



# Dunes Echo

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Enhancing the Visitor Experience Today and Tomorrow

## Friends of Indiana Dunes Updates

On May 11, the Friends and the Indiana DNR Division of State Parks and Preserves recognized all who made donations to the Indiana Dunes State Park ADA compliant Beach Mats project. Please take a visit to the State Park's beach and see these fantastic mats in use. Thanks again to all who generously donated to this effort.



In response to meetings with Superintendent Paul Labovitz, the Friends will develop a Hardship Fund to help underserved populations obtain Indiana Dunes National Park Annual passes. The details of this community outreach program will be made public in early June on our website ([dunefriends.org](http://dunefriends.org)). The Friends will be requesting donations from local citizens to help with this endeavor.

The Native Plant Sale was held on site at the Friends' Office. Thanks to all who volunteered to help and/or purchased plants. Now located at our Office is a Chellberg Farm produce stand. Stop by this summer and see what goodies are available for a donation to the Friends.

We are pleased to announce that the Friends have again been selected to receive a charitable donation from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brewski Fest held in Valparaiso's Central Park on Friday, July 22. Tickets can be purchased at [www.brewskifest.org](http://www.brewskifest.org). Food trucks will be on site and music will be provided by a local favorite, the Crawpuppies.

This year the Friends will be hosting a party for our members in recognition of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special hikes/tours will be offered as well as a chance to meet with representatives from our three partners: the Learning Center and the National and State Parks. There will also be a picnic lunch, entertainment, and special gifts for all who attend. Tentative date – Saturday, October 1. Invitations will be mailed to all members.

Covid variants continue to be a challenge for our partners and their planned programs. Please share your email information with the Friends when you renew your membership or by simply sending it to [members@dunefriends.org](mailto:members@dunefriends.org) so we may keep you apprised of any schedule changes. Remember to recreate responsibly, play safe and stay healthy.

### **Indiana Dunes State Park Beach Cleanup – Sundays, June 12, July 24 and August 28 from 8:00am to 10:00am**

The Friends will again partner with Crazy Legs Race Series to sponsor beach cleanups at the State Park. Meet at the Friends' tent on east side of the Pavilion. Bring your own gloves and water bottle. Trash buckets and drinking water will be supplied. Many hands will make the work easier.



## Special Programs at Indiana Dunes National and State Parks

### **Art in the National Park – Saturday, June 11 and August 13 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

Join a local artist to learn how to paint a picture inspired by the dunes. In June, meet at the Park Connection for a Camping Theme while in August, meet at the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion for a Beach Theme. Register at [www.artbarnschool.org](http://www.artbarnschool.org). A canvas and paints will be provided for the class. Class size limited to 15 adults.

### **Logs to Lustrons Tour – Saturday, June 25 from 8:30am until 5:00pm**

This tour covers 150 years of architectural design while exploring several historic buildings currently not open to the public. Reservations are required at [www.indianalandmarks.org/tours-events/](http://www.indianalandmarks.org/tours-events/)



### **Indiana Dunes State Park Annual Sand Sculpture Contest, Saturday, July 16**

Watch the sand come alive at this year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event! This year's theme is "Food." Registration table opens by 9:00am, but groups may begin as early as 7:00am. Judging starts after noon with awards at 1:00pm. Whether building or not, come vote for your favorite in the "People's Choice Award." Park volunteers will be judging sculptures for the funniest, most creative, and most thematic awards provided. All awards provided thanks to the Friends.



### **Chicago and South Shore Railroad Car Day – Saturday, August 13 from 10:00am to 3:00pm**

Travel to East Troy, Wisconsin to take a ride on a historic South Shore Railroad car and learn about the history of this railroad and how it helped save the dunes. There is a fee for this program. To learn more, go to [www.easttroyrr.org/chicago-day-2022.html](http://www.easttroyrr.org/chicago-day-2022.html)

# National Park Programs

For more information contact Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center at 219-395-1882 or [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)



## **Ranger's Choice Hike – Tuesdays, June 21 – August 9 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

Join a ranger for the "best hike of the week." The hike will vary based on what trail is most beautiful or most interesting that day. Meet at the visitor center and follow the ranger to the trailhead. Program time includes the drive to the trail.

