



Seedlings

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Cool Summer Improvements, Career Exploration Camps

Environmental Science Career Exploration Camp provided adventure and learning July 10th – 14th at Genesee County Park & Forest! Rising 8th – 11th graders from 6 different local schools have formed a class of elite environmental science trainees. Each day consisted of time in the forest and wetlands with hiking, identifying invasive insects, taking tree measurements, navigating, stream sampling, performing bird surveys and more. Camp instruction was sponsored by Genesee County Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Genesee County Youth Bureau, NYSDEC, USDA APHIS, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, NYSDEC ECO, Genesee ARC Trash & Recycling facility, GLOW Region Solid Waste, and CC Environment & Planning. Presentations and hands-on activities were lead by professionals in 10 different fields including Forestry, Conservation Law Enforcement, Wildlife Management, and Environmental Planning. Campers learned a ton while enjoying lunch and snacks each day from camp sponsors: Alex's Place, Subway, Mark's Pizzeria, Batavia's Original, D&R Depot, and Tops Friendly Markets of LeRoy. Thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors for making this excellent experience possible for the next generation of conservation professionals!



Environmental Science Career Exploration Camp 2017



Camp Hard Hat Builds a Bridge in 2016

Coming in August 2017: Camp Hard Hat will construct and install a new bridge for the General Conservation Trail and a new boardwalk for the Creek Trail at Genesee County Park & Forest! Rising 8th–10th graders will use math, power tools and teamwork under the direction of Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Building Trades instructors Rich Monroe and Jared Radesi. Camp Hard Hat 2017 runs from July 31st to August 4th 9 am to 4 pm. Special thanks to all of the sponsors and volunteers for making this camp a great success year after year!

Park Staff had a super busy spring with roof repairs from storm damage at both parks. Pavilions 1 and 2 at DeWitt Recreation Area and Pavilion E1, Cold Frame #2, the Pump House, and the Interpretive Nature Center at Genesee County Park & Forest all had extensive roof damage that is now fixed.

DeWitt Recreation Area has had a 7-foot rise in water level. Repairs are scheduled for the Lakeside Trail where the 7-foot rise in lake level has caused part of the trail to collapse. A brand new bathroom has been completed and is open at Pavilion #1! Big thanks to Louis Lang & Son for their donation of gutters for the new facility!

Best improvement this summer - the Interpretive Nature Center has air conditioning!! Stop in and chill!



Come inside the Interpretive Nature Center and cool off on a hot day!



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Interpretive Nature Center Hours May–October:

Thursday–Saturday:
10 am–4 pm

Sunday:
12–4 pm



Earth Day Cleanup and Wild Fun!



Cleaning up DeWitt on Earth Day,
Henry Ford style.



Earth Day Arts and Crafts
(made from recycled materials, of course).



It was a frog finding frenzy during our Amphibian
Adventure program!



The intrepid few who didn't let the rainy weather stop them
from enjoying a Wildflower Walk through the forest.



Day of Caring gives a huge lift to the park!



Notre Dame High School Takes First Place Overall
in Genesee County Envirothon 2017!

Josh Roman– AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

Hello Genesee County Park and Forest Staff, Volunteers, and Visitors!

My name is Josh Roman, and I will be your new AmeriCorps Environmental Educator for the summer! I'm from all the way downstate, in Long Island, and recently graduated from the SUNY College at Brockport. I have earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, with a concentration in Aquatic Ecology and Biology, and a minor in Chemistry!

I kept very busy while in school, and was a Resident Assistant as well as president of a few clubs, including the Integrated Arts for Children Club. I have gained much experience creating fun, interdisciplinary educational programs and events for children of all ages. I am also a Brother of Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity that I joined in college and have put in countless



Josh at the GCP&F Interpretive Nature Center

hours of community service and giving back to the community. From hosting bingo at nursing homes and park cleanups, there are numerous opportunities everywhere to help others. One of our yearly events was hosting the Moonlight Madness at a bookstore near campus, and we planned a whole bunch of activities for the kids. It was a Halloween event where the kids would dress up in their costumes, parade down Main Street, and then head down to the firehouse before coming to our activities. It was always a wonderful time, and it really brought together the community for a fun night out.

