



# Thirteen Lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation Fall 2019

It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close. On one hand, I will not miss the overly friendly mosquitos and deer flies that have greeted me daily at Maple Wood Nature Center. On the other hand, I will miss playing games with your wonderful day camp kids and counting butterflies at Pine Knob Park.

Before you officially dust the beach sand off your feet and prepare for school's first day, be sure to squeeze in one last summer adventure. Spend an evening with the stars and look for the Perseid Meteor Shower.

Perseus is one of the greatest heroes of Greek mythology. He famously cut off the head of Medusa and was married to Andromeda. They forever appear in the night sky side by side. To best view the shooting stars, find the darkest location you can and lean back to observe as much sky as possible directly above you.

There will be a nearly full moon, but it should not spoil the whole show.

Thank you for a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities and events!

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Arnold, Naturalist

### **Folk Jams 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Folk Jam music sessions are hosted the 4th Sunday of each month. Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added.

**August 25**

**September 22**

**October 27**

For more information, Contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, reo43@aol.com, or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022.

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Perseid Meteor Shower Peak  
August 12 - 13

LaGrange County Offices are closed:  
Labor Day: September 2  
Columbus Day: October 14

National Public Lands Day  
September 28



# Delt Church Disc Golf Pro-Am

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** 2PM Tee Off

@ Delt Church County Park

6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN 46795

Prizes Sponsored by:



\$5 per golfer

9 holes

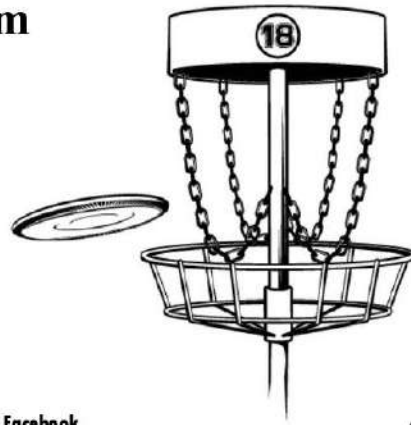
Register at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Friends of the LaGrange County Parks Facebook

Or same day registration is available

Prizes available for Best Drive, Longest Putt, and

best 9-basket score



## Special Events

### History Morning

Dallas Lake Lodge

September 7

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



#### Artifact Identification

Craig Arnold, Archaeologist for Weintraut & Associates, Inc., will be on-hand to help you identify your collection of Native American arrowheads and stone tools. Mr. Arnold is not an appraiser; he will do his best to date the artifact and describe its purpose. Please limit your collection to 10 pieces at a time so that everyone can participate.

#### Pioneer Activities & Games

Hand dip a candle and make butter in a jar!

#### LaGrange County Historical Society, Inc.

Meet the wonderful folks who manage the Historical Society and check out the information and artifacts they have brought from the museum.



#### Dig Boxes

Rachel Sharkey, Research Archaeologist with IDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, will have children's dig boxes and an informational table.

**30th Anniversary  
Maple Wood Nature Center  
October 12  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

- Cupcakes & Punch (while they last!)
- Luminary Walk
- S'mores Campfire
- Volunteer Appreciation & Picture Slideshow
- Music

Dress for fall weather! The Friends of LaGrange County Parks will be serving gourmet maple s'mores and selling hot beverages fireside.



*Celebrate with an evening of memories and outdoor enjoyment.*

## Special Events



### **Fish & Field Day**

**Pine Knob**

**September 21**

**7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Digital Pan fish Derby: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00a.m. Meteer Lake

A true derby, but with pictures! Using a phone or a camera, participants will take a picture of each fish they catch. A special event logo must be included in each photo. At 10:00 a.m., the person with the most photos wins! You must register at 7:00 a.m. to receive your event logo. Only pan fish count! There will be prizes for youth and adult categories. Indiana Fishing License laws *do apply* to this event. If you do not have a camera or phone, a check-in station will be available. Free.

Competition Bow Shoot: 8:00 -11:30 a.m.

Fine tune your skills just before deer season. The competition follows the 1.7 mile, 30 target 3D course. Registration is \$10 for youth (aged 16 and under), and \$15 for adults (aged 17 and older). Score cards must be turned in by 11:30 a.m. to be eligible for awards. For a copy of rules and to register, email [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org) or call 260-854-2225.

Fish Fry: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This lunch is by freewill donation to the Friends of LaGrange County Parks. Lunch includes fish filets, potato chips, and a drink.

Fen-tastic Walk! 2:00 p.m.

Learn about the importance of wetlands and hopefully meet some butterflies! The walk begins at the Pine Knob Program Center. Old shoes are recommended. Free.



# Monthly at Maple Wood

## Make - n - Take Crafts



***Second Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.***

August 10: Ice Cream in a Bag

September 14: Candle Dipping

October 12: Leaf Rubbings and Fall Hike

Easy nature crafts for the entire family!  
Free of charge (donations appreciated).



## Maple Wood Fiber Guild

***Second Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.***

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, dyeing, tatting, embroidery, and more!

