

# Summer of Discovery!

2012

## Michael J. Kirwan Dam Visitor Center

### MAY / JUNE



**May 26th, 10a – 2pm**

**Visitor Center *OPEN HOUSE!***

Come see what all the buzz is about! Check out our new exhibits and enjoy some refreshments.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Best Dam Bike Ride**

Bicycle ride with us across our 2-mile long Dam and discover some fun facts about the Dam.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon**

**Lunch Bunch Story Hour**

Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a story for the kids!

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 3pm**

**Water Safety Bonanza!**

Join us for beach fun with games, activities, competitions. Bobber the Water Safety Dog and Corey the Safety Boat will stop by. Don't miss out on the displays, demos, food and prizes!



**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Back to Nature Walk**

Meet just down the road at the Resource Manager's Office where we will enter the discovery trail.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Hooked on Hummers**

Come discover these amazing tiny creatures and build your own hummingbird feeder to take home!

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am**

**Fishing Knot-Sense**

Interpreter Bob Wilson will have us all tied up as he shows us how to tie fishing knots and lures. You can even make your own fishing fly! All participating children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Best Dam Bike Ride**

Bicycle ride with us across our 2-mile long Dam and discover some fun facts about the Dam.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>, 8pm**

**Sunset Walk**

Enjoy a summer sunset as we stroll across Kirwan Dam and discover our thoughts about the sun and sky.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Abuzz 'Bout Bees**



Come discover why bees are so important to us humans. Kids can make their own honeycomb candle and even try some real honey from bees!

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### JULY

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30pm**

#### **Full Moon Walk**

Join West Branch State Park Naturalist Cindy Smith for a walk across Kirwan Dam. We'll view the full moon, discover some moon legends, and maybe sing a few "moon songs." Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. The dam is nearly 2 miles long, paved and ADA accessible.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>, Noon**

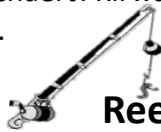
#### **Lunch Bunch Story Hour**

Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a story for the kids!

**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

#### **Tower Tour**

Join us for the annual tour of the Michael J. Kirwan Dam Control Tower. Discover how the dam was built and the water behind it is controlled.



**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Noon**

#### **Reel Adventures!**

Come discover the sport of fishing from the pros. Kids and beginners can see what kind of fish are in the lake and explore the tools of the trade. Rods, reels and bait will be available for kids to find out how to not just feed fish but to catch them! Takes place at the East Boat Ramp picnic and shoreline area. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

#### **Back to Nature Walk**

Meet just down the road at the Resource Manager's Office where we will enter the discovery trail .

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

#### **Native American Life**



Interpreter Bob Wilson takes us back to a time when Native Americans lived and hunted here.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm**

#### **Rescued Raptors**

See live hawks and owls rescued by the **Birds in Flight Sanctuary**. **Bring your camera!**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

#### **Spying on Pond Critters**

Interpreter Bob Wilson will open our eyes to a hidden world of tiny creatures that live in ponds and lakes.

**July 29<sup>th</sup> 10am**

#### **Best Dam Bike Ride**

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### AUGUST

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, Noon**

**Lunch Bunch Story Hour**

Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a story for the kids!

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Owl 'Bout That!**

Explore the insides of an owl pellet with Interpreter Bob Wilson and see if you can discover what the Owl had for lunch. Join us at 6:30pm for a LIVE Owl presentation!



**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Live Owl Program**

See live owls up close that were rescued by the **Birds in Flight Sanctuary**.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Back to Nature Walk**

Meet just down the road at the Resource Manager's Office where we will enter the discovery trail.

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon**

**Backyard Birding**

Come discover how to attract and feed birds in your backyard or garden.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Fun with Bugs**

Join Interpreter Bob Wilson as he leads us on a bug hunt and helps us discover what we caught!



**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Best Dam Bike Ride**

Bicycle ride with us across our 2-mile long Dam and discover some fun facts about the Dam. Riders can chose the distance they wish to ride

**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:30pm**

**Blue Moon Walk**

Come join West Branch Naturalist Cindy Smith and discover the phenomena known as the Blue Moon.

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### SEPTEMBER

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Noon**

Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a story for the kids!

**Lunch Bunch Story Hour**

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

Meet down the road at the Resource Manager's Office for a fall walk along the discovery trail.

**Fall Walk**

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am**

Take a Fall Bicycle ride with us across our 2-mile long Dam and discover some fall Dam facts.

**Fall Ride**



**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Noon**

Help clean-up and beautify your public lands during this annual event. Anyone can make a difference. It's your park – be a part of it!

**National Public Lands Day**



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### *Got what it takes to Volunteer?*

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