Council will also be giving out free River Day t-shirts to participants while supplies last.

Saturday, July 15 Starting at 2:00 p. m. ---- The Wild Panda Movie

Join a research team as they work to save the wild panda.

Saturday, August 12 at 2:00 p. m. ---- All About Snakes

Snakes are amazing creatures which many people fear. During this presentation, discover the ways to identify which snakes are venomous, learn what snakes eat, find out where they live, and how they find their prey. You will have an opportunity to touch and hold two of our friendly snakes! Who knows, you may overcome your fear of these legless reptiles.

Let's Hike

Wednesday, July 5 starting at 2 p.m.

Let's get out and hike along the Clinton River exploring nature. Fun activities are scheduled during the hike. This is an outdoor event, please dress for the weather. This is a free program, but donations are welcomed.

Insect Collecting: Identification

Tuesday, August 1 anytime between 1 and 3 p.m.

Need an insect collection for school? Visit the Nature Center where free help and resources will be available. Bring any insects you have collected and we will help you with identification.

This is a free event.

Nature Center Birthday Parties

Are you looking for a unique location to host your child's birthday party?

The Nature Center hosts parties on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) for up to twenty children. Included in the cost is, a live amphibian/reptile presentation and an indoor scavenger hunt.

A deposit of \$20 is required to secure your date. For more information or to book a party, please call the Nature Center to speak with a staff member. **Fee:** \$120 /Resident party \$156 /Non-resident party



Registration for classes can be done online at www.myshpr.net, or in person at the Recreation Center or Nature Center.

Please sign up early for programs, space is limited.