

# 2017 Program Guide

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## HUNT HILL AUDUBON SANCTUARY



*Photo by Jan Killian*

*Hunt Hill is a nature preserve and learning center,  
open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding,  
appreciation and protection of the environment.*

[www.hunthill.org](http://www.hunthill.org)

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*Open to the public*

# Welcome

to The Premier Northwoods Nature Destination

Hunt Hill offers a variety of programs for all ages, interests and abilities. Programs are kept affordable through the support of membership, scholarships and donations. In addition to scheduled programs, Hunt Hill can be rented out for retreats, weddings, reunions, educational programming and more.

*The History* Hunt Hill is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) nature sanctuary supported by donations, memberships, program attendance and grants. Donated to National Audubon in the 1950's, it is now run locally by a group of volunteers known as the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS). With a free lease of the land from Audubon, FOHHAS has been improving, maintaining and managing the property since 1989 with an emphasis on nature programs and camps for all ages.

## *The Landscape*

Hunt Hill protects almost 600 acres of pristine Northern Wisconsin land. Visitors can explore over 10 miles of trails that meander through old

growth forests, around clear glacial lakes, into a floral meadow and across a boardwalk bog. Along the way, listen to the loons, hear the sand hill crane's prehistoric call and discover the golden-winged warbler.

*The Facilities* In addition to miles of hiking trails and varied habitats, Hunt Hill's main camp has much to offer. When visitors first drive in to camp, they will discover the original farmstead with additional Audubon buildings. The main camp features a farmhouse office, library, gardens, barn dining hall with loft, program garage and a new amphitheater with stone terrace seating. There are also 2 dormitory buildings which can house around 70 people. A private waterfront is available for camps and rentals. Guests can rent 2 historic cabins which sit atop a hill overlooking the forest and lakes.

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# Hunt Hill Signature Series

## Soup Lunch

2nd Tuesdays: Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Warm yourself with a bowl of soup while enjoying camaraderie and conversation. Each month will feature a guest speaker on a nature topic, along with a delicious lunch of homemade soup, crackers, and dessert. Please call us ahead of the date if you're interested in helping out with food. Registration is not necessary.

*Donations appreciated and accepted.*

## Birds & Beer

2nd Thursdays: Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, Sep 14, Oct 12

Registration at 5:30 pm, Program at 6:00 pm

Socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages, and enjoy an engaging presentation from a local expert in a happy-hour atmosphere. Each Birds & Beer program features a different presenter at a different location, so you're sure to learn something new each time!

*Program Fee: \$10/person if ticket purchased at least in advance, \$15/person at the door*

### **Thursday, February 9: White Stag, Rice Lake**

*Chris Cold, Wisconsin DNR: Raptors of Wisconsin*

### **Thursday, March 9: Spooner Market and Grill, Spooner**

*Katie Connolly, Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary:*

*The Natural History of Feathers*

### **Thursday, April 13: Flat Creek Eatery and Saloon, Hayward**

*Ryan Magana, Wisconsin DNR: Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas*

### **Thursday, May 11: Lakeview Bar and Grill, Shell Lake**

*Storme Nelson, retired Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary: Bluebirds*

### **Thursday, September 14: Pine Brook Farm, Spooner**

*Gary Dunsmoor, retired Wisconsin DNR:*

*Sharp-tailed Grouse of the Namekagon Barrens*

### **Thursday, October 12: Cumberland Golf Course, Cumberland**

*Toni Bernhardt, WI Purple Martin Association Mentor:*

*Purple Martins Need Our Help*

## Let's Go Birding

1st Wednesdays: Apr 5, May 3, June 7, Sep 6, Oct 4

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Are you a beginner birder? Or are you a seasoned veteran looking for some new tips and tricks? Then join us for a relaxed birding adventure in and around Hunt Hill. We'll go over some basic birding skills and introduce some advanced techniques. Bring a pair of binoculars, dress for the weather, and be prepared for a mild to moderate hike.

*Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family*



## Cakes at the Lake

Breakfast: 8:00 am – 9:45 am

Program: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast which features buttermilk and specialty pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages. Following the breakfast, guests are encouraged to stay for the free environmental program sponsored by the Long Lake Preservation Association ([www.longlakellpa.org](http://www.longlakellpa.org)).

*Adults \$7; Children 5-12 \$3;  
4 and under free*

## Dates & Topics

### **Saturday, June 10: Loons with Barb Sabatke, Long Lake Loon Ranger**

Learn about these iconic Northwoods birds with a loon ranger. Discover what you can do to help loons, whether you live on a lake or in the city.

