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On the cover: A rendering of one section of the newly installed playground located in Cool Creek Park featuring an array of slides that are just one of many play options offered. More details about the new playground and some of its innovative components can be found on page 5 in this issue.

Cover rendering provided by Recreation Unlimited.
Greetings and welcome to the July - October 2019 edition of The Chatterbox Leisure Guide.

Hard to believe we are already preparing for fall. First, I must express, on behalf of my staff, my most sincere appreciation for everyone’s patience this spring with the record-setting rainfall we received, and the ensuing condition of the parks everyone had to work with. Some areas in our parks are still drying out. We are finally able to mow many areas for the first time and, at this writing, are still waiting to mow others.

One of our key park projects this past year, Koteewi Lake, has gained a lot of attention (see previous Chatterbox cover story). Unfortunately, the lake remains closed to the public. It was scheduled to be open by now, however, we have experienced some setbacks. An initial delay was created by excessive rainfalls. A subsequent issue involves resource management and planning. We have not yet received the results and plan from IDNR regarding the fishery. With the interest being expressed in the lake, re-evaluation of the overall management plan is underway. We ask for everyone’s patience. The last thing we want to do is create unwarranted issues by opening the lake prematurely. This aquatic resource will be a wonderful addition to the park but comes with the responsibility of providing optimum public safety. Individuals disregarding signage and trespassing onto the area, are needlessly placing themselves and the county in danger, and forcing the department to postpone opening plans until further notice. Once the final fishery plan from IDNR is received and a proper and safe management strategy is finalized, the lake will open. Again, we appreciate your patience.

On a “playful” note, we are so excited about our new playground at Cool Creek Park (see cover and details on page 5). The proposal submitted by Hamilton County’s own, Recreation Unlimited, was outstanding! The highly-regarded Noblesville firm went head-to-head with some of the nation’s largest playground companies and outclassed them with their proposal. The previous playground at Cool Creek Park was over twenty years old, surpassing the life expectancy of a playground with its visit frequency, by more than a decade! It was time. This new playground also features an innovative concept conceived right here in Hamilton County, called a SOMAstation. This new approach to play is designed to create an intergenerational play atmosphere, giving adults a place to play and socialize, while also offering the opportunity for children and adults to play together. This movement was spearheaded by Hamilton County Park Board Member, Dr. Judith Campbell, and continues to be championed by a county-wide committee. We are proud to make Cool Creek Park the first to implement this new idea. As usual, the following pages highlight the efforts of one of the nation’s finest park and recreation staffs. This dedicated and hardworking group puts forth 110% effort daily to provide the best service, programs and facilities for the citizens and visitors of Hamilton County and create the foundation for Hamilton County to continuously be recognized as the number one county in the nation for quality of life. You can read more about one of our stellar staff members on page 20.

Thank you for taking the time to enjoy this leisure guide, and as always...

SEE YOU IN THE PARKS!

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Allen W. Patterson, CPRP
Director, Hamilton County
Department of Parks and Recreation

Solar Panels at the Cool Creek Nature Center Update

View the energy generated by our solar panels on the roof of the Cool Creek Nature Center. Visit www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com and click on the Cool Creek Solar Panels link!

Snapshot taken May 28, 2019. Data generated since September 2, 2010
Visit the Cool Creek Nature Center!

There is ALWAYS something new to explore at the Cool Creek Nature Center! Annually, more than 50,000 people visit the nature center! Our exhibits, designed and created by our staff, change seasonally. Additionally, a free daily craft is offered every two weeks, scavenger hunts are available every day, and the Wildlife Viewing Area and Greenhouse are also available. While you are here, be sure to allow time for a nature hike and a stop at our popular playground and Nature Play Area! We hope you will make plans to stop in sometime this season! For more information, please call us at 317-774-2500.

**Hours:** Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Cost:** Free  
**PLEASE NOTE:** The nature center is closed on July 4 and September 2.

Native Plants for Sale

at the Cool Creek Nature Center Greenhouse

One of the most important things we as Hoosiers can do for our environment is to plant native species that support our ecosystem. To aid in this mission, a select number of native plants from trusted growers will be for sale through the growing season in the greenhouse at the Cool Creek Nature Center. Native plants are well adapted to our area because they’ve evolved here, and they support our entire ecosystem. The plants have not been treated with pesticides and are priced for the primary purpose of providing our customers with native plants for their home landscapes. Our staff is knowledgeable and can help with planting recommendations and with further education. Quantities and species will vary due to what our suppliers have available.

Please contact us at 317-774-2500 or email us at cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov for information regarding what species we are selling, or any other questions related to our sale.

**Dates:** Sale will run through October 31. Plant delivery is based on our grower’s supply. Please call the nature center to inquire about our inventory and shipments and keep an eye on the Cool Creek Nature Center Facebook page for updates on inventory.  
**Cost:** Trees $25 / Shrubs $20 / Flowers & Grasses $7  
**Location:** Cool Creek Nature Center Greenhouse during nature center hours

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Demolition began in May of this year of the beloved playground in Cool Creek Park, which had welcomed families in the community since 2000; followed quickly by construction of a new, state-of-the-art play landmark. What makes the new playground special is the collection of play elements that accommodate conventional play activities (thirteen slide options), as well as new equipment that serves children and adults in non-traditional ways.

A SOMAstation – the first of its kind in the world, will be installed on the play site. The station’s equipment is designed to encourage adults to not only be active, but to actively engage others socially, while in use.

A play share swing in which an adult and a child face one another, also enhances social interaction. Two large disc swings and two ADA swings round out the suite of purpose-inspired swings.