## **Sunset Around the Fire at the Pavilion - Wednesdays, June 1 – August 10**

Join a ranger at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion to catch a Lake Michigan sunset from the pavilion. Roast marshmallows from the pavilion's fireplace. Start times vary go to [facebook.com/IndianaDunesNPS/events](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaDunesNPS/events).

## **Sunset Paddle at Marquette Lagoons – Thursdays, June 9 – July 7, July 21 and August 11 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

Join a ranger at Marquette Park for a sunset adventure. The hike will take you through the beautiful oak savanna at Miller Woods. The paddle is on the tranquil Marquette Lagoon. Limited to 20 participants. Make reservations at 219-395-1824.



## **Chellberg Farm Open House – Thursdays, June 23 – August 11 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse, see the animals and explore the family garden. Old-time games are available for kids of all ages. Rangers and volunteers will be on hand to share area history.

## **Mount Baldy Summit Hike – Fridays, June 3 – June 21 and July 1 – August 12 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and Sundays, June 5 – June 26 and July 10 - August 28 from 9:00am to 11:00am**

Meet at the Mount Baldy parking lot for a ranger-led hike to the top of the beautiful and famous Mount Baldy. The views of Lake Michigan and the surrounding area are spectacular. No reservation required.



**Beach Fun Friday – Fridays, June 10 and 24, July 1 and 29, and August 5 and 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**  
Make it a beach day! Join staff at West Beach for activities such as kayaking and swimming.

**Beachcomber Hike with a Ranger – Saturdays, June 18 and July 2 – August 13 from 8:00am to 9:00am**  
Meet a Ranger at Central Avenue Beach parking lot. Learn about the origins of the Great Lakes and the Indiana Dunes while enjoying a morning stroll on the beach. There is a sandy slope down and up from the beach.

## **Pinhook Bog Open House – Saturdays, June 4 – June 18 and July 2 - August 27 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**

Take an hour long self-guided hike into Indiana's only quaking bog. Rangers and volunteers stationed along the trail will help you understand this unique place filled with carnivorous plants and orchids.



**Biking and Birding – Saturday, June 25, July 30 and August 13 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**  
Bring your bike and join a Ranger at Hobart Prairie Grove. We will provide the binoculars and take you to some fun spots in Hobart to see birds and enjoy a morning bike ride. Get your exercise and learn some basic birding techniques.

## **Lake Michigan Boat Tours – Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, June 3 – September 4 from 10:00am to 11:30am and 2:00pm to 3:30pm**

Join a ranger for a guided 90-minute boat tour on Lake Michigan with Harbor Country Adventures. There is a fee and reservations are required for the boat tours. Go to [harborcountryadventures.com](http://harborcountryadventures.com) for more information.



## **Bailly/Chellberg History Hike – Sundays, June 5 – September 4 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

## **Feeding at the Farm – Sundays, June 5 – September 4 from 4:30pm to 5:00pm**

Meet at the Chellberg Farm parking lot and explore the grounds of both historic homes. Learn about the early settlers and farmers who came to this region in the 1800s. Stay after the hike to help the Ranger feed the farm animals.

## **Kayaking at Marquette Park Lagoons – Saturday, June 18 and Wednesday, August 3 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm**

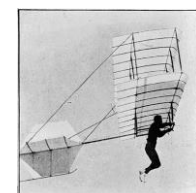
Sponsored by Kimmie Gordon and Brown Faces Green Spaces. There are only 20 spots available so please call the Douglas Center at 219-395-1824 to register.

## **Folk Music at the Farm with Save the Tunes – July 10 and 24, August 7 and 21 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

Sit back and relax for an early evening concert at Chellberg Farm. Local musicians will perform from the farmhouse porch. These local musicians are devoted to preserving and performing folk songs using a variety of traditional musical instruments including the guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, and others. Bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on.

## **Octave Chanute Aviation Day – Sunday, August 21 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm**

Meet at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center to learn about Octave Chanute, a pioneer of aviation who experimented with gliders in the dunes and contributed to the Wright brothers' success.



# State Park Programs



For more information contact Nature Center at 219-926-1390 or [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)



## **Summer Full Moon Hikes – June 14 and July 13 at 8:30pm**

Join Naturalists and volunteers at the Nature Center for this special hike to Lake Michigan and back. Learn all about our moon along with enjoying some “stellar” treats provided by the Friends.