### **Saturday, June 24: Songs & Stories of the Water with Ben Weaver**

Ben Weaver travels by bike crafting human powered musical expeditions. Recently, Ben's expeditions have taken him down the length of the Mississippi River, around Lake Superior and across the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. Expect to hear stories, songs, and poems about his journeys following a path that seeks proximity to that of water and animals.

### **Saturday, July 15: Snake, Rattle and Roll with Emily Roberts, Snake Discovery**

Slither in to explore the world of reptiles at this special program! You'll learn what makes reptiles unique and get a hands-on experience with several of the reptiles that call Wisconsin home. At this program you'll have the opportunity to touch, hold, and even feed some of these scaly animals!

### **Saturday, August 12: Bats with Brian Herring, US Forest Service**

Discover the unique characteristics of bats, an often maligned creature. These small mammals are a huge part of the forest ecosystem in Northern Wisconsin.

### **Saturday, September 9: Astronomy with Mike Brown, Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society**

Learn about the stars during this introduction to astronomy. Mike will explain some of the common terminology used by astronomers, some stargazing tips related to equipment and resources available, and what stars and constellations you can see during the fall and winter nights.



## Public Programs

### Full Moon Snowshoe Hike

Friday, February 10

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Enjoy a winter hike by foot or snowshoe, then stick around to indulge in tasty s'mores around the campfire. A limited number of snowshoes are available; please contact us if you need a pair. Registration is not required.

*Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family*

### Introduction to Creative Writing

Mondays, March 6 - May 22

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Learn to write truly great stories and poems in this introductory creative writing workshop. Students will hone their skills, learn a variety of prose and verse techniques, read exciting new voices, and critique the work of their peers during twelve weekly sessions. Beginning and experienced writers are welcome. The class is instructed by Eva Olsgard, a Midwest based writer, artist, and designer. Ms. Olsgard holds a BA in Literature and Creative Writing from Bard College. Registration is required by Friday, February 24.

*Program Fee: \$240/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$220/person*

### Owls of the Great Lakes

Friday, March 17

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Learn all about owls with Chris Cold, Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Educator. Meet a live owl, then enjoy a short hike to call and listen for its wild relatives. A campfire with s'mores will follow the presentation.

*Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family*



### Shiitake Growing Workshop

Saturday, April 8

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Learn about growing shiitake from logs during this course with local fungi expert Tavis Lynch. Participants will get hands-on experience inoculating logs and information on how to successfully

grow these delicious mushrooms on their own property. Everyone will go home with their own inoculated shiitake log. Registration is required by Friday, March 31.

*Program Fee: \$47/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$42/person*



### Invasive Buckthorn Removal Workshop

Wednesday, April 19

9:00 am – 12:00 pm



Common and glossy buckthorn are invasive species found throughout Wisconsin. These shrubs destroy wildlife habitat and out-compete native plants that we need for a stable and healthy ecosystem. During this educational workshop, there will be a discussion about the plant's history, environmental impacts, and

control methods. Participants will gain experience with hands-on herbicide application while helping control buckthorn at Hunt Hill. Please dress for the weather and be prepared to spend time outdoors. Registration is requested by Tuesday, April 18.

*Program Fee: FREE*

## How to Register

Call us at 715-635-6543

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or register online at [www.hunthill.org](http://www.hunthill.org)

## *Eat Your Weedies! Wild Edible Talk,*

### *Walk and Lunch*

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Learn to love weeds and improve your diet! During this class taught by Master Naturalist Joan Jacobowski, we'll discuss some basic principles of safely gathering wild edibles. Then we'll take a little hike and sample some trail nibblers. We'll top off the morning with a delicious wild edible lunch! Registration is required by Wednesday, May 10.

*Program Fee: \$12/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$10/person*



## *Creative Writing Class Open Mic Night*

Thursday, May 25

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Introduction to Creative Writing class participants will present some of their poetry, short stories, and other works. The public is welcome and encouraged to share their own creative writing during this open mic performance. Donations are accepted.

## *American Red Cross Lifeguard Training*

Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23

9:00 am – 6:00 pm



**American  
Red Cross**

Receive certification in first aid, CPR, AED, lifeguarding, and waterfront. Hunt Hill will be offering this five day intensive program at our facility. Meals and overnight accommodations are available at an additional cost. Open to ages 16 and older. Registration is required by Monday, June 12.