I'm the oldest of four kids in my family, growing up in Brentwood, a large town in Long Island. Don't be surprised if you hear my Long Island accent come out! A lot of people hear it when I say coffee or chocolate, so I won't be surprised if I hear a few giggles. Being the oldest sibling, I learned how to help my mom with the kids at a young age, and I learned to love helping the children of our generation learn and explore the world around us. The summer after my freshman year, I worked at the Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition center, and had so much fun! My favorite memory is of this one Educator who gave this really awesome speech about the differences between crocodiles and alligators, and visitors got to pet a baby alligator! I've heard the speech twice a day for a whole summer, and could practically recite it for you if you ask!

I'm a jack of many trades, and I can make just about any balloon animal, I also do face-painting and airbrush tattoos too! Fun Fact: I made balloon animals at Tina Fey's daughter's 6th birthday party! While having fun at birthday parties is awesome, my career goals are to teach informal education, which is teaching- just not in a classroom! So I'm hoping to work at parks all across the country, like the Genesee County Park and Forest, or if possible, other zoos and aquariums — the sky is the limit! I love to learn about things by being hands-on, and I feel like it's important to know about the world we live in and the effects that we can have on it. Therefore, I am so excited to be working with you all this summer, and can't wait to experience all that the Genesee County Park and Forest has to offer!

Sincerely,

Joshua Roman
Environmental Educator



Dark Days by Lee Johnson—AmeriCorps Environmental Educator

On Monday, August 21st, 2017, some 12 million people across 14 states will briefly live in utter darkness during a time of day that is typically adorned with the sun's light. A total solar eclipse, where the moon's apparent diameter is larger than that of the sun's and blocks all direct sunlight, can be viewed for the first time since 1979 across the contiguous United States on that day. The rest of the United States and all of North America can expect to witness a partial eclipse, where the moon only blocks a fraction of direct sunlight. Our fascination with celestial occurrences of this nature is evident throughout recorded history, but we aren't the only ones who acknowledge them. Animals too have demonstrated changes in behavior during the duration of solar eclipses.

Often times the responses from animals to the arrival of darkness at an atypical point in the day will mirror how they would behave during the onset of twilight. In Zimbabwe during a 2001 total eclipse, many birds, save for owls and some other species, were witnessed flying in the direction of their nighttime roosts during an eclipse. Both impala and baboons were observed abandoning their foraging and the baboons began traveling – perhaps to their resting situations, though they ceased this behavior after the eclipse was over. Hippopotamuses began to enter the water as they characteristically would during nightfall. Reports of confusion among the hippos were reported as the eclipse concluded, their circadian rhythm apparently skewed. As an eclipse covered Guindy Forest in India in 1980, blackbuck, a species of antelope native to southern Asia, reduced their rates of grazing, walking, and standing and began to rest. Vertebrates aren't the only ones who possess an ostensible sensitivity to the effects of solar eclipses. Insects and spiders have been observed to alter their behavior due to abnormal times of darkness as well. During an eclipse in 1991, desert cicadas in Arizona were found to drastically reduce their calling during as darkness fell. This is thought to be the result of a drop in temperature, as the production of the cicada's song is an energy-intensive process, and it is believed to be impossible for the cicadas to produce their song if they aren't able to maintain a certain body temperature. Colonial orb-weaving spiders of Mexico were observed deconstructing their webs during a total solar eclipse in 1991 and reassembling them once the sunlight began to return. In this particular study, spiders that were being artificially illuminated did not disassemble their webs.

Possibly the most peculiar responses to a solar eclipse were those exhibited by a group of captive chimpanzees in 1984. As the initial dimming of light set in as the moon began to drape the sun, solitary female chimps and those with babies made their way to the top of a climbing structure. As the eclipse progressed, more chimps began to assemble on the climbing structure, positioning their bodies in the direction of the sun and moon, their faces pointed upwards. One juvenile stood upright and appeared to gesture towards the two celestial bodies. Once the moon had traveled beyond the sun's position, the chimps descended from the climbing structure. These behaviors were not observed before or after the duration of the eclipse.

