

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2011

MAY—2011

Information: 839-2802 or <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>
The Ridges Sanctuary: 8288 Highway Q Baileys Harbor Wisconsin

Tuesdays–Saturdays • RIDGES' RAMBLES • GUIDED NATURE HIKES

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May 7 • THE RIDGES' SPRING FUN/VOLUNTEER DAY

Location: 8288 Highway Q, Baileys Harbor (the Marshall cabin)

Celebrate the Spring Peepers and trailing arbutus by helping The Ridges 'spruce' up for the upcoming summer season. Come for an hour or come for two! Special Ridges' lunch will be served to anyone who's hungry and wants to stop working at Noon. There are activities for all age and expertise levels – and lots of fun in the fresh air! Time: Saturday, May 7, 8:30 AM - Noon

May 7, 14, 21 • DISCOVERY BIRD WALKS

*Bird enthusiasts of all abilities, ages, and interest explore the great birding 'hot spots' in the Baileys Harbor area. Meet at the Marshall cabin at The Ridges Sanctuary. **6:30 AM – 8:30 AM**. Members are free – non-members \$5 donation.*



May 13 • NO FAMILY LEFT INSIDE – FROG WALK – The Roar of Love

This series of Family Events is a collaborative effort with the Northern Door YMCA to encourage families to re-connect with the outdoors.

All the male frogs in the sanctuary are proclaiming their love for some little green cutie. Listen to their deafening chorus and learn a little about their watery lifestyle during this early evening hike and finish with a bonfire, hot chocolate, and marshmallows. Bring a small flashlight (put red cellophane over the lens so you don't affect night vision) if you'd like.

Limit: 15 • 6 PM – 7:30 PM • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges • \$10/Family.



May 14 • 'NOT SO EARLY' BIRD HIKE

For the not so early riser, a bird hike that starts at the more 'reasonable' hour of 9 AM on a Saturday. Everyone is welcome, from seasoned birders to 'don't know a sapsucker from a woodpecker' types. Meet at the Marshall cabin at The Ridges Sanctuary in Baileys Harbor and we'll go to a birding hot spot in Door county. Meet at the Marshall cabin at The Ridges Sanctuary. Members are free – non-members \$5 donation.

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May 14 • EARLY BIRDERS MEETING

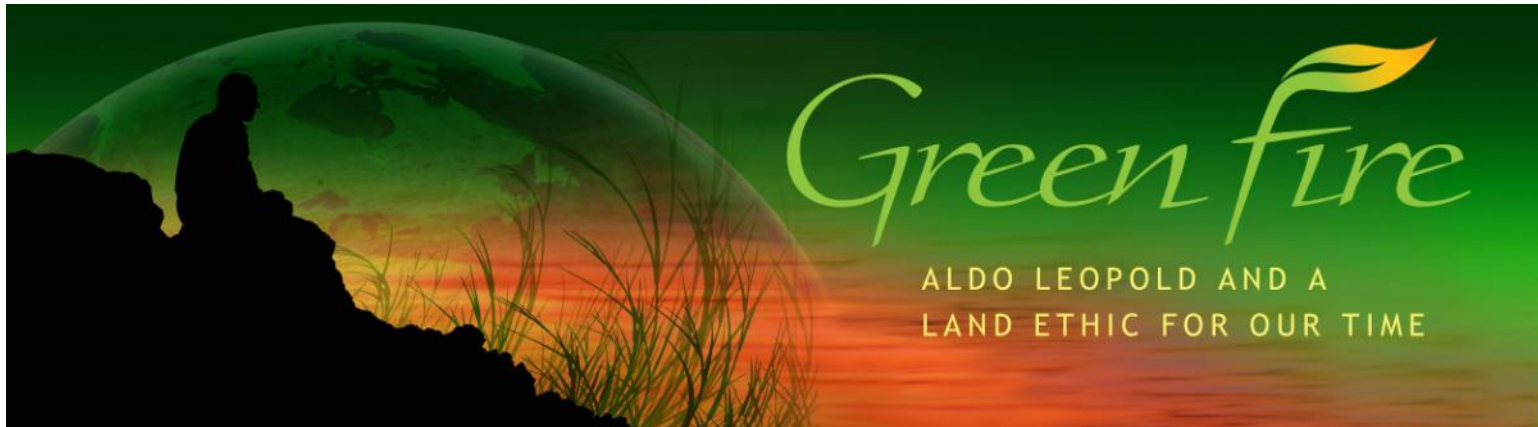
Location: Sevastopol School • 4055 Highway 57 • InSTITUTE

Come and meet with other people who are fascinated by these colorful, warm-blooded bundles of feathers. . Each member will receive a bird guide book and a bird checklist as well as the use of binoculars. Dues: \$15/year. Drop-ins welcome (\$5/family) **Saturday, May 14, 10 AM**



May 26-28 • DOOR COUNTY FESTIVAL OF NATURE

The Ridges Sanctuary joins forces with five local conservation groups to offer guided field trips through some of Door County's unique and beautiful natural areas, many not generally open to the public. Evening presentations, early morning bird walks, canoe and boat trips also offered for three days of getting out in nature! Pre-registration required.