Several uniquely-sculpted auditory elements placed throughout the play site will allow users to create musical sounds intended to deepen their sensory experience during play.

The playground’s shelter also received a makeover, requiring a new metal roof and several coats of paint that coordinate with the color scheme of the play equipment. The shelter houses refurbished picnic tables - one of which is a turquoise table, providing yet another opportunity for socialization.

Whether you enjoy the new playground for the recreation and fun it offers or visit the site to meet and interact with others, Hamilton County Parks is excited to provide the community we serve with a whole new way to play!
Hamilton County Parks is on a mission to help monarchs. Join Cool Creek Nature Center in learning about monarchs and actively helping them!

Monarch butterfly populations steeply declined over the last decades because of loss of habitat for native plants, expanded use of pesticides and reductions in their overwintering grounds. Did you know monarch butterflies make one of the longest migrations of any species, flying over 3000 miles from North America to very specific forests in the mountains of Mexico?

We can all help by planting milkweed – the only plant that monarch caterpillars eat! Protect them by restricting use of pesticides in your yard and garden. Our efforts will not only help monarchs but are beneficial to many native insects, birds and animals. You can pick up Common Milkweed seeds for free at the nature center!

Migration Celebration 2019

Monarch butterflies are on the wing migrating through Indiana and on to their overwintering grounds in central Mexico. Celebrate this fascinating insect at the nature center. Enjoy a Mariachi band that adds the Mexican culture of celebration, The Day of the Dead, which includes the monarchs as an important symbol. Take home a milkweed plant to provide food for next year’s caterpillars. There will be music crafts, games for kids, face painting and a bounce house. If all goes as planned, we will have the opportunity to release monarch butterflies! Stay for lunch served from a local food truck.

3:00 pm: A special speaker will discuss the needs of monarchs, other butterflies, and pollinators. Learn what to plant to attract these beautiful insects.

Date: Saturday, September 21
Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Location: CCNC
Pre-registration: Not Required

Homeschool Program: The Buzz About Pollinators

We have thousands of species of native bees in North America. Did you know our native pollinators are in trouble? Buzz on in to this program to learn about our native pollinators, our forgotten pollinators, how they benefit us, and how we can help them in today’s environment.

Date: Thursday, August 29
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Ages: 3rd-12th grade
Cost: Free
Location: CCNC
Pre-registration: Preferred. Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

The Buzz About Pollinators

Have you heard about our native bees? Did you know our native pollinators are in trouble? Buzz on in to this program to learn about our pollinators, our forgotten pollinators, how they benefit us and how we can help them in today’s environment.

Date: Thursday, September 5
Time: 6:30 pm
Ages: Adults and older students
Cost: Free
Location: CCNC
Pre-registration: Not Required
Pajama-Rama

Put on your cutest pair of pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack up an old blanket, and join us for Pajama-Rama! Families looking for a fun program to enjoy with their toddlers and preschoolers will love the music educator from Moriah Music, who will lead us in songs and stories about some of our favorite animals.

**Dates:** August 9, September 6, October 4  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Ages:** Best for families with children ages 1-7  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Preferred. Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

HomESCHOOL Hikers

Plan a break from the books to learn about nature and get your kids outside. We will discuss a nature topic and then explore the woods and prairie. Kids that spend time in nature are happier, healthier and smarter!

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Preferred. Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Go for a Creek Hike

**Date:** Tuesday, August 20  
**Time:** 1:00 pm

Fall Bird Migration

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17  
**Time:** 1:00 pm

Monarchs

**Date:** Tuesday, October 22  
**Time:** 1:00 pm

Summer is turning into fall already and it’s story time again! The plants and animals are getting ready to say hello to the fall with its beautiful leaves and cooler temperatures and last forest crop of the season. We would love to have you come and join us for a nature inspired storytime! We will read a story, do a kid’s craft, have a snack and go on a short hike (weather permitting).

**Dates:** Wednesday, August 14  
   Wednesday, September 4  
   Wednesday, October 2  
   Wednesday, November 6  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Ages:** Ages 3 to 5  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Required. Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
**Costume Swap**

Re-boo!  
Re-wear!  
Re-Scare!

Join us for our Halloween costume swap! Bring an unwanted costume or costume accessory and SWAP it for another one. This is a great way to reuse costumes that no longer fit and save money at the same time!

Please note the following:
- Please only bring costumes that are clean and in good condition.
- Any make-up/facade paint donated must be sealed/unused.
- If you are unable to find a re-used costume you would like to swap for, you may donate your costume or reclaim your original costume - if it has not already been claimed by someone else.
- Feel free to donate costumes without swapping.
- For more information, please contact us at 317-774-2500.

**Dates:** Saturday, October 12  
Saturday, October 19  
**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
**Ages:** Families  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Not Required

**Fall Break Programs**

**Owls of Indiana**

Mark Booth with Take Flight Wildlife Education will be visiting the nature center and bringing a few owls that are found in Indiana. He’ll share some of the amazing adaptations that these birds have!

**Date:** Wednesday, October 16  
**Time:** 11:00 am  
**Ages:** Best for school-aged children  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Not Required

**Creepy Critters with Snakehead Ed**

Snakes, tarantulas, and scorpions can give anyone a creepy-crawly feeling! Snakehead Ed isn’t afraid of them! He will be sharing these critters with guests and busting many of the myths people have about these fascinating creatures.