Perhaps humans aren't the only species with a knack for inquisitiveness.

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Scout Opportunities

Genesee County Park & Forest and DeWitt Recreation Area provide a world of possible volunteer opportunities for Scouts of all ages. Scouts may volunteer and earn service hours by giving trail reports, monitoring nest boxes, maintaining garden beds, cleaning the Interpretive Center or participating in a number of other volunteer activities and events. In addition to volunteer opportunities, scouts may complete projects to fulfill Bronze, Silver, Gold Award requirements or Eagle Scout requirements at the Genesee County Parks. Projects currently available at Genesee County Park & Forest include installation of interpretive trail signs and construction of predator guards for bluebird nest boxes. If you are interested in completing an Eagle Scout Project at the Park, please contact Paul Osborn at (585) 344-8508. If you are interested in volunteering or completing a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award Project, please contact Shannon Morley at (585) 344-1122.

AmeriCorps

Want to help people appreciate nature and take advantage of all that the Genesee County Parks have to offer?

Seasonal Environmental Educator positions are available at Genesee County Park & Forest through Genesee County AmeriCorps.

- * Lead recreation and outdoor education programs at the parks.
- * Guide Park Visitors
- * Help with park improvement projects
- * Earn some cash toward your education



AmeriCorps Volunteers make fun and interesting events and programs possible!!

For more information and to become a volunteer contact

Kathy Frank, Program Director of the Genesee County AmeriCorps at (585) 344-3960

For Ages 55 and Up — AmeriCorps Benefits



Did you know that AmeriCorps Members ages 55 and up can earn funds for a child or grandchild to use toward their future education? Funds may be used up to 10 years after completing service!

A Seasonal Environmental Educator position is available August–December 2017 at Genesee County Park & Forest through Genesee County AmeriCorps.

- * Lead recreation and outdoor education programs at the parks.
- * Help with park improvement projects
- * Earn some cash toward your education or child's/grandchild's education



Brandi leads a Senses Hike at the Genesee County Park and Forest for Kindergarteners from Letchworth School.

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Kathy Frank, Program Director of the Genesee County AmeriCorps at (585) 344-3960
<http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/youthbureau/ameriCorp.html>

RSVP – Volunteering for 55 and Older

The Genesee County Park has been partnering with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) since 2002, where interested volunteers 55 and older have found meaningful volunteer activities close to nature and to their hearts. In Genesee County, over 325 older adults serve our community as RSVP members. Their volunteer experiences range from one-time events to weekly placements in one or more of our 20+ partner agencies. You can volunteer as little or as much as you desire at the Genesee County Park and with other agencies in our community who rely on volunteers to achieve their mission and goals. RSVP strives to connect volunteers with fruitful experiences based on individual interests and abilities, so that together we can improve the quality of life in our community.

For more information call the RSVP Volunteer Placement Program at 585-343-1611.

ACORN Adventures

Learning, Helping, and FUN!

This spring has been full of fun ACORNS Adventures!!

The ACORNS volunteered at and facilitated a very successful Earth Day Celebration at DeWitt Recreation Center in Batavia. Not only did they lead multiple craft tables for the public they lead hikes for a community clean up and assisted in several nature hikes. They were able to get an ENTIRE wetland cleaned up and assist park staff in a HUGE wood chipping project to prepare for the construction of the Ellicott Trail. Earth Day was a successful and fun event.



Left: Earth day crafts taking form and forming smiles!

Right: Park Supervisor Paul (middle), Park Staff Eric (left) and Jim (right) all smiles after making some great progress on their preparation for the Ellicott Trail.



May's Volunteer Day was a Birding Hike lead by ACORNS members Paul and Shelia Hess. Special Thanks to them for sharing their knowledge and making for a wonderful morning hike. ACORNS members hiked through the park, through a diverse amount of habitats seeing a slew of bird species. Some of the fun birds seen included, Mourning Warbler, Broad winged Hawk, Song Sparrow, Blue Bird, Red Eyed Vireo, Oven Bird, Alder Flycatcher, to name a few.



Left: ACORNS members lost in a forest of ferns searching for birds

Right: ACORNS members looking for the beautiful Mourning Warbler.