May 26 • GREEN FIRE

In conjunction with the Door County Festival of Nature, The Ridges Sanctuary presents a special showing of the award-winning Aldo Leopold Center documentary **GREEN FIRE** that traces the life of Leopold and his development of a land ethic. Open to the public. Donations requested. Festival participants receive a free ticket. **May 26, 7 PM—8:30 PM.**



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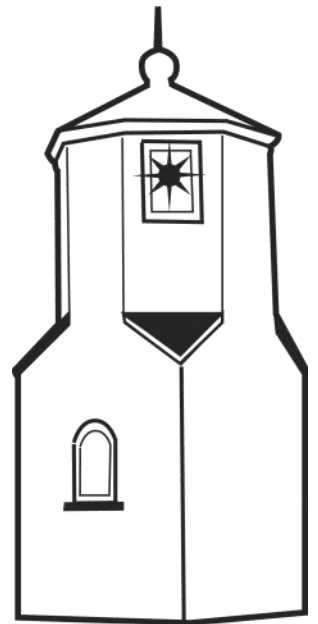


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June 10, 11 & 12 • TURN ON TO THE RANGELIGHTS

The Upper & Lower Baileys Harbor Range Lights will be open for tours on this week-end of the Door County Maritime Museums Lighthouse Walk. Learn about the history of the lights and about the plans for restoring them to their original state of 142 years ago. **10 AM – 4 PM Friday • Saturday • Sunday**



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June 13 • EARLY BIRDERS MEETING

Location: Crossroads at Big Creek • Highway 57 & Michigan Street Sturgeon Bay. Come and meet with other people who are fascinated by these colorful, warm-blooded bundles of feathers. Each member will receive a bird guide book and a bird checklist as well as the use of binoculars. Dues: \$15/year. Drop-ins welcome (\$5/family) **Saturday, June 13, 10 AM**



June 15 • MINGLE & MUNCH—Members & Volunteers Cookout



Join The Ridges' staff and board to celebrate the unique relationship we all have with the Sanctuary. We will supply the burgers, beverages and chips and we ask participants to bring something to share and their own table service. We hope to connect with more of our members and volunteers. There will be more on July 20, Aug17 & Sept 21. **Wednesday, June 15 at 11:30—1 PM.**

June 15 • MOON WALK

Come listen to the riveting ribbiting of frogs and toads around The Ridges! A guided night hike will let us get to the heart of the chorus. We'll talk about frog species first and then go out and try to identify them by the music they make! The Full moon comes up at 8:44 PM – hope for clear skies! **Wednesday, June 15th, 8:00-9:30 PM \$10/family. Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 12**

June 18 • THE RIDGES' RIDE FOR NATURE

Bicycle the backroads of Door County and support the education programs of The Ridges Sanctuary. **Enjoy Door County's Newest Century Ride!** Sagwagon, rest stops, well-marked routes, and a delicious pasta lunch. Register online at www.ridefornature.com.



June 20 • Funday/Monday • SURVIVAL!

Learn about survival kits, signaling for help, safety, and shelter building. A "No Family Left Inside" program. 10 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. Limit: 15 • **Monday, June 20 • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges.**



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LAKE LESSONS

Thursdays • Baileys Harbor



June 23 • LAKE LESSONS • 'Wild About Wildlife'

*David Drake with the US Fish & Wildlife Service will share the natural history of the real 'natives' of Wisconsin.. **Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 7:00 PM • Thursday.***



June 27 • Funday/Monday • Wigwam Means "House"

*Help tell a story using recreated musical instruments and then learn to build a real wigwam like the Woodland Indians of Wisconsin! A "No Family Left Inside" program. **2 PM—3:30 PM at The Ridges Sanctuary Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 15***

June 28-30 • KIT CAMP • "Birds, Beasts, & Bugs"