Bring projects to work on, get inspiration from others, or learn a new hobby. *Children welcome!*  
Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch and cash donation for LaGrange County Parks.

## Sewing Group

***Fourth Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.***

What is a UFO? If you answered an un-finished object...this is the perfect sewing group for you!

Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. Questions? Contact Linda Grobis (260) 351-3609

# Monthly at Maple Wood



## Breakfast with the Birds

*Third Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m.*

*August 21, September 18, and October 16*

### Walking, Suet Cake Recipes, and Doughnuts!

- Talks focus on feeder and backyard bird watching
- Suet cake recipe to take home!
- Learn to ID featured birds and their calls
- Take a casual, social walk with friends
- Enjoy coffee and doughnuts



Bird and nature lovers of all ages are welcome.

Our trails are made of crushed limestone for a flat, even surface.

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## Fall Quilt Classes: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### August 24: Woodland Path

This can be a table topper for the end of summer outdoor meals. It can be done completely scrappy, or in one or two colors combined with a background.

### September 21: Salt and Pepper

This is a table topper or throw made in two colors. The colors need to be very high in contrast to get the full effect. Eye Popping!

### October 19: Card Tricks

If you have never done this old pattern, we have a technique to teach you that makes it much easier than it looks. A fun block of several colors!

Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225, or email [lgrangecountyparks@yahoo.com](mailto:lgrangecountyparks@yahoo.com). Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)

For more information, contact the instructors Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438. Please bring a dish for the lunch.



Salt and Pepper!



# Walks & Talks

## Patchwork Trails May - September

In partnership with the LaGrange County Public Library, "Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Each walk will showcase seasonal beauty unique to each property. We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot." FREE

Tuesday, August 20: Pine Knob Park

6:00 p.m.

Meet at the Program Center, 2835 E SR 120, Howe

Saturday, September 21: Pine Knob Park

2:00 p.m.

Meet at the Program Center, 2835 E SR 120, Howe



Patchwork Trails



### Hunter Safety Education Classes

Indiana law states that all hunters born on or after December 31, 1986, must complete hunter education certification before purchasing a hunting license in Indiana. There is no charge for these classes. Online registration is required.

Additional questions about hunting seasons and regulations can be answered by calling the IDNR Conservation Officers District 2 Headquarters at 260-244-3720.

**September 16, 17, 19: Pine Knob Park**

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/146461>

**November 5, 7, 8: Maple Wood Nature Center**

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/146462>



# For Homeschool Families



## Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program

"Connecting children with nature through science and art!"

First Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Designed for all grade-school aged children!

**FREE!**



September 4 - Pigeon River FWA

- What is a Waterfowl? Introduction & Tour!

October 2 - Dallas Lake Park

- A Day in the Life; Duck Calls

November 6 - Dallas Lake Park

- Going the Distance; Duck Decoys

March 4 - Maple Wood Nature Center

- Raising a Family in a Wetland; *Bonus Maple Syrup Tour*

April 1 - Pine Knob Park

- Taking Action for the Future

This is a truly hands-on program focusing on wetland conservation! Students will be hiking, journaling, drawing and designing, building, and playing games. Participants will meet several professional guest presenters. This curriculum does correlate to many national education standards. A parent or guardian must stay; younger siblings are welcome!

Participants will have the option to enter their waterfowl artwork into the Indiana Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

To register or inquire: Email Leslie Arnold at [larnold@lagrangepark.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangepark.org) or call 260-854-2225.

Registration ends August 28.

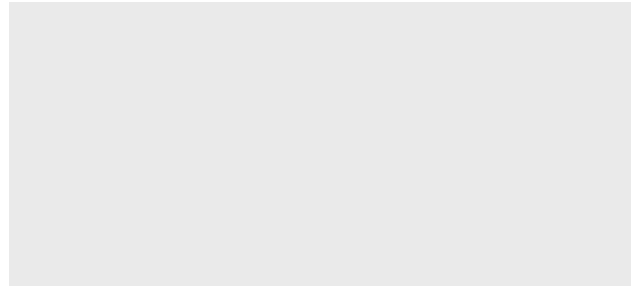
If you are a teacher in LaGrange County and would like to have the Junior Duck Stamp Program in your classroom, please contact Leslie Arnold.



**Stop by Maple Wood Nature Center Saturdays and Sundays in August to check out the Indiana Junior Duck Stamp display and learn more about this fun program.**



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Park Hours: 8:00am—Sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-Noon, 12:30-3:30pm

Like us on Facebook!

Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, 46761

(260) 463-4022

Hours:

Wednesday 8:00a—4:00p

Saturday 9:00a—5:00p

Sunday 1:00p—5:00p

(Closed Sundays in July)

To Receive *Thirteen Lines* Newsletter as an email, send us an email with "Thirteen Lines" in the subject. It is also available for download at [www.lagrangecountyparks.org](http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org).

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Park Ranger Randy asks all patrons to please practice "leave no trace" when visiting our parks and beaches, and to follow posted speed limit signs for our children's safety. Let's all work together to keep our parks clean and safe.