Following the birding hike several of our volunteers went to the Kistner residence to view their impressive Purple Martin houses. The Kistners have worked for many years to have Purple Martins nest at their home and have well over 100 nesting Purple Martins yearly. They were generous enough to share their knowledge with the volunteers to help facilitate a plan for the Purple Martin house in the Park.



Left: Purple Martin houses with 2 Purple Martins perched on top

September's Volunteer Day is an outdoor adventure in Letchworth State Park!! If you aren't already a ACORNS member its not too late, become a member and join us in all the monthly fun!!

Meet the ACORNS

(Association for the Conservation Of Recreational and Natural Spaces)

The ACORNS is the volunteer group formed to support the Genesee County Parks by assisting with environmental programs and park maintenance, offering recreational opportunities and promoting the parks.



ACORNS Board of Directors:

Julia Garver, President
Mary Yunker, Vice-President
Barbara Easton, Treasurer
Jerome Gentry, Secretary
Charlie Augrom
Sarah Balduf
Daisy Klein
Bill Moon
George Squires

Members:

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| Norm Argulsky | Amy Jessmer | Josh Roman |
| Charlie Augrom | Lee Johnson | Kathy Ryan |
| Sarah Balduf | The Kent Family | Jim Schmitt |
| Bart & Sue Dambra | Elizabeth & D.Seymour | Clare & Ron Sloat |
| Barbara & Mike Easton | Kerwin | George Squires |
| Dave & Marcia Gann | Daisy Klein | Dave & Sandy Steele |
| Julia Garver & Joe Ruh | Sam & Ester Leadley | Lewis & Bonnie Tandy |
| The Gentry Family | Tami & Pete Loftus | Kathy Woika |
| Nancy Gerspacher | Sharon McWethy | Mary Yunker |
| Lynn Glarner | Glenn Merrill | Pam Zola |
| Peggy Grayson | Bill & Connie Moon | (Please contact the volunteer coordinator to renew your membership!) |
| Janis & Stuart Hempel | Shannon Morley | |
| Paul & Sheila Hess | Terri & Michael Muehlig | |
| | Debbie Nanni | |
| Kathy Jensen | Paul and Emma Osborn | |
| | Kathy Owen | |

Join us for ACORNS Volunteer Days on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 10 am-1 pm. ACORNS meetings are held every 4th Tuesday evening of the month. Check website for location.

ACORNS website: <http://acorns.shutterfly.com>

RUN FOR THE ACORNS 2017

Sunday, October 1st

ACORNS is looking for a few great volunteers to help out and have fun! Contact us at <https://runfortheacorns.shutterfly.com>



ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center



The ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center has had a growth spurt thanks to an army of volunteers and service groups!

Many groups of school students have used the OLC for their educational programs this spring. With the new improvements, we have been able to teach pre-k students about their senses in our Sensory Garden, and third graders about simple machines in several areas of the OLC!!

Thanks to George and several Girl Scout Troops working tirelessly, a multitude of saplings have been planted in the Forestry area. (When you visit look for the blue tubes).

Kathie Woika's Girl Scout troop helped weed all of the walkways, mulched areas, and weeded inside the tree enclosures. They also spread mulch throughout the entire OLC, and are growing plants for the OLC pollinator garden at home. Cadette Girl Scout troops from Oakfield and Bethany have created 2 pollinator gardens as part of their Breathe Journey. Scouts protected the new plants with deer fencing, and the gardens are now in full bloom!

Additional vining plants are currently growing at a volunteer's home for the Black Locust archways. These among other vining species will provide a unique and natural archway for visitors and animals to enjoy!

With the help of our volunteers, park staff, and 4-H Teen Leaders group the stone dust has been placed in all necessary walkways and tamped.

With the previous addition of the gorgeous benches, mulch placed, stone dust complete and gardens weeded and growing the Outdoor Learning Center is getting more and more beautiful with every project! Thanks to Jim Schmitt for the gliding bench in the Wildlife Viewing Area, and to Jenny Wood for her gift of beautiful landscaping shrubs. We also want to thank Salmon Creek Nursery for their donation of landscaping shrubs and flowering plants at discount price!