*Three mornings of camp for children 4 years old through kindergarten. Each day includes games and activities, nature art, story time, and a hike. **Tuesday—Thursday, 9 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. Call Karen at The Ridges for more information. (920) 839-2802.***

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July 5 • FOXES—Scaly & Slimy

*Discover the reptiles and amphibians of the Sanctuary. Includes a hike, games, stories and snacks. For those entering grades 1-2. Limited to 12 children per session. **Tuesday July 5 at 9 AM – Noon.** \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Tuesdays in July.*

July 6 • Explorers—Scaly & Slimy

*Discover the reptiles and amphibians of the Sanctuary. Outdoor adventures, hikes and nature art fill our busy mornings. We’ll also discuss how we can have a positive impact on our environment. Limited to 12 children per session. For those entering grades 3-6. **Wednesday July 6th at 9 AM – Noon.** \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Wednesdays in July.*



July 7 • LAKE LESSONS • “Dragonfly Drama”

*Paul Burton, Door County’s own “Mr Dragonfly”, will share images and experiences in his study of these winged ‘warriors’ whose names are as colorful as their antics. Paul has recently published a book on the Dragonflies of Northern Door County which is available at The Ridges’ Nature Center. **Thursday evening at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 7:00 PM.***

July 8 • UP CLOSE WITH DRAGONFLIES Workshop

*This is a WOW outing! Search for the elusive Hine’s emerald dragonfly and its many cousins that hunt, soar, and zoom along the ridges and swales. Come out with Paul Burton, a licensed dragonfly expert, for a fascinating close-up look at skimmers, darners, meadowhawks, and dragonflies at The Ridges Sanctuary. Dragonflies are beautiful and mysterious. Learn from a licensed dragonfly expert about the lives and loves of the aerial acrobats. Children and adults are captivated as they spend a morning capturing, studying, and releasing many different kinds of dragonflies, including the Federally endangered Hine’s Emerald dragonfly. Door County has the largest population of this wonderful green-eyed insect. **Friday July 8th – 10 AM-Noon***



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July 10 • a'ROUND FOR THE RIDGES & a 2nd'ROUND OF FUN

Nine-hole golf scramble to benefit The Ridges Sanctuary with an evening of pizza, fun, and the County's Best Silent Auction for those who golf **and for those who don't**. **Location:** Alpine Golf Course in Egg Harbor & the Hof Restaurant **Time:** Sunday • 3 PM tee off and 5 PM for pizza, refreshments, music and the silent auction!



July 11 • Funday/Mondays • HANDS OFF! – A Digital Scavenger Hunt



Learn the basics of a digital camera and then head out to find and photograph the items on your scavenger list. A professional photographer will offer tips on improving your images. Each family will receive a printout of their amazing photos. A "No Family Left Inside" program. 10 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. **Monday, July 11 • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 15**

July 12 • FOXES—Oh, Deer!

What do deer need to survive? Includes a hike, games, stories and snacks. For those entering grades 1-2. Limited to 12 children per session. **Tuesday July 12 at 9 AM – Noon.** \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Tuesdays in July.

July 13 • Explorers—Dragonflies

Learn more about these amazing aerial hunters of the wetlands. Outdoor adventures, hikes and nature art fill our busy mornings. We'll also discuss how we can have a positive impact on our environment. Limited to 12 children per session. For those entering grades 3-6. **Wednesday July 13 at 9 AM – Noon.** \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Wednesdays in July. **hope for clear skies! Wednesday, July 13th, 8:00-9:30 PM**



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July 13 • MOON WALK

Who's in the woods?? Take a night hike and call for owls in the forest of the Ridges. We'll learn about nighttime adaptations with activities along the hike. Bring your night eyes and explore with all your senses! The Full moon comes up at 7:38 PM - hope for clear skies!
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July 14 • Mussels—Bullies of the Lakes

Conservation Biologist *Lisie Kitchel* will be giving an identification workshop in the field (actually stream). We are very excited to have Lisie join us and share her knowledge. **Friday July 15 at The Ridges Sanctuary 10:00 AM**

July 15 • How Cool are Mussels Workshop

Lisie Kitchel, Conservation Biologist, will lead you out into the field to observe up close these invaders of the Lakes. **Friday July 15th – 10 AM-Noon**



July 16 • W.O.W.! (Wildlife Of Wisconsin) A special raptor presentation

The Wildlife of Wisconsin Rehabilitation group will introduce you to a variety of raptors that they are working to release back in the wild. They will bring a vulture, hawks, owls, falcons as well as a friendly 'dove' that you can pet. Ridges members are free – non-members \$10 donation/family. **Location: The Baileys Harbor Town Hall, Baileys Harbor • Saturday July 16 at 10 AM & 2 PM**

July 18 • Funday/Mondays • SKITTERING CRITTERS

Use nets, buckets, hands, or feet to scoop up some macro-invertebrates at Peil Pond. It's shallow, warm water so don't be afraid to get your feet wet! Once you start looking, you'll notice polliwogs, caddis fly larvae, whirligigs, diving beetles, and all manner of tiny skittering critters. A "No Family Left Inside" program. 10 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary.