*Program Fee: \$200/person*

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## *Mushroom Foraging Workshop*

Friday, August 25, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm and

Saturday, August 26, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

Explore the wonderful world of fungi during this one and a half day workshop. Tavis Lynch, local fungi expert, will lead this program as we learn about mushroom identification, biology, ecology, and collection. Saturday lunch is included. Participants have the option to stay in our dorms Friday and/or Saturday nights. Registration and payment is required by Friday, August 18.

*Program Fee: \$55/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$50/person*



## *Full Moon Canoeing*

Thursday, October 5

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of canoeing by moonlight. All equipment and a lifeguard are provided. No prior canoe experience required. Families, beginners and experienced canoeers are welcome!

*Program Fee: \$8/person or \$20/family*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$6/person or \$15/family*



## *Christmas Bird Count*

Sunday, December 17



Join us for the 118th Christmas Bird Count. The count is the longest running citizen science program in the world, and involves volunteers traveling assigned routes to count birds. Our counters at Hunt Hill use our feet and cars to travel our routes, and we expect to see many different winter bird species. Registration is required by Friday, December 15.

For more information on the count please contact us or visit [www.christmasbirdcount.org](http://www.christmasbirdcount.org).

*Program Fee: FREE*

# Prairie Fling Festival

Saturday, May 20

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Celebrate spring at Hunt Hill at the sixth annual Prairie Fling Festival! Reconnect with people, community, and nature in this one day extravaganza. Check out our website often to see the lineup of musicians, live animal presentations, and specialty speakers.

*Entrance Fee: Adults \$7; Kids 5-12 \$5; 4 and under free*

*Hunt Hill Members: FREE!*

*Admission at the gate*

## Featuring:

- Live Entertainment
- Kids Activity Area
- Nature programs for all ages



- Horse-drawn wagon and tractor rides
- Tasty food and treats available for purchase
- Community Group displays

- Live animal presentations
- And much more!



# FUNd Raisers

Save the date for these events in 2017! Follow us on Facebook and stay tuned for information on specific details and pricing.

## Hit for the Hill Golf Scramble

Friday, June 9

Delight in a day on the links while supporting a great cause! Enjoy 18 holes of golf in a 4-person scramble format at Butternut Hills Golf Course. Cash prizes will be awarded. A dinner and silent auction will follow the scramble.



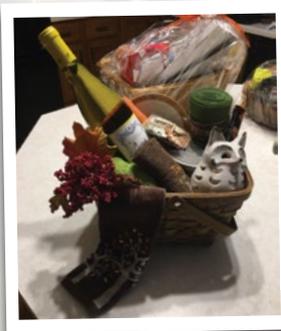
## Ladies Night Out

Friday, September 15

5:00 pm

Ladies, get away for an evening of fun, wine, and fine dining. Bid on amazing baskets to give or keep for yourself. Enjoy the cozy, natural environment of Hunt Hill and let yourself be pampered!

*\$50/person*



## Volunteering

**Volunteers are always needed and appreciated! Please contact us if you are interested in sharing your time and talents with Hunt Hill.**

## Helping Hands Day

Saturday, April 29

Beginning at 8:00 am



Help Hunt Hill officially open camp for the summer season! Our volunteers are vital to our success and this is a key example of their dedication.

Volunteers are needed to help clean, organize, wash, wipe, and rake-up camp. All ages and skill levels are invited. The day begins at 8:00 am with a continental breakfast and organizing volunteers;

however, volunteers can show up anytime in the morning. The day typically ends around 2:00 pm. Volunteers are treated to lunch and have the option to stay in the dorms. Please call ahead if you'd like free overnight accommodations.

*Program Fee: FREE*

## Nature Crafts

### Basket Making: Shoe Box Basket

Saturday, March 11

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Learn how to make a useful basket at Hunt Hill with local basket maker Roxanne Melton. The shoe box basket is a great storage basket for the counter or shelf. Excellent for the beginner and enthusiasts will appreciate the filled bottom and a new way to wrap the handles! A limited choice of colors may be applied as accents. Upon registration, participants will receive a supply list. Registration is required by Friday, March 3.

*Program Fee: \$45/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$40/person*



### Herbal First Aid Kit

Saturday, June 3

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Do you ever wonder what our ancestors used for first aid? Herbs, of course! Come and learn herbs and how they help. You'll start to see them in a totally new light. By the end of the class, participants will know how to create their own herbal first aid kit. Some herbs will be available for purchase. This class is instructed by local herbalist Yulia Welk. Registration is required by Friday, March 5.