McQuaid Jesuit students braved the rain for their community service day in early July. Students completed the landscaping in the Forestry Area and removed weeds from the shrub areas.

If you are interested in helping out at the Outdoor Learning Center or know a group that is, please contact us to set up a Service Learning Project! Also stay tuned for OLC project days later in the summer and fall !! Every bit helps make the OLC into the interactive educational space that it is becoming!



George and Jerome install signposts for the OLC areas

Volunteer work has always been essential to park stewardship, development and improvements. Service projects at the parks come in all types and sizes! For information on what you or your group can do for the parks please contact Paul Osborn, Parks Supervisor at 585-344-8508!

John Rembas and Dennis Wood Memorial



Left to right: Daisy Klein, Lee Johnson, Barbara Easton, George Squires, George Wood, Jennifer Wood, Sharon McWethy

Rainy weather didn't stop friends and fellow volunteers from honoring Dennis Wood - artist, professor, and long-time dedicated ACORNS Volunteer. Dennis was a very generous and good friend of the Genesee County Parks in many ways. He gave his time by participating in ACORNS meetings and field trips, and attending many educational programs. Dennis donated some of his own collections to the Interpretive Nature Center and funded the purchase of children's field binoculars for use during kid's programs at the park. Dennis was a very talented artist, and he provided beautiful note-cards for the ACORNS to sell as a fundraiser. The cards feature some of his landscapes and wildlife paintings, and are available for purchase at the Interpretive Center. Dennis loved to share the joys of art as a professor at GCC, and taught a beginner drawing class to the ACORNS as a volunteer training day. Dennis was a delightful person to be around and is remembered for his quiet way of making people smile and laugh.

Following a motion for funding by the ACORNS and a donation from Dennis' wife Jenny Wood, a fully functional artist's easel has been created as a memorial to Dennis. The memorial will be placed in the ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center at Genesee County Park & Forest. The memorial design was created by Paul Osborn, Parks Supervisor, and Kurt Schwab, Genesee County Highway Sign Maintenance Mechanic, which was then laser cut by Oxbo International. Genesee County Highway welder Rob Barone adapted the donated easel to install the newly created art platform, which was then painted by DJ Desjardins in the paint shop. A collaborative effort indeed!

The Rembas family made a generous donation to the park to honor their father, John, and their mother, Clara Rembas. John Rembas is remembered by his family for loving the Genesee County Park & Forest very much, thus where the family chose as a donation site in his memory. Discussions between the Rembas family and the ACORNS proceeded as planning for the ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center was underway. OLC plans included two bird feeding stations, so the ACORNS proposed funding them with the donations received in memory of John Rembas. The family was thrilled with the idea. ACORNS member Jim Schmitt built two beautiful large platform feeders, and member George Squires designed and built the feeder stations. The bird feeding stations were completed, and the family responded with these kind words: "We cannot thank you - and all the volunteers enough for the time and effort put into this birdfeeder project. We hope it will serve to provide for the many birds, as well as provide enjoyment and learning for all. It is a wonderful tribute to our Mom and Dad."

Thank You UMMC and National Grid



Caring Volunteers: Dan Ireland, Kristin Opett, Cathy Smith, Christy Zell, Corey Hafler, Deb Spratt, Eric Bartz, Jamie Lathan, Kasey Jonmaire, Lisa Albanese, Mike Koncilja, Stacey Pastuszynski

Huge thanks to National Grid for their help on Arbor Day Community Day! National Grid cut several trees in Genesee County Park & Forest on Memory Lane, in E Roadway Circle and in Areas A, C, E, and S. Thank you for your support!

Park landscaping and flowerbeds got a huge boost thanks to an enthusiastic, hard working group of volunteers from UMMC on United Way Day of Caring at Genesee County Park & Forest! Volunteers completed a full day of flower bed maintenance and mulching at the Interpretive Nature Center Outdoor Learning Center, park main gate, flagpoles, Veterans Memorial, Area B playground and Area D island. Thanks to Rochester Regional Health for their support as a sponsor!