## **Fireworks on the Lakefront - Wednesday, June 29 (Rain Date June 30)**

Gather on the beach for an evening of fireworks! Parking may be restricted, so be prepared to arrive early for a good seat. Bring a chair or blanket and a flashlight for the walk back to your car. Campers are advised to walk from the campgrounds via the Beach Trail.

## **Indiana Dunes Explorer Day Camps - July 18 – 22 for Ages 6 - 8 years, Cost = \$35/child for the week and on July 25 – 29 for Ages 9-14 (Jr. Teen IMN Day Camp), Cost = \$85/child for the week**

Join us for a summer of fun at the Indiana Dunes State Park! Each camp is perfect for the inquisitive child of the dunes and provides a low-cost option close to home. For more information or to register, visit or call the Nature Center at 219-926-1390.

## **Annual S'more's Day Fun - Friday, August 5 at 7:00pm**

Help celebrate National S'more's Day by learning a little about the history of this delicious treat and helping yourself to a S'moregasbord of different variations.



## **Hummingbird Banding - Saturday, August 6 at 8:30am**

Join us at the Nature Center as special hummingbird bander, Allen Chartier, teaches all about his work with these tiny-winged jewels of the dunes. Learn about the Ruby-throated Hummingbird and see them up-close this morning!

## **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Perseid Meteor Shower and Star Gazing Event - Saturday, August 13 at 8:30pm**

This is an annual shooting star event that marks the peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower. Sky lore stories will begin at the State Park Pavilion with the best star observations taking place after 9:30pm. There will be deep sky viewing and constellation talks. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy these spectacular views from the State Park's beach until midnight.

**Nature Center's Summer Hours:** Daily from 9:00am to 4:00pm CST.

To see complete list and dates for other 2022 park programs please go to [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)

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## Dunes Learning Center Programs

For more information, please go to: <https://duneslearningcenter.org/programs>



**Summer Camps 2022** - Dunes Learning Center is excited to be hosting camp again this summer! With both day and overnight options for ages 5-17, there is something for everyone. Unplug, hike, splash, discover, play. Some sessions are already sold out - please register today at [DunesLearningCenter.org/summer](http://DunesLearningCenter.org/summer).

### **An Introduction to Wild Edibles of the Dunes - Saturday, June 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm**

Learn some of the local plants that have been used for thousands of years as food or medicine. The program includes both an indoor presentation and an outdoor hike where participants will learn where each plant grows. We will also enjoy some simple foods and infusions/teas. Presenter Dr. Ezekiel Flannery has been living, gardening, and eating in the Indiana Dunes for the past 15 years. \$35 per person, space is limited.

### **Leave No Trace for Youth Educators - Thursday, July 7 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

Do you work with kids - as a teacher, scout leader, or at camp? Teach kids to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, with research-based skills and fun games from the national Subaru/Leave No Trace traveling team. Activities can be used online and in person to teach students, campers, and other youth participants (ages 6-18) how to Leave No Trace. Registration for this free event is required.



### **Lee Botts Celebration - Saturday, August 20 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm**

Honor the legacy of Lee Botts, environmental education icon and Great Lakes champion by joining family and friends as we remember her tenacity as a driving force in the designation of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore decades ago, and her joy at hearing the news that it was officially designated the 61st National Park. Enjoy light snacks and a chance to chat with friends. A program celebrating Lee's life will be held at 2:00pm, followed by a stroll around the DLC campus where Lee's legacy lives on in the children who have the opportunity to live and learn together in their National Park. Following the celebration, the documentary *Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability* will be shown at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

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Since 1982, our organization has supported the interpretive and resource management programs of the Indiana Dunes. The Friends sponsor the kind of interpretive programs that make a visit to the Indiana Dunes informative and fun. Membership in the Friends is vital to creating this positive impact.

Please support the Indiana Dunes by joining the Friends today. Your financial contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your support will make a difference and assure our important work continues.

**Current Friends Members will receive a renewal form in the mail when your renewal is due.**

**Friends Membership Application**

**P. O. Box 166 ~ Beverly Shores, IN 46301-0166**

- Senior Citizen      \$ 15
- Individual/Family      \$ 20
- Sustaining Family      \$ 40
- Business/Corporation      \$100

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