

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

July 3-11, 2015

Chain O' Lakes State Park

Nature Center Hours - Daily 11-5

Stanley Schoolhouse - Weekends 10-4

Friday, July 3

12:00 noon. **Black Rat Snake feeding time.** Come to the Nature Center watch him eat. Part of the definition of "snake" is that they swallow their food whole?

9 – 10 pm **Night Hike.** Meet in front of the campground store. As we hike we will learn some differences between human and animal senses. Enjoy some new sights and sounds. For all ages, trail is good for strollers.

Saturday, July 4

9 – 11 am. **Family Fun Sand Castle event** at the beach on Sand Lake. This is a fun contest for amateurs. Families to be creative and work together to build a sand castle together.

3 - 4 pm. **Tye-Dye fun!** Bring a white t-shirt or bandana to dye patriotic colors. Dye and rubber bands will be provided as long as supplies last. In front of the Nature Center.

Sunday, July 5

10:30 am **Join birding expert Rod Strayer** and check out some neat birds. Hike leaves from the Stanley Schoolhouse. 1 hour.

12 noon. **Come to the Nature Center** and watch us feed the animals. Bring your questions.

Friday, July 10

12:00 noon. **Black Rat Snake feeding time.** Come to the Nature Center watch him eat. Part of the definition of "snake" is that they swallow their food whole?

3 pm. **Are skunks and cabbage related?** Meet the naturalist at the schoolhouse, hike trail 8 and learn about an amazing plant.

Saturday, July 11

3 pm. **Rod Strayer** will be demonstrating different types of bird houses. He also will show you how to clean out decorative gourds and make them into bird houses. This will take place at the Nature Center.

8 pm. **Chain O' Lakes presents Fan Fair,** featuring the **Nashville Rebels** in concert. This will be a big event in the campgrounds under the tent.

Sunday, July 12

12 noon. **Come to the Nature Center** and watch us feed the animals. Bring your questions.

July 17-26, 2015

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Stanley Schoolhouse - Weekends 10-4

Friday, July 17

10 am. Turtles. Come to the nature center and we will look at an aquatic and a land turtle. Come feel their shells and ask your questions.

12:00 noon. Black Rat Snake feeding time. At the Nature Center you can watch him eat. Snakes are legless reptiles that swallow their food whole. That's all the definition you need!

3 pm. What are Eskers? Meet at the Stanley Schoolhouse and take a hike on trails 8 and 1. Learn about the "giant ice cube" that shaped this part of Indiana.

Saturday, July 18

10 am - noon The naturalist will be at the Stanley Schoolhouse for a children's program on tree cookies, any time between 10 am and noon. They will draw a tree cookie representing their lives and then take a real tree cookie home.

3 pm. Take a one hour hike with the naturalist on trail 9. We leave from the Stanley Schoolhouse. This hike is a little more difficult, but well worth the effort. You will cross an esker, see Kreiger Lake and encounter some green dragons!

Sunday, July 19

12 noon. Come to the Nature Center and watch us feed some critters. Bring your questions.

Friday, July 24

11 am. Scavenger Hunt for children. Meet at the Nature Center and get your list and paper bag. Then go out and find the items.

12:00 noon. Black Rat Snake feeding time. Our snake eats one thawed rat each week.

3 pm Monarch butterflies. Meet at Stanley Schoolhouse and we will take an easy walk up on the prairie. Not only will we discuss this amazing butterfly, we will look for eggs and instars. This is hands on and should last about an hour.

Saturday, July 25

11 am. Time for tea. Come to the Stanley Schoolhouse and savor some Staghorn Sumac tea. Learn how to harvest and prepare this tea. The ripe flower/berries make a delicious lemonade like tea.

2 pm. Bookmark time. Come back to the Schoolhouse. We will hike up into the prairie and gather 2 flowers each. In the school we will make our own unique bookmarks and laminate them. Great take-home craft.

Sunday, July 26

12 noon. Critter lunch time. Come to the Nature Center and watch us feed the animals. Bring your questions.