**Date:** Thursday, October 17  
**Time:** 11:00 am  
**Ages:** Best for school-aged children  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Not Required

**Nocturnal Animals**

Indiana WILD will join us for a program all about animals of the night! These highly adaptive nocturnal creatures are as interesting as they are unusual.

**Date:** Friday, October 18  
**Time:** 11:00 am  
**Ages:** Best for school-aged children  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Not Required

**Home School Program**

**Fall’s Fruits and Leaves**

Have you seen the “Indiana Banana”? Tasted a native persimmon from Indiana? Smell the leaves of the “Indiana Forsythia” aka Spicebush? Have you seen palmate or double compound leaves? Come join us as we feel, smell, taste and see Indiana’s treasures of the fall! After the presentation we will go on a hike to look for these gems in the woods. Dress for the weather!

**Date:** Monday, October 28  
**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Ages:** 3rd grade - adults  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** CCNC  
**Pre-registration:** Required. Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park is fun for the whole family! Spooky, yet-age-appropriate Halloween activities will be offered for children ranging from preschool to school-ages and their families! You are welcome to come in your costumes and enjoy nature interpretation, entertainment, a hayride, food for purchase, and activities for the little ones as they trick-or-treat their way through this spooky event.

- Hayride
- Craft stations
- Spooky nature trail
- Halloween games
- Live owls with a wildlife educator
- Monster Mash dance area
- Marshmallows at the campfire ring

Date: Thursday, October 24
Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ages: Families
Cost: FREE
Location: CCNC
Pre-registration: Not Required

Please bring a non-perishable or canned food item to donate to Amanda Strong Food for the Needy.

Community Seed Day
If you are looking for some neat landscaping ideas using native Indiana plants, you and your family will not want to miss Community Seed Day! Guests are welcome to collect seeds from our prairie and native flower beds to use in their landscaping at home. A naturalist will be available to assist in identification and germinating tips.

Ages: Best for all ages
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: Not Required

Strawtown Koteewi Park:
Date: Saturday, October 12
Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cool Creek Park:
Date: Saturday, October 19
Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
STRAWTOWN KOTEWEI PARK’S

Adventure Area

Children’s Garden Tour at Coxhall Gardens

Take a tour of the Children’s Garden at Coxhall Gardens and discover the inspiration behind this magical little spot. All sorts of ideas went into designing this children’s area, and our naturalist will let you in on the story as we walk around and “play.” This program will meet at the entrance of the Children’s Garden.

**Dates:** Thursday, July 18  
Thursday, August 15  
Thursday, September 5  
Thursday, October 17

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Ages:** Parents and their children

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** CHG

**Pre-registration:** Not Required

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**Holly Jolly Jamboree**

Come be merry with us as we welcome Mrs. Claus and the jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. The Claus’s will be available for pictures throughout the program. Jingle John of Silly Safaris will be presenting his Animals of the North Pole program which will include several animals that like the cold weather, including a reindeer! Crafts and cookies will also be available!

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2019

**Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Ages:** All children and adults that believe in Santa Claus

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** CCNC

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**Koteewi Range**

Sport & Target Archery Center

*Operated by Tony Girt*

Start your archery adventure with us! Koteewi Range provides five special purpose ranges for all ages and levels of archery experience...from beginner to pro! Bring your own equipment or we’ll rent you ours. Koteewi Range offers camps, classes, lessons, parties, team-building activities and archery tournaments.

**RANGE RATES**

1 Hour on Target Range: $10

$2 each additional hour

Add $8 for bow rental

3D Trail: $12

Please call for annual membership, group and party rates.

**317-776-8472**

koteewiarchery.com

Range Manager, Tony Girt

tonygirt@koteewiarchery.com

**SEASONAL HOURS**

Spring - Early Fall: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

7 days per week

Late Fall - Winter: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursdays - Sundays

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Guests to Strawtown Koteewi Park’s unique Adventure Area should prepare for recreational activities that will excite, entertain, educate and encourage visits back to the park, time and time again. Whether riding trails atop majestic horses, mastering treetop courses 60’ in the air, or sending an arrow skillfully toward its target at a blistering speed, these Adventure Area attractions will not only generate tons of heart-pounding excitement, they’ll provide special memories that will last a lifetime!

The Adventure Area can be found along Koteewi Drive, off Essig Road, located on the eastern boundary of the park.
Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park

The Taylor Center of Natural History is open daily! Visitors are invited to discover the colorful local history that stretches thousands of years into the past. Artifacts recovered by professional archaeologists in previous excavations are on display in our exhibit room. More than nine miles of trails are open, so don’t forget your hiking shoes and sense of adventure! Group tours or presentations can also be arranged by calling 317-774-2574.

**Hours:** Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm • Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Cost:** Free

**NOTE:** Taylor Center is closed on July 4 and September 2.

Strawtown Enclosure - Native American Village Tours

Our interpretive staff conducts tours of the Strawtown Enclosure, a Native American village that was inhabited over 700 years ago. During these tours we will discuss the Native Americans who built and used the enclosure and see some of the artifacts recovered by archaeologists. The tours begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History and include a short stroll to the village site. For more information, please contact us at 317-774-2574.

**Dates:**
- Saturdays at 11:00 am
- Sundays at 2:00 pm

**NOTE:** Tours will not be offered during the month of September due to Archaeology Month programming.

Preschool Story Hour

We hope all our preschool friends will join us for our monthly preschool story hour. Story hour includes a craft, activity and of course a story!