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5th Anniversary **2017 Run for the ACORNS**

5K/10K Trail Run/Walk

New This Year: Kids Fun Run!

When: Sunday, October 1, 2017

**Where: Genesee County Park & Forest - Area B
East Bethany, NY 14054**

All proceeds will benefit the Genesee County parks

For more information and registration options:

runfortheacorns.shutterfly.com

**<https://register-this.com/?raceid=20171001ACRN>
(585) 344-1122**

Walk or run on single and double track trails through the forest, along a creek and up and down rolling hills in the Genesee County Park & Forest with an estimated 100 feet of climb in the 10K loop. Trails are very wide and easy to negotiate (minimal rocks and roots). The course starts on asphalt and then leads into the woods for a truly beautiful run.

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| Check-in | 8:00 a.m. |
| 10K Run Start | 9:00 a.m. |
| 5KRun/Walk Start | 9:15 a.m. |
| Kids Fun Run | ~10:30 a.m. |

This event is sanctioned by USATF.



All proceeds benefit the Genesee County parks!

5th Anniversary 2017 Run for the ACORNS

5K Trail Run/Walk and 10K Trail Run
Sunday, October 1, 2017
at the Genesee County Park & Forest
Raymond Rd, East Bethany, NY 14054



Sponsored by Lacivita
Enterprises LLC

Walk or run on single and double track trails through the forest, along a creek and up and down rolling hills in the Genesee County Park & Forest, with an estimated 100 feet of climb in the 10K loop. Trails are very wide and easy to negotiate (minimal rocks and roots). The course starts on asphalt and then leads into the woods for a truly beautiful run through the countryside. All proceeds benefit ACORNS, a non-profit 501(c)(3) "friends of the park" group that enhances the public's experience at the Genesee County parks and fosters environmental stewardship and education. **NEW THIS YEAR: Kids Fun Run!** Free to youth 10 & under. Must register on race day. Age-appropriate categories and distances. Run is on a grassy playing field. Everyone is a "winner"!

Starting Times:

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| Check-in | 8:00 a.m. |
| 10K Run | 9:00 a.m. |
| 5K Run/Walk | 9:15 a.m. |
| Kids Fun Run | ~10:30 a.m. |



This event is sanctioned by USATF.

Shirts: Must register by September 17, 2017 to receive a long-sleeved tech shirt. Special 5th year anniversary shirts to participants registered for this and all previous Run for the ACORNS races!

Awards: ACORNS will be handing out awards to our overall top two male and female finishers in the 5K run and 10K run. We will also have awards for our top male and female finishers in the runs in each age group (14 & under for the 5K run, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 & over) – you must be present to receive your medal; we will not mail it to you.

Fees: \$25 in advance (must be received by September 27, 2017); \$30 late and race day registration

Online registration available at: <https://register-this.com/?raceid=20171001ACRN>

Questions or additional information: Check out our website: <https://runfortheacorns.shutterfly.com/> or call 585-344-1122

Make checks payable to: Score-This!!! **Mail to:** Score-This!!!, 15 Ranch Trail Ct., Orchard Park, NY 14127

NO BABY STROLLERS OR PETS ALLOWED IN RACE. NO RUNNERS UNDER AGE 15 ALLOWED IN 10K RACE.

WAIVER: I know that running a trail race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained, and by my signature, I certify that I (and any minor I am signing as guardian for) am medically able to perform this event, and in good health, and properly trained. I agree to abide by all applicable rules of this race and by the decision of the race officials as to my ability to safely complete the event. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other runners, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity and the conditions of the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I grant permission to the organizing groups to use any photograph, motion pictures, or recordings of my taking part in this event. Having read this waiver acknowledging these facts and in consideration of you accepting my entry, I, for myself, and everyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release USA Track & Field, Score This!!!, ACORNS, Genesee County, and their employees, officers, directors and volunteers, and any and all race sponsors from any claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I understand that all entry fees are nonrefundable. I have read this waiver and certify my compliance and agreement with its content with my signature.