*Program Fee: \$23/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$20/person*

### Basket Making:

#### Hoop to Round Basket

Saturday, September 16

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Learn how to make a beautiful basket at Hunt Hill with local basket maker Roxanne Melton. The hoop to round basket is an excellent beginner basket. Participants will learn how to make a round basket with an 8x8 inch square hoop, and will learn how to "twine." This basket is great for simple treats or for table decoration. Upon registration, participants will receive a supply list. Registration is required by Friday, September 8.

*Program Fee: \$45/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$40/person*



## Cordage from Plants

Saturday, October 14

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Before there were zippers, buttons or velcro there was cordage made from plants. A simple skill, people made it on the spot from materials at hand for millennia. You too can learn to make cordage from plants such as basswood, willow and milkweed. Cordage combines nicely with beads to make simple bracelets and necklaces. We'll have some beads and simple clasps to try or bring your own (with large holes). Whether you're into survival skills, natural jewelry or getting in touch with your paleo roots; join us for a fun afternoon. The instructor is Joan Jacobowski, Wisconsin Master Naturalist. Registration is required by Friday, October 13.

*Program Fee: \$12/person*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$10/person*

## Bat House Building

Saturday, October 21

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Bats can be great neighbors, so invite them to move in near your home! Participants will learn about bats and build their own bat house during this hands-on workshop. Cost is per house, so you can come by yourself, or bring family and friends to work on a house together. Tools are limited; please bring a cordless drill if you have one. Registration is required by Friday, September 22.

*Program Fee: \$20/bat house kit*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$15/bat house kit*



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## Youth Day Camps

June, July, and August

8:30am – 4:00 pm

Our summer day camp program is one of our most popular activities here at Hunt Hill! Youth ages 5-12 are invited to these day-long programs which feature learning activities, games, swimming, and crafts in small age-appropriate groups. Camps are interactive and led by a team of trained and enthusiastic educators. The camp day concludes with a special program for parents/guardians, designed and presented by campers.

### After - Camp Camp

4:00pm – 5:30 pm

This optional addition to camp allows campers to stay later in the day.

Program Fee: \$3/person

### Free Transportation to Rice Lake and Spooner Area

In partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Barron County, free van service will be provided to area youth interested in attending day camp. This service will be available on two Wednesdays of the day camp season: July 12 and 19.

To learn more and reserve your seat, call us or email [info@hunthill.org](mailto:info@hunthill.org).

Spaces are limited, so register early!

#### Program Fees

\$40/day/camper

Register 2 weeks early: \$33/day/camper

5 or more camps: \$27/day/camper

#### Hunt Hill Member Fees

\$38/day/camper

Register 2 weeks early: \$32/day/camper

5 or more camps: \$26/day/camper



## Youth Day Camp Dates & Topics

Monday	Tuesday
June 26: Carnivore Camp	June 27: Feathered Friends
July 3: Pioneer Camp	—————
July 10: Pirate Camp	July 11: The Unofficial Minecraft Camp
July 17: Hunt Hill Olympics	July 18: Survival

Wednesday	Thursday
June 28: Wizard Camp	June 29: Buzzin' Bugs
July 5: Hunger Games	July 6: Dino-mite
July 12: Space Camp	July 13: Under the Waves
July 19: Mad Scientists	July 20: Wet 'n Wild
August 2: Animal Builders	August 3: Penguins and Polar Bears

Friday
June 30: Going Fishing
July 7: Rockin' Reptiles
July 14: Awesome Amphibians
July 21: Yuck! Camp
August 4: Nature Art



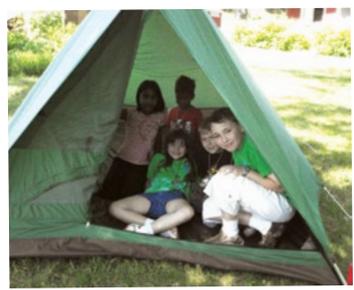
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## Residential Camps

### Youth Overnight

Monday, July 31, 8:30 am – Tuesday, August 1, 4:00 pm



The youth overnight is open to youth ages 5-12. Campers will spend their days enjoying hands-on educational activities, games, swimming, crafts, and more. The evening consists of a Hunt Hill provided campfire dinner, songs, stories, and night games. This year we will be sleeping outdoors in tents (or in the dormitories, in case of

inclement weather). Hunt Hill provides breakfast and then it's back to a second day of activities before heading home. Camp begins on day one at 8:30 am and ends on day two at 4:00 pm. Registration is required by Tuesday, July 25th.