**Dates:**
- Thursday, July 11: Moths
- Thursday, Aug 8: Rocks
- Thursday, September 12: Spiders
- Thursday, October 10: Bats

**Time:** 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Ages:** Older preschoolers ages 3-5

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** TCNH

**Pre-registration:** Required. Register by calling 317-774-2574 or emailing taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Three Sisters Garden

Come visit our Native American Three Sisters Garden during the productive summer months. Our interpretive gardener will be available to share our successes and challenges and answer any questions about seed-saving and organic gardening.

**Dates:**
- Thursday, July 11, 18, 25
- Thursday, Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children and adults

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** TCNH

**Registration:** Not Required
Celebrate National Moth Week with Us!

National Moth Week takes place during the last full week of July and we don’t want you to miss out on the fun! We invite you to spend a relaxed evening at Strawtown Koteewi Park trying to catch a glimpse of these beautiful and sometimes elusive, nocturnal creatures. National Moth Week is an opportunity to become a Citizen Scientist and celebrate the beauty, life cycles, and habitats of moths. We will be “sugaring for moths” and doing a very basic light set up to try to attract moths.

Date: Saturday, July 27
Time: 9:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Ages: Best for older children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Preferred. Register by calling 317-774-2574 or emailing taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

En Plein Air Painting

Join us at beautiful Strawtown Koteewi Park for an evening of outdoor painting. Participants in this informal painting series will receive basic painting instruction from professional artist David Johnson. Participants will be encouraged to select their own subject matter from the surroundings of the park. Please bring your own canvas, brushes and paints. We have a limited supply of easels to share, if you have your own, please bring it, as well as your favorite beverage or picnic dinner.

Dates: Thursday, July 18
Thursday, August 15
Thursday, September 19
Thursday, October 17
Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Preferred. Register by calling 317-774-257 or emailing taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Herb of the Year!

It’s not too late to learn about the Herb of the Year, Anise Hyssop (Agastache foeniculum). A member of the Herb Society of Central Indiana will visit TCNH, explaining how this Indiana native is neither Anise nor a Hyssop. (Confused?) Being an herb, it has multiple uses ranging from culinary to medicinal. It is a favorite among pollinators and makes quite a statement in the garden. A small snack that incorporates the herb will be provided, as well as recipes and resources for further study. Come learn about this unsung hero of the herbs, Anise Hyssop.

Date: Saturday, July 13
Time: 7:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Required. Register by calling 317-774-2574 or emailing taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Geology Open House

Come and join the Taylor Center of Natural History staff for our annual Geology Open House! Learn about the geology of Indiana and the various minerals, rock types, and fossils that are found in our state. There will be hands-on activities, samples and specimens on display throughout the day.

Date: Saturday, August 17
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Preferred. Register by calling 317-774-2574 or emailing taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
Hamilton County Parks offers tours of the Coxhall Mansion and Museum, located on the stately grounds of Coxhall Gardens. The tours cover the history of the mansion, an architectural replica, the grounds and the Cox family and others that have played a role in the creation of one of Hamilton County’s most prestigious residences. Tours are free, but registration is required. Please call 317-770-4400 for details or if special accommodations are needed.

**Dates/Time:**
- Wednesday, July 17 – 10 am
- Thursday, August 15 – 10 am
- Tuesday, September 10 – 5 pm
- Wednesday, October 9 – 10 am

**Ages:** All are welcome, but the 2-hour tour is not conducive for young children.

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** CHG

**Pre-registration:** Required. Call 317-770-4400.

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### Coxhall Mansion and Museum Tours

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### Summer Foraging

The heat of summer ripens wild fruits and nuts, giving humans and wildlife alike abundant foraging options. In this workshop with herbalist Greg Monzel of Wild Persimmon School of Wellness, we’ll discover what’s in season, taste and harvest wild foods, and with any luck, make a harvest to share together. Greg will share tips for processing and preserving wild foods and medicinal herbs. We hope you will join us way down yonder in the pawpaw patch.

**Date:** Saturday, August 24

**Time:** 10 am – 1 pm

**Ages:** Best for school-aged children and adults

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** TCNH

**Registration:** Required. Register by calling 317-774-2576 or emailing christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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### Nature Trunks on Loan at the Cool Creek Nature Center

We have five trunks available for area educators to use as an additional resource for their classes! These kits make a great addition to any classroom or program that focuses on Indiana wildlife. Educators including scout leaders, teachers, and homeschool families are all eligible to borrow the trunks. The trunks were originally put together by educational professionals formally at the DNR Natural Resources Educational Center.

**The trunks available are:**

- **The Wildlife Trunk** consists of a variety of native skulls/bones, shells, skins, mounts, track molds and cards.

- **The Tree-mendous Tree Trunk** includes many books, field guides, lesson plans, activity ideas, movies, wood samples and posters.

- **The Fur File** includes fifteen real mammal furs with corresponding fact cards, additional lesson plans and resources for educators.

- **The Bird Trunk** includes bird skulls, silhouettes, bird books, and other bird-related education materials.

- **The Go FishIN’ Kit** contains fishing rods, reels, games, fishing tackle, and related literature. Note: Crew Captains only.

The nature trunks are available to borrow, free of charge, and are scheduled for use on a first-contact-first serve basis. Contact Holly Faust at 317-776-8412 or email holly.faust@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions and/or to check on the availability for your upcoming program!
Cool Creek Campfires

Join us around the Cool Creek campfire ring for songs, presentations, and marshmallows. Cindy Baney, music educator with Moriah Music, will start the evening off with music. Special speakers will then entertain guests each week with topics about snakes, birds, turtles, and more. Hang out with your family and friends during these special Wednesday evenings. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

Dates: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Time: 7:00 pm
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Location: CCP (north side of the park)
Pre-registration: Not Required

Pioneer Fall Fest

Join the Taylor Center of Natural History staff at our historic red barn for a day of pioneer fun! Join our “quilting bee,” make a corn husk doll, fresh butter, and learn all about pioneer plants with community herbalist Greg Monzel. Storytelling with professional storyteller Bob Sanders is back again this year!