Monday, July 18 • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 15



July 19 • FOXES—Rock & Roll

Chocolate chip geology, a fossil hunt, and much more. Includes a hike, games, stories and snacks. For those entering grades 1-2. Limited to 12 children per session. **Tuesday July 19 at 9 AM – Noon. \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Tuesdays in July.**

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July 20 • Explorers—Endangered Species

*See and learn about some of the rarest species in Wisconsin. Outdoor adventures, hikes and nature art fill our busy mornings. We'll also discuss how we can have a positive impact on our environment. Limited to 12 children per session. For those entering grades 3-6. **Wednesday July 20 at 9 AM – Noon.** \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Wednesdays in July.*

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LAKE LESSONS

July 21 • LAKE LESSONS “RESTORATION—How you and I are part of something bigger”

Nancy Aten practices landscape architecture and consults on ecological restoration (www.landscapesofplace.com). Her work includes restoration plans and native landscape design. She has taught environmental literacy and field classes on plant communities, and spends her spare time in the field on restoration, especially at Bayshore Blufflands. In her Master of Landscape Architecture she studied with Darrel Morrison, a pioneer in landscape restoration, and she has a Master of Science from Stanford.

Thursday evening July 21 at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 7:00 PM.

July 23, 30 • DISCOVERY BIRD WALKS

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July 25 • Funday/Mondays • GEOCACHING • A GPS Treasure Hunt!



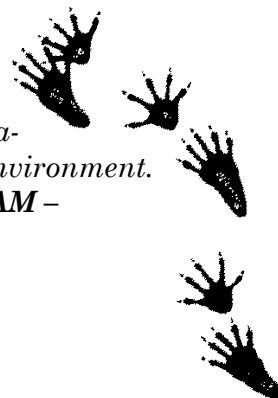
Geocaching has been described as a "high-tech treasure hunt." After discussing what geocaching is, how it got started, and some of the tips and tricks, you'll head into the woods to seek out caches hidden within The Ridges Sanctuary. A "No Family Left Inside" program. 10 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. **Monday, July 25 • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 15**

July 26 • FOXES—Green Machines

Trees, wildflowers, and other green, growing things. Includes a hike, games, stories and snacks. For those entering grades 1-2. Limited to 12 children per session. **Tuesday July 26 at 9 AM – Noon. \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Tuesdays in July.**

July 27 • Explorers—Animal Tracks and Traces

Become a detective and investigate some wildlife "evidence". Outdoor adventures, hikes and nature art fill our busy mornings. We'll also discuss how we can have a positive impact on our environment. Limited to 12 children per session. For those entering grades 3-6. **Wednesday July 27 at 9 AM – Noon. \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Look for the programs on the other Wednesdays in July.**



LAKE LESSONS

July 28 • LAKE LESSONS "LIGHT UP THE RANGE LIGHTS"

The icon of Baileys Harbor and The Ridges Sanctuary, the lower Range Light is the subject of this evening's presentation. Neal Vogel from Restoric, LLC will share some of the interesting aspects of the lower light that he has learned in his preparation of the Historic Structures report. **Thursday evening July 28 at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 7:00 PM.**



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August 1 • Funday/Mondays • GEOCACHING • A GPS Treasure Hunt!

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**FUNDAYS
MONDAYS**



August 2-4 • CAMP TAIGA I • “Home is a Habitat”

*Three mornings of camp for children entering grades 1-2. Learn what animals need to survive and take a close look at several unique habitats found in The Ridges. The consecutive schedule for Camp Taiga will provide a more in-depth experience for campers, as they begin to develop an appreciation and stewardship for our natural world. There will be a cookout lunch on Thursday. Limit to 12 children. **Tuesday—Thursday, 9 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. Call Karen at The Ridges for more information. (920) 839-2802.***

August 4 • LAKE LESSONS “Door County Through Len’s Lens”

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Professional photographer, Len Villano, will share his amazing nature photography as well as tips and tricks for taking great photos. His work has been published in more than 30 different countries. Visit Lenvillanophotography.com to get a hint of his talent.

