

# Nature Notes e-newsletter

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Operations coordinator Sarah Nelson works with a group of preschoolers at this year's Summer Nature Club.



## Summer Nature Club 2011 a success for youngsters

One thing mammals, bugs, bats, scat, trees, and the summer heat all have in common is the Summer Nature Club at the Pine River Nature Center. Those were just some of the topics that nature club students explored and learned about this summer. Students ages 3 to 12 worked with Miss Kim, Miss Carrie and Miss Sarah exploring the 90 acres of the nature center property. The nature center sends a special thank you to Miss Kim Randolph for volunteering to help with Summer Nature Club. If you didn't get your student signed up this year, there will be another one next year.



### When we're open

The nature center building is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk. The nature center is at 2585 Castor Road, Goodells.

### Coming events Fall 2011

- **Fall Fun Day**  
Saturday, Sept. 10  
10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- **Fall Star Party**  
Saturday, Oct. 22  
7–10 p.m.
- **Tree Discovery**  
Monday, Oct. 24  
12:30–2:30 p.m.
- **Build a Bat House**  
Saturday, Nov. 19  
3–4:30 p.m.
- **Bat Program –  
Biodiversity Live**  
Saturday, Nov. 19  
6–7 p.m.

[View a complete list  
of coming programs.](#)



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## Bat Program – Biodiversity Live

Saturday, Nov. 19, 6–7 p.m.

Join us in welcoming the Organization for Bat Conservation ([www.batconservation.org](http://www.batconservation.org)) as it makes an appearance at the nature center. This event is funded by a grant offered by Critter Catchers Inc. ([www.crittercatchersinc.com](http://www.crittercatchersinc.com)). This company provides humane bat removal for Michigan residents and is partnered with the Organization for Bat Conservation.

Explore the amazing variety of wildlife on Earth. Discover the interconnectedness between plants and animals. Topics include the balance of natural ecosystems, how humans are impacting biodiversity (habitat destruction, invasive species, climate change), and simple actions that can be taken to protect wildlife from extinction. Live animals include a bearded dragon, sugar glider and a large fruit bat. A snack and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited so sign up soon.

**Cost:** \$3 per person. Registration required.



## Scout programs

Please contact Carrie Kloka at (810)364-5477 for program availability. Cost is \$5 per scout in advance and registration is secured when payment is received. One check for each group can be written to SCCRESA and mailed to 2585 Castor Rd, Goodells, MI 48027.

We do not provide patches or awards. Please contact your local Scout office to order them. In addition, we can't always meet every requirement, as some requirements involve service or long-term projects.

Cancellations must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the program. If cancellation is not received within the allotted time and/or scouts do not participate, the scout leader is responsible for the registration fee.

First Scout group to call picks the program. Cost is \$5 per scout and a minimum of 8 scouts is required for program to run. Program times are 4–5:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 13
- Tuesday, Sept. 27
- Wednesday, Oct. 12
- Wednesday, Oct. 26
- Tuesday, Nov. 8
- Tuesday, Nov. 22

## Fall 2011 Program Registration

Please mail this form along with payment to:  
Pine River Nature Center, 2585 Castor Road, Goodells, MI 48027

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM	# of people	Fee Total
<b>Fall Star Party</b> Saturday, Oct. 22, 7–10 p.m. <b>Cost:</b> Free		Free
<b>Community Based Program</b> <b>Tree Discovery</b> Monday, Oct. 24, 12:30–2:30 p.m. <b>Cost:</b> \$5/student		
<b>Build a Bat House</b> Saturday, Nov. 19, 3–4:30 p.m. <b>Cost:</b> \$25 per house	# of houses	
<b>Bat Program – Biodiversity Live</b> Saturday, Nov. 19, 6–7 p.m. <b>Cost:</b> \$3/person		
Total Enclosed		\$
Make checks payable to SCCRESA		