Date: Saturday, October 19
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Pre-registration: Not Required

Indiana Jim: Reptile Experience / July 3
Indiana Jim’s wide assortment of reptiles and amphibians are sure to surprise, teach, fascinate, and intrigue you!

All-American Animals / July 10
Celebrate our country’s birthday with Coyote Chris of Silly Safaris. Animals that get us excited about our independence will be featured!

Baby! It’s Wild Outside / July 17
Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators will talk with us about the do’s and dont’s of wildlife that we might encounter in our communities. Some of their own rehabilitated animals will be on hand to help us understand when our help is needed and when it is harmful for wildlife... and us!

Reptiles with Rex Morrell / July 24
Welcome first time campfire presenter, Rex Morrell and his famous monitor lizard, “Squishy” and many of her reptile friends to the park. Rex will be bringing some of his largest and most charismatic reptiles to share with the audience!

REALLY Dangerous Animals / July 31
Amazon John with Silly Safaris is back with some REALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS! Be sure to make it to this exhilarating show.

Garlic Isn’t the Only Herb Needed at Halloween

Got mugwort or elderberry? A member of the Herb Society of Central Indiana will discuss herbs used in old and current Halloween traditions. We will have a "make and take" craft that reflects the theme of the afternoon. There will be soul cakes to sample. Recipes and resources will be provided for further brewing your concoctions at home. Family friendly costumes are welcomed, but certainly not mandatory. It is an afternoon of learning and crafting.

Date: Saturday, October 27
Time: 1:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Pre-registration: Required. Register by calling 317-774-2574 or emailing taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
Indiana’s Archaeology Month Celebration at Strawtown Koteewi Park

Our tradition of celebrating Indiana’s Archaeology Month continues in 2019 at Strawtown Koteewi Park! We will host a variety of opportunities for groups and individuals alike. Our activities will bring to life the daily events of Strawtown Koteewi Park’s original inhabitants by combining the research gleaned from 15+ years of archaeological investigations with historical and contemporary accounts of the life-ways of Indiana’s Native peoples. Demonstrations will be paired with hands-on opportunities for visitors of all ages. The various activities are sure to engage all the senses while also educating our patrons about Native American culture and history!

Group Scheduling:
Schedule your group today for a fun, educational experience! Our staff and partners will be conducting programs during select days during the last two weeks of September. Please call, 317-774-2501 to register soon in order to reserve space for your group.

Dates: September 1 – October 4
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Pre-registration: Required. Register by calling 317-774-2501 email Amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Lecture Series

From Florida to Indiana: The Journey of a Working Archaeologist

Archaeologist Sean Coughlin will trace his archaeology career from its beginnings to present. He will cover different ways he has been employed as an archaeologist to the diverse research he has conducted. In his thirty-six years in archaeology he has worked in much of the Midwest, Southeast and southern plains working on both prehistoric and historic sites dating between 13,000 years ago to fifty years ago. He has conducted research on private collections, and his specialty is Zooarchaeology, the study of animal bones from archaeological sites.

Presenter: Sean Coughlin participated in his first archaeological field school with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in 1983. He received a B.A. in Anthropology, with an emphasis in Archaeology in 1991. He then continued his education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he received his M.A. in 1996 and specialized in Zooarchaeology and is currently a project archaeologist with the Applied Anthropologies Laboratories in the Department of Anthropology at Ball State University.

Date: Saturday, September 7
Time: 1:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Not required

Lecture Series

An Overview of Archaeological Investigations of the I-69 Corridor, Indiana

Since 2004, Gray & Pape, Inc. has conducted archaeological inventory, evaluation, and data recovery efforts in support of the I-69 Corridor Project. Other investigations have included assessing the potential for buried archaeological sites in floodplain settings. The presentation will provide a general overview of archaeological work conducted for the I-69 Corridor Project and will focus on three specific archaeological investigations conducted in Greene and Morgan counties, Indiana.

Presenter: Patrick Trader has been a principal investigator for Gray & Pape for thirteen years. He is responsible for supervising archaeological inventory, evaluation and data recovery projects. Trader has been involved in conducting archaeological studies for the I-69 Project Corridor for ten years. Trader has an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a focus on Prehistoric Archaeology. Trader is currently the president of the Indiana Archaeology Council.

Date: Saturday, September 14
Time: 1:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Not required

For more information, visit taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or myhamiltoncountyparks.com.
The Archaeology of Sewers and Waste Management in 19th and 20th-Century Indianapolis

This lecture examines the history of sewer and trash service in late-19th and 20th-century Indianapolis focusing on archaeological evidence from the city’s near-Westside. The lecture discusses the complex range of sewer technologies and waste management practices in the city since the Civil War and patterns of environmental injustice that placed working-class and African-American residents in the city’s most unhealthy conditions.

Presenter: Paul R. Mullins, Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Past-President, Society for Historical Archaeology, Docent, University of Oulu (Finland)

Date: Saturday, September 21
Time: 1:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Not required

Hands-on Archaeology Fun

Hands-on archaeology opportunities will be taking place through Archaeology Month! Each will be a chance for the curious of all ages to do a little “experimental” archaeology!