Name: _____ EMAIL address: _____ Tel #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Tel #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years old): _____

T-shirt size: ___ XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

Sex: ___ Female ___ Male

Event ___ 10K Run ___ 5K Run ___ 5K Walk

Age as of October 1, 2017 _____



Camp Hard Hat

July 31st—August 4th 9am-4pm

Genesee County Park, 11095 Bethany Center Rd, East Bethany, NY
(Transportation provided from Batavia and Mt. Morris GVEP Campuses)

Learn about careers in construction where you actually build parts of a community project! Instructed by certified teachers and GVEP Building Trades instructors

\$95/Camper— Includes lunch, snacks, hard hat and t-shirt

Scholarships are available

Open to students entering 8-10 grade

Register at www.beaGeneseeNY.com



Save the Date!! Coming Soon...

Stories in the Stars

Friday August 11th 9:30 pm – 11 pm

Grab a spot in the meadow and sit back for some entertainment, the way people did before Redbox or Netflix! Hear the stories behind summer's constellations and find out how the stars got their names. Program will be held outdoors. Bring a blanket or a chair to enjoy the view, far away from city lights and closer to nature's wild, uncompromising beauty. \$5/person, \$10/family. Rain Date: August 26th

Watching Monarchs

Saturday, September 9th 1:30 – 3 pm

September is Monarch Butterfly migration season in New York State!! Come to the meadow and learn about the fascinating lives of these large butterflies. Learn about butterfly tagging, explore their world and find out what people are doing to help them out!! \$5/person, \$10/family.

Math Gone Wild

Saturday, September 23rd 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Mathematics is found throughout nature, giving it the structure and beauty we so admire. Join us and learn the math behind some of nature's most common forms – inspect and measure it for yourself! Head outside with us and observe living examples of math's beauty that can't be tamed. \$5/person, \$10/family.

Run for the ACORNS!!

Sunday October 1st 8 am—1pm

Grab a friend and enjoy some great exercise and fun at Run for the ACORNS 5k/10k trail run and walk!! Surround yourself in the beauty of the forest on trails over hills and along Black Creek. All proceeds benefit the ACORNS, the non-profit organization that supports the Genesee County parks.

Capturing Nature 2

Saturday October 14th 1 – 3 pm

Bring your camera and capture the forest at the most colorful time of the year!! Learn nature photography basics and explore the park & forest with a Naturalist. \$5/person, \$10/family

Owl Prowl

Saturday, October 21st 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Which animal has big yellow eyes, 2-inch talons and likes to eat skunks?? Learn about owls on a night hike through the forest. Anything can happen on an owl prow! Ages 4 and up. \$5/person, \$10/family.

Not Afraid Forest Night Hike

Saturday October 28th 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Creaky trees, howling animals, glowing eyes!!! Join us for a Halloween-themed nature night hike on the trails and learn about some of the things that go bump in the night. For ages 4 and up. \$5/person, \$10/family.

Haunted Forest Hike

Saturday, October 28th 9:30 – 11:00 pm

Hear the stories and visit some special sites of New York State's oldest county forest at night. Follow your guide on a hike into the woods. Is it haunted? We'll let you decide...Ages 12 and up. \$5/person, \$10/family.

Nature's Feast: Turkeys and More

Saturday November 18th 1:30 – 3 pm

What does our local nature's bounty have to offer for a Thanksgiving feast? Come learn about local wild food, edible plants and more from a Naturalist guide. \$5/person, \$10/family.

Programs take place at the Genesee County Park & Forest Interpretive Nature Center, 11095 Bethany Center Rd, East Bethany, NY 14054 unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is required for all programs. To register call (585) 344-1122. For more information visit our website at <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/parks/>, or contact the Conservation Education Program Coordinator at Shannon.Morley@co.genesee.ny.us or (585) 344-1122.

Stories in the Stars

Friday, August 11th 9:30—11:00 pm
at Genesee County Park & Forest

**Hear the stories behind summer's constellations and
find out how the stars got their names!**

**Bring a blanket or a chair and sit back for some
entertainment - the way people did before
Blockbuster and Netflix!**

**Enjoy the beauty of the shining stars in the dark
summer sky, far away from city lights.**

\$5/person, \$10/family

Please pre-register by calling 585-344-1122!

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