

Sterling Nature Center Calendar of Events

PLEASE NOTE: Programs are subject to change. Pre-register for programs by emailing snc@cayugacounty.us. All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Evening Beaver Walk

Friday, June 13, 6 pm

Saturday, June 14, 6 pm

Crepuscular wildlife is most active during the twilight hours. Join naturalist Jim D'Angelo for a look and listen for the wildlife that is active this time of day and experience the unique sounds of twilight with a hike through the nature center. We will focus on the beaver's natural history and seek out activity along the Outlet Stream and Beaver Wetland.

Dandelion Crazy

Saturday, June 14, 10-11:30 am

Collect dandelions and be amazed at all the ways we'll use them in fun projects. The program is geared for kids in grades K-6 and is led by retired teacher Dianne Welsch. Please preregister by emailing snc@cayugacounty.us, space is limited.

Summer Solstice Walk

Friday, June 20, 1 pm

Saturday, June 21, 1 pm

Start your summer off on the right foot by taking a guided hike along the trails of the Sterling Nature Center in search of symbols for the changing seasons. What flora and fauna usher in summertime? Come enjoy a relaxing hike on the longest day of the year.

Dragonflies of Pond & Meadow

Friday, June 27, 11 am

Saturday, June 28, 1 pm

Join Naturalist Jim D'Angelo for an indoor presentation and discussion on dragonfly natural history and identification, followed by an exploration of these insect masters of the sky. We will take a hike to the wetlands and meadows to observe and identify these amazing creatures. This program is free and open to the public.

Butterflies

Friday, July 04 at 1 pm

Saturday, July 05 at 1 pm

Join Naturalist Jim D'Angelo for an indoor presentation and discussion on Butterfly watching, identification, and gardening. We will also go out into the field to look at what wildflowers and butterflies are in season. We will take a walk through the meadows to observe and identify these amazing creatures and their habitat.

Wandering Naturalist

Friday, July 11, 10 am

Exploration, Discovery, Inspiration, Learning, and Tranquility Await You in Nature. Come Take a Hike! Observe and connect with the flora and fauna of the Sterling Nature Center on a meandering walk along the trails in search of the wonders that may be found if we only take the time to slow down and observe. Being intentionally curious about the natural world around us will be encouraged as we take time to stop, wait, look, and listen for wildlife. What we encounter will be according to the season and activity of the flora and fauna.

Dragonflies – youth program for kids in grades K-6

Saturday, July 12, 10-11:30 am

Explore the world of Dragonflies. Pre-registration is required and limited to fifteen children accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program is geared for kids in grades K-6 and is led by retired teacher Heidi Rothfuss. Space is limited, please preregister by emailing snc@cayugacounty.us.

Pond Study

Friday, July 18, 10 am

Saturday, July 19, 1 pm

Join us for some hands-on exploration of Dragonfly Pond or other wetlands, looking for aquatic species that are utilizing these amazing habitats. We will use nets and cups to capture creatures, big and small, living in the

pond. Dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions, frogs, newts, and tadpoles might be some of the pond life we discover in this valuable wetland ecosystem.

Sunday Sound Waves

Sunday, July 20, 1-4 pm

Join us for live music in a picturesque setting overlooking the shore of Lake Ontario. July's event will feature Gina Holsopple followed by Colleen Kattau and Jane Zell. We hope to see you here, lawn chairs will be available, but you can always bring your own.

Water Chestnut Pull

Thursday, July 24, 5 pm

Tuesday, July 29, 5 pm

Water chestnuts are a non-native invasive aquatic plant that can quickly colonize waterways. Join forces with the members of the Oswego Yackers and other volunteers to help remove water chestnut from a portion of Sterling Creek.

All About Bats

Friday, July 25, 8 pm

Saturday, July 26, 8 pm

Bats do many incredible tasks in their ecosystems, from eating thousands of insects to pollinating flowers and dispersing seeds. Join Naturalist Jim D'Angelo for a fascinating look at the lives of bats to discover the truth surrounding many common myths and the difficulties bats face. We will also discuss how you can help these beneficial creatures of the night. After the indoor presentation, we will take a short walk to watch bats feeding on insects over the fields. A special bat detector instrument will allow us to hear their echolocation calls as well. The program is free and open to the public.

Sunday Sound Waves

Sunday, August 17, 1-4 pm

Join us for live music in a picturesque setting overlooking the shore of Lake Ontario. We hope to see you here, please bring a lawn chair, a limited number will be available.