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Pre-registration: Not Required

The Ellingsworth Site (12CL127):
Further Phase II Evaluation and Delineation of a Small Mississippian Circular Hamlet in Clark County, Indiana.

The Ellingsworth Site, (12CL127) located in Clark County, Indiana has had ongoing periodic archaeological investigations since first recorded in the 1970s. The site appears to be a small Mississippian circular village or hamlet that lies very near the large Smith-Sutton Site, a palisaded Mississippian village. This presentation will discuss new radiocarbon dates recovered for site 12CL127, two partially investigated structures, and the botanical analysis of feature contents. There is also a Late Woodland component at the site that centers on a large sinkhole.

Presenter: Anne Bader has over forty years of experience in archaeology and cultural resources management. Experienced in both prehistoric and historical archaeology, she has served as principal investigator for the full range of archaeological investigations. Ms. Bader is the owner of Corn Island Archaeology LLC, located in the Falls of the Ohio River area of north-central Kentucky and southern Indiana. Ms. Bader is committed to public archaeology and education. In 2002, she formed the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society (FOAS), an award-winning professional/amateur/student alliance that has attracted interested membership from three states. In 2004, she was awarded the Indiana Archaeology Award.

Date: Saturday, September 28
Time: 1:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Not required

Animal Bones and Atlatls
Tasting the Past and "Sweet" Excavations

Date: Saturday, September 7
Date: Saturday, September 21

Petroglyphs and Pictographs
Coil Clay Pots and Pottery Puzzle

Date: Saturday, September 14
Date: Saturday, September 28
A number of the archaeology programs listed in this section would benefit from the assistance provided by volunteers. If you “dig” archaeology and would like to help, please call 317-774-2509 or visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

Archaeology in Action

Ask an Expert - Collection Identification Day

Join Professional Archaeologist Jeff Plunket and the Wapahani Archaeological Association for an afternoon of collection identification. Guests are encouraged to bring in their own personal collections to have identified by a professional archaeologist and members of Indiana’s newest avocational archaeological association.

Date: Saturday, September 21
Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Registration: Not Required

FlintKnapping Demonstration

In celebration of Archaeology month, we are excited to welcome flintknapper Kevin Wyckoff. Kevin will demonstrate flintknapping using both traditional and modern techniques and tools. He will also help interested individuals learn how to make their own tools on a budget. Kevin specializes in making Mississippian arrowheads, but has experimented making a wide variety of stone stools. Stop by to learn more about this fascinating skill!

Date: Saturday, September 21
Time: 12:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children and adults
Cost: Free
Location: TCNH
Pre-Registration: Not Required
Beginning Bird Hikes

Birds are fascinating and watching them can be an awe-inspiring experience. However, catching a glimpse of these gorgeous creatures can be frustrating and learning how to identify all of them can be overwhelming! Join our naturalist staff and other guest leaders (when available) Sunday and Wednesday mornings and we will learn together. This will be a great opportunity for bird-watchers of all levels. You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Pre-registration is not required. Don’t forget your binoculars!

Cool Creek Park: These hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park; past the nature center.

Dates: July 10, 14, 17, 22, 24, 28, 31
   August 11, 14, 21, 25, 28
   September 8, 11, 18, 25
   October 6, 9, 16, 20, 23, 30

Time: 8:30 am
Ages: Adults and older children
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: Not Required

Strawtown Koteewi Park: These hikes will meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: July 3; August 7; September 4; October 2

Time: 8:30 am
Ages: Adults and older children
Cost: Free
Pre-registration: Not Required

Saturday Morning Fall Migration Bird Hikes

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their annual trip south this fall. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. Hurry! Some birds will not stay around long. After the hike, stop by the Nature Center’s Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts. Don’t forget your binoculars! Fall migration bird hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park.

Dates: August 31; September 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 8:00 am
Ages: Adults and older children
Cost: Free
Location: CCP
Pre-registration: Not Required

Fall Flower Hike

Walk the trails of Cool Creek Park with a naturalist in search of fall wildflowers. We will explore both our prairie and forest habitats for these seasonal flowers. The group will discuss medicinal and edible attributes of the flowers as well as folklore that may be associated with them. This hike begins inside the nature center.

Date: Saturday, September 14
Time: 10:00 am
Ages: Adults
Cost: Free
Location: CCP
Pre-registration: Not Required

Be a Parks Volunteer!

Volunteering for Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department can be a fun and rewarding experience! Volunteer opportunities include general park upkeep, assisting with special events, helping with gardening, caring for the nature center’s wildlife friends, greenhouse tending, landscaping, cleaning, socializing, educating and more. We welcome individuals and groups of all sizes and will work to find activities that are a good fit with your interests, skills and schedule.

Look for the volunteer symbol throughout this issue of The Chatterbox to find programs and events that offer volunteer activities, or contact us if you want to learn about other opportunities! To volunteer, please call 317-774-2509 or contact us at volunteer@myhamiltoncountyparks.com.
20th Annual Potter’s Bridge Fall Festival

Enjoy a special autumn day at Potter’s Bridge Park during the 20th Annual Potter’s Bridge Fall Festival. Listen to live music, visit the more than seventy arts, crafts, and food booths, watch your little ones play in the KidZone, or simply take in the natural beauty of Noblesville’s most scenic park on the White River Greenway Trail.

Date: Saturday, October 5
Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Cost: Free to the public, $30 for 10x10 booth space*
Location: PBP

*Are you an arts and crafts vendor interested in selling your creations? To learn more about this unique vending opportunity or to register, call 317-770-4400 or visit the forms link on our website at myhamiltoncountyparks.com. Hurry, deadline is August 30, 2019.