*Program Fee: \$95/camper*

*Hunt Hill Members: \$85/camper*

### Spanish Language and Culture Camp

Sunday, August 6 – Friday, August 11

Hunt Hill's Spanish immersion camp fuses education, native speaking instructors, and a beautiful setting into a wonderful week of learning, culture, and fun. Participants can look forward to a



schedule of daily language lessons, sampling Hispanic cuisine, daily social hours, and nightly culture programs for a memorable experience. During the week, campers will have the opportunity to explore our natural setting through hikes, pontooning, swimming, and lake canoeing. Camp includes: all meals, refreshments and snacks, overnight accommodations, experienced educational staff, and optional environmental activities.

Registration and payment are required by Friday, July 21.

*Program Fee: \$620*

*Hunt Hill Member: \$590*

*Sign up by Thursday, April 21 and save \$25!*

*A limited number of individual rooms are available upon request at an additional cost on a first come, first served basis. Reduced cost available for those staying off-site.*

## Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course

Sunday, August 27 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday, August 28 – Friday, September 1, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program (WIMN) is a network of well-informed citizens dedicated to conservation education and service within Wisconsin communities. The WIMN Volunteer Training Course provides 40 hours of coursework in natural history, interpretation, and conservation stewardship. Courses combine classroom instruction with field experiences and are taught by professional natural resources educators and scientists. Once trained, Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteers provide 40 hours of service and take 8 hours of advanced training each year to receive their WIMN pin. Registration deadline is Friday, August 18, and you must register through the program website at [www.wimasternaturalist.org](http://www.wimasternaturalist.org).

*Program Fee: \$250 (Scholarships are available)*

*Lodging and meals are available.*

*Contact Hunt Hill for more information.*

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**Master Naturalist**



## Don't forget to become a

# Member!

*Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature center that depends on the support of our members. Membership helps preserve the grounds, covers the ongoing costs that are vital to our operation and keeps program fees affordable for all to enjoy.*

**Benefits** Members receive discounted cabin rentals, program discounts, free admission to Prairie Fling and 10% off nature store purchases.

## 2017 Membership Fees

Senior/Student (per person) . . . . .	\$20
Individual . . . . .	\$30
Family . . . . .	\$60

*Family includes immediate family, defined as parent(s) and children under 18.*

*Grandparents may include grandchildren in place of grown children.*

Your membership & extra contributions are 100% tax deductible. Friends of Hunt Hill is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

# What else can you do at Hunt Hill?

*Weddings* Enjoy a quiet ceremony tucked in the woods at our amphitheater, then head to the dining hall for a meal. Celebrate the night away with a barn dance in our barn loft. Guests don't have to worry about a long drive home as we also provide dormitory housing, historic cabins and optional tent camping.

*Cabin Rentals* Two historic cabins are available. One overlooks the lakes of Hunt Hill while the other is tucked into the wooded hillside. Both offer rustic charm while providing modern conveniences.

*Retreats* Dance Retreat? Yoga Retreat? Women's Retreat? Artist Retreat? With overnight accommodations and dining facilities, groups can rent the camp to lead their own retreat or work with Hunt Hill to provide a collaborative event.

*Reunions* Dining accommodations, indoor and outdoor locations, plus plenty of parking make this a great location for your next family reunion.

*Tours* Call ahead to schedule a tour of the facilities and grounds or to get a naturalist led tour of the habitats found at Hunt Hill.

*Camps* Girl Scouts? Boy Scouts? 4-H? Adults?

Hunt Hill is an excellent location for your next outing. With enough dormitory space for close to 70 people, in addition to group reserved camping, camp groups will enjoy a beautiful setting plus a wide range of activity options.

*Business Meetings* With a rustic library lodge and dining facilities, Hunt Hill makes a great choice for your next business meeting. Enjoy the historic elegance of the buildings and schedule optional nature activities during breaks.

*Hikes* Hunt Hill is open to the public and visitors are welcome to hike our trails. With over 10 miles of trails, visitors can explore a wide range of habitats (including old growth and young forest, meadow, bogs and glacial lakes) and discover a variety of flora and fauna throughout the year.

*Volunteer* Hunt Hill relies on the generous help of dedicated volunteers who can assist with a variety of projects around camp. This may include: gardening, weeding, cleaning, organizing, kitchen helper, program helper and more. Contact the Program Director at [program@hunthill.org](mailto:program@hunthill.org) to learn more.





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