Thursday evening August 4 at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 7:00 PM.



August 6 • ANNUAL MEETING

*The Ridges Sanctuary, Inc. is Wisconsin’s oldest member based nature preserve. The views of the members is important to the functioning of the organization. The annual meeting is a working meeting where business is discussed and acted on and board members are elected. Please come if you are a member—we appreciate your input. **Saturday morning at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 10 AM—Noon.***



August 8 • Funday/Mondays • TREE-mendous!

*They’re all around us – and some are BIG! Join in some tree-mendous activities and learn some tree-mendous things about these important plants! A “No Family Left Inside” program. 10 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. **Monday, July 25 • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 15***

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Information: 839-2802 or <http://RidgesSanctuary.org>
The Ridges Sanctuary: 8288 Highway Q Baileys Harbor Wisconsin



Tuesdays–Saturdays • RIDGES' RAMBLES • GUIDED HIKES

Although the trails at The Ridges Sanctuary are open year 'round, during the Spring, Summer, & Fall, guided hikes with a naturalist are offered to help you discover some of the unique aspects of this non-profit nature preserve. Discover why it is the most biologically diverse area in Wisconsin. Special **Ridges' Rambles** hikes will also be offered: Orchid Hikes; Range Lights & History Hikes; Flowers, Ferns, & Fauna Hikes as well as special Dragonfly and Butterfly Hikes. **June—August at 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM Mon-Friday. Saturdays at 9:30 AM**

August 9-11 • CAMP TAIGA II • “We Need Each Other”

Three mornings of camp for children entering grades 3-6. Discover how plants, animals, and humans rely on each other. Explore the food chains and webs found at The Ridges through games and hikes. The consecutive schedule for Camp Taiga will provide a more in-depth experience for campers, as they begin to develop an appreciation and stewardship for our natural world. There will be a cookout lunch on Thursday. Limit to 12 children. Tuesday—Thursday, 9 AM – Noon at The Ridges Sanctuary. **Call Karen at The Ridges for more information. (920) 839-2802.**

August 11 • LAKE LESSONS “The Lowdown on Dirt”

David Lea, a permaculturist and member of SustainDoor will discuss the consequences of ignoring our most valuable resource, the soil under our feet! **Thursday evening July 28 at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall • 7:00 PM.**



August 13 • ‘NOT SO EARLY’ BIRD HIKE

For the not so early riser, a bird hike that starts at the more ‘reasonable’ hour of 9 AM on a Saturday. Everyone is welcome, from seasoned birders to ‘don’t know a sapsucker from a woodpecker’ types. Meet at the Marshall cabin at The Ridges Sanctuary in Baileys Harbor and we’ll go to a birding hot spot in Door county. Meet at the Marshall cabin at The Ridges Sanctuary. Members are free – non-members \$5 donation.

August 17 • MINGLE & MUNCH—Members & Volunteers Cookout

Join The Ridges’ staff and board to celebrate the unique relationship we all have with the Sanctuary. We will supply the burgers, beverages and chips and we ask participants to bring something to share and their own table service. We hope to connect with more of our members and volunteers. There will be another on Sept 21. **Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30—1 PM.**



Aug 17 • MOON WALK

Who’s in the woods?? Take a night hike and call for owls in the forest of the Ridges. We’ll learn about owls’ nighttime adaptations with activities along the hike. Bring your night eyes and explore with all your senses! The Full moon comes up at 7:38 - hope for clear skies! **Wednesday, August 17, 8:00-9:30 PM \$10/family. Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges. Limit 12**

August 21 • CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The Ridges’ volunteers give so much to the smooth functioning of the organization. This is our opportunity to say THANK YOU and to give THEM some of the great spirit and joy that they give to the staff and visitors. Hold that date! There be great food from the Baileys Harbor Cornerstone Pub & Grille, great toe-tapping music, and good spirits! **Sunday evening August 21 at Bjorklunden • 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.**

August 26 & 27 • MONARCH MANIA!

Learn about these ‘flighty’ creatures who make the 1,500-mile trek to Mexico in the Fall. Help in the study of monarchs by capturing, tagging and releasing some monarchs. A “No Family Left Inside” program. Limit: 15 • **Friday & Saturday Aug 26 & 27 at The Ridges Sanctuary • 10 AM—Noon • Pre-registration required: Call the Northern Door Y at 868-3660 or The Ridges.**



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