HCPR Staff Shoutout: Kyle Stocks

Kyle Stocks is celebrating his fifth year of service with Hamilton County Parks this year. HCPR is blessed to have him in the position of Equipment Operator, based out of Cool Creek Park. Kyle expertly operates an assortment of mechanical equipment. He has repair skills in a wide range of trades, including electrical, carpentry, and plumbing. Additionally, he applies his landscaping talents when beautifying our parks. Kyle recently became the fourth professional on staff to earn his National Playground Safety Inspector certification. Of all the skills Kyle possesses, perhaps his greatest is his ability to bring a smile to anyone he encounters throughout the day. He is a true steward of our park properties and facilities. His passion for providing outstanding service with a pleasant attitude benefits our staff and our entire Hamilton County community.

Thank you Kyle!
We need you. It’s as simple as that. We need you. If you are reading this, you understand the value of having a great park system, of having access to great parks. You don’t need to be convinced. Why do we need you? Because taxpayer dollars can’t keep up with improvements to your parks and creating new parks. We need you.

You are most likely aware of this, but Hamilton County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. That growth is tied to some wonderful quality of life changes. We have amazing restaurants, companies are flocking to our area to establish corporate headquarters, cultural opportunities abound. Of what you are most likely NOT aware, is an eye-opening observation made in the Indiana DNR 2016-2020 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The report recommends that, based on Hamilton County’s current population, we should have roughly 6,000 acres of parkland. Where are we? Right now we have approximately 3,600 acres of parkland, a little more than half of the recommended amount. Startling, right?

So what can you do? You can support the Friends of Hamilton County Parks. It’s easy. The simplest way? Just donate. Go online, donate. Or, write us a check. But donate. Every dollar you contribute goes to parks improvement. Or you can have fun WHILE donating. We are staging On Par for Parks - a golf tournament that will be held at the prestigious Crooked Stick Golf Course on September 16th. So, you and three of your friends can enjoy a great day of outdoor fellowship and golf, and support the parks. More tournament details may be found in this issue of The Chatterbox.

Have an idea about how our parks can be even better? Call me, e-mail me, 317.750.6198 or johnscottfoster@friendshcp.org. Let’s have a conversation. Let’s work together to make our parks the best they can be and to get a little closer to that 6,000 acres of necessary parkland. Thank you!

Warmest regards,

John Scott Foster, PhD
Executive Director

P.S. Want to get together to talk about parks, the Friends and our plans for the future? Contact me at 317.750.6198 or at johnscottfoster@friendshcp.org.
Summer Nature Programs

Hey kids! Here is your chance to explore Cool Creek and have some summertime fun. These one-and-a-half-hour programs will feature a craft, nature activity or game, and a performance by the camp staff. Each activity is related to the topic of the day.

**Monday, July 1 / Trees**
Trees are the biggest plants on the planet. Come and appreciate this mighty resource.

**Tuesday, July 2 / Insectamania**
We’ve gotta give bugs hugs… it makes a world of difference. Discover the beauty in these cuddly critters.

**Wednesday, July 3 / Creek Stomp**
The creek has so many cool critters to discover. Put on some old shoes and enjoy wonders in the water.

**Friday, July 5 / Turtles!**
Since before the dinosaurs, turtles roamed the world. Check out these amazing animals.

**Times:**
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Ages:** 3 - 10

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** CCNC

**Pre-registration:** Required. Register by calling 317-774-2500 or emailing cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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Enjoy FREE concert performances 5 - 7 p.m. on the terraced, amphitheater seating surrounding the stately Centerpiece in Coxhall Gardens. Concerts are staged on Sundays in September. Guests are invited to bring their lawn chairs or blankets for comfort.

**Dates:**
- Sunday, September 1 - TBD
- Sunday, September 8 - Stella Luna and the Satellites
- Sunday, September 15 - Rodney Stepp and The Steppin' Out Band
- Sunday, September 22 - Emily Ann Thompson Jazz Quartet
- Sunday, September 29 - Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Ages:** All

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** CHG

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www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com
Sheridan Long Rd.

The park staff will occasionally take pictures of participants at our parks, programs, and special events. Photos may be used in future publications or online for marketing purposes. If you do not want your picture taken, please inform the photographer.
Operating Dates: April 15 - October 31, 2019
Location: 11299 East 234th Street, Cicero, IN 46034
Amenities:
• 100 modern campsites
• 7 primitive campsites
• water, electric & sewer hook-ups
• camp store, includes bait and tackle
• recreation room
• restrooms/shower facility
• laundry facility
• playground
• picnic shelter
• White River access
• WiFi
• Historic Bridges connecting guests to Strawtown Koteewi Park and the Adventure Area

Reservations are accepted 365 days in advance. Please call 317-770-4430 to make your reservation...today!
SORRY – NO REFUNDS.

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Throughout the 2019 season, White River Campground will offer quality entertainment and activities that are designed to add to the enjoyment of the camping experience for the entire family! For specific details regarding the following campground events and programming, please call 317-770-4430.

Saturday July 6 // Fourth of July Entertainment
Saturday July 20 // Kids Day Magic Show
Saturday Aug 3 // Family Fun Day - TBD
Saturday Aug 31 // Labor Day Weekend Entertainment
Saturday Sept 14 // Family Fun Day - TBD
Saturday Oct 5 // WRC Halloween Festivities
Saturday Oct 12 // Year End Pitch-In Dinner
Saturday Oct 31 // Closing for the Season

Hamilton County Parks and the Friends of Hamilton County Parks thank these corporate partners who support us in our efforts to provide quality parks, facilities, nature education, programs and recreation to our community.
Osprey Pointe Pavilion

Planning a shower, wedding reception, or any other special event? Our indoor rental facility at Morse Park and Beach offers a lodge-like setting and is available for private functions. Osprey Pointe is located on the banks of Morse Reservoir with a scenic view. The facility’s seating capacity is 101 people and features a kitchenette and restrooms.

- **Facility Rental Rate:** $160.50 for 4 hours
- **Non-resident Rate:** $240.75 for 4 hours
- **Additional Hours:** $42.80 per hour
- **Damage Deposit:** $100
- **Alcohol Deposit:** $400

Rental rates include an on-site security guard and use of all tables and chairs.

Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion

Looking for a beautiful and serene location to hold your upcoming wedding and reception? The Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion are now ready to rent for weddings, wedding receptions, and any other special event you may have on your calendar. Rental is available from April through October.

For more information and to rent this facility, please call Ritz Charles at 317-846-9158 or visit ritzcharles.com.

Cool Creek Nature Center Auditorium

For a uniquely natural event venue, consider the Cool Creek Nature Center Auditorium. The auditorium’s capacity is 140. Alcohol is prohibited and a contract is required. Call 317-774-2500 for rates, availability and complete details.

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Park Shelters

Looking for a place to have a picnic and enjoy your summer? Our affordable picnic shelters are a perfect place to have a get-together! Shelter rental is available from May 1st until September 30th.

- Shelter rentals are for all-day use.
- No refunds
- Cash, check, money order, and all major credit cards

Please call 317-770-4400 for rental information.
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Su 1  a. Coxhall Concert: Band TBD – 5pm CHG
b. Archaeology Month Begins (9/1 through 10/4) – 10am – TCNH
M 2  Labor Day – Facilities Closed
W 4  a. Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – SKP
  b. Storytime at Cool Creek – 10:30am CCNC
Tu 5  a. Children’s Garden Tour – 11am – CHG
  b. The Buzz About Pollinators – 6:30pm CCNC
F 6  Pajama-Rama – 7pm – CCNC
Sa 7  a. Migratory Bird Hike – 8am – CCP
  b. Animal Bones and Atlatls – Hands-on Archaeology – 2pm – TCNH
  c. Journey of a Working Archaeologist 1pm – TCNH
  d. Archaeology Fun: Tasting the Past 2pm – TCNH
Su 8  a. Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – CCP
  b. Coxhall Concert: Stella Luna and the Satellites – 5pm – CHG
Tu 10 Coxhall Mansion and Museum Tour 5pm – CHG
W 11  Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – CCP
Th 12  Preschool Story Hour – 11am – TCNH
Sa 14  a. Migratory Bird Hike – 8am – CCP
  b. Fall Flower Hike – 10am – CCP
  c. Archaeological Investigations of I-69 Corridor – 1pm – TCNH
  d. Petroglyphs and Pictographs – Hands on Archaeology – 2pm – TCNH
  e. Archaeology Fun: Atlatls – 2pm – TCNH
  f. Family Fun Times – WRCG
Su 15 Coxhall Concert: Rodney Stepp and the Steppin’ Out Band – 5pm – CHG
M 16  On Par for Parks Golf Tournament Crooked Stick Golf Club
Tu 17 Homeschool Hikers (Fall Bird Migration) 1pm – CCNC
W 18  Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – CCP
Th 19  En Plein Air Painting – 6pm – TCNH
Sa 21  a. Migratory Bird Hike – 8am – CCP
  b. Monarch Migration Celebration – 11am CCNC
  c. Ask an Expert – 11am – TCNH
  d. Flintkipping Demo – 12pm – TCNH
  e. Archaeology of Waste 19-20th Century 1pm – TCNH
  f. Archaeology Fun: “Sweet” Excavations 2pm - TCNH

October

Su 22  a. Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – CCP
  b. Coxhall Concert: Emily Ann Thompson Jazz Quartet – 5pm – CHG
W 25  Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – CCP
Sa 28  a. Migratory Bird Hike – 8am – CCP
  b. Ellingsworth Site Lecture – 1pm TCNH
  c. Archaeology Fun: Coil Clay Pots – 2pm TCNH
Su 29  Coxhall Concert: Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra – 5pm – CHG

Th 24  Little Haunt on the Prairie – 5pm CCP
Sa 26  Enclosure Tour – 11am – TCNH
Su 27  a. Enclosure Tour – 2pm – TCNH
b. Garlic Isn’t the Only Herb Needed at Halloween – 1pm – TCNH
M 28  Fall’s Fruits and Leaves Homeschool Program – 1pm – CCNC
W 30  Beginning Bird Hike – 8:30am – CCP
Th 31  a. Greenhouse Plant Sale Ends – CCNC
  b. Family Fun Times – WRCG

KEY

Su – Sunday  Bray Family Homestead Park (BFHP)
M – Monday  Cool Creek Nature Center (CCNC)
Tu – Tuesday  Coxhall Gardens (CHG)
W – Wednesday  Geist Park (GP)
Th – Thursday  Lafayette Trace Park (LTP)
F – Friday  Morse Park & Beach (MPB)
P – Saturday  Potter’s Bridge Park (PBP)
Sa – Sunday  River Road Park (RRP)
         Riverwood Canoe Landing (RLC)
         Roorkerry Preserve (RP)
         Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP)
         Taylor Center of Natural History (TCNH)
         White River Campground (WRCG)

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