Venture Out!

Programs & Events for all ages!

Inspiring people to be stewards of the natural world
We are pleased to welcome new board members Kristy LeVasseur and Christopher Rishko. Kristy currently works in internal communications at Hemlock Semiconductor and her entire career has been about connecting people in the communications, marketing, and business development spaces primarily for the chamber of commerce, construction, and higher education industries. She has worked extensively in community event management, skilled trades outreach, public relations, recruiting and membership management. She holds a BS in journalism from Central Michigan University and a secondary teaching certification from Saginaw Valley State University.

Of her upcoming board service, she said, “I have always been a fan of CNC, their outstanding programs, beautiful scenery, and excellent staff are among the best organizations we have in Midland. During the pandemic...I truly understood the value of CNC and I wanted to start giving back more broadly to my community. I started evaluating what organizations aligned with my values and ones that this community should never live without, and CNC was definitely on this list. For a community to maintain their high quality of living, good people need to offer their time and talent to keep their community gems in place. From Nature Preschool to the great programming for the public, CNC has so many gifts to offer, it’s an honor to join this team of people to help keep it as one of the best places in Midland.”

Chris Rishko currently serves as the Director of Talent Solutions, Michigan Economic Development Corp where he works to develop and implement systems and strategies to provide a long-term talent pipeline that helps employers meet their workforce objectives. Additionally, Chris is a retired Air Force officer with 22 years’ experience as an Air Battle Manager in multiple command and control weapons systems. Chris holds graduate degrees from Central Michigan University and Northwood University and he and his wife Sara live in Midland with their 4 children.

Chris shared the following about his connection to CNC, “When deciding to…relocate back to Midland, Chippewa Nature Center was one of the main considerations that highlighted Midland as a place we wanted to raise our family. Since then, seldom a week passed that our family did not participate in the many great activities CNC has to offer. Every summer all 4 of our children engage in multiple camps as well as many other events offered at the Nature Center. For me, service on the board is an opportunity to serve this outstanding entity and give something back to an organization that has provided me and my family with such joy.”

Welcome to the Board of Directors!

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Summer! The flowers are blooming and the bees are buzzin’. Long sunny days turn into warm summer nights. Shades of green beckon us outside to discover nature. For farmers, summer is a busy season with exhaustive work to do growing our food. Days are spent cultivating and planting, weeding, harvesting, taking produce to the market and tending the animals on the farm. We invite you to visit our historic homestead farm and experience what planting and growing season was like in the 1870s.

The sheep in their paddock will greet you as you enter the homestead. Visit the cabin and try your hand at household task, such as doing laundry in a wash basin, rug beating or collecting water at the water pump. Learn about the herb garden and how the farm family used these fragrant plants to season food and for routine medical needs. As you venture further into the farmstead to the timber frame barn, you can participate in important farm activities such as rope making or learn about the tool’s farmers used. Visit the wagon barn to see corn being ground to feed the chickens and take a moment to say hello to the pigs and the cow.

Explore the Heirloom Garden and learn about the importance of heirloom plants as you discover the varieties of vegetables and flowers growing there. Young visitors will enjoy the Children’s Garden where they can help plant, weed and harvest vegetables. Your exploration of the Homestead will take you to the fields where you can see the crops growing and perhaps try your hand at planting some corn.

Join CNC staff and volunteers Sunday afternoons from June 4 through August 27 from 1-5 pm for a relaxing trip into a humbler time and discover how people used the resources of the land to sustain their families and to help build our community. Enjoy Homestead Sunday’s at your own pace, weekly themes offer new discoveries each visit! To learn more, visit www.chippewanaturecenter.org/homestead-sundays.

Sundays June-August
FREE • 1-5 pm

June 4 — Get to Know the Homestead
With spring in the air, a visit to the Homestead Farm will connect you to our local natural resources and rich history.

June 11 — Meet the Farm Animals
Farm animals are an essential part of life on the farm.

June 18 — Simple Machines on the Farm
Stop by and learn how simple machines helped them to complete their many tasks.

June 25 — Bees and Pollination
Discover the different pollinators that visit the garden on the farm and learn how to help them flourish.

July 2 — Leisure Activities and Games
Come relax with us and try your hand at graces and stilts or enjoy a leisurely walk through the garden.

July 9 — A Day on the Farm
What kind of chores had to be completed on the farm? Stop by and help out!

July 16 — Fiber, Folk Arts and Textiles
Try your hand at carding or spinning wool, learn how fleece is processed into yarn and create your own!

July 23 — Visit the Gardens
Learn about Heirloom vegetables and how settlers used herbs and plants in the 1870’s.

August 6 — Schoolhouse
What was it like to go to school in the 1870s? Visit our one room school house to find out.

August 13 — Day at the Cabin
Experience what life was like for a farm family in the 1870s by exploring the Homestead cabin.

August 20 — Preserving the Harvest
Explore the root cellar and visit the cabin to see the many ways food was preserved.

August 27 — Celebrate the Coming Harvest
Summer is winding down, join in on traditional games and activities the family might enjoy while at the fair.
## JUNE EVENTS

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- **FREE Programs**
- **Affiliate Programs**
- **Field Trips & Workshops**

If weather conditions are unfavorable, a program may be canceled (determined at CNC's discretion).

### Native Plant Sale

**Member Presale:** Fri, June 2 • 1-6 pm  
**Public Sale:** Sat, June 3 • 9 am-4 pm & Sun, June 4 • 1-4 pm  
Purchase trees, shrubs and wildflowers that are native to Michigan!

Browse a selection of more than 90 species of native plants to find something that is just right for your yard or property. With helpful staff and volunteers to point you in the right direction and plants suited for a variety of conditions, you can turn your space into a beautiful and healthy habitat that supports native birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects with year-round interest. Become a member to shop early and enjoy the best selection of plants!

- **Sponsored by:**
**Homestead Sundays**

June-August • 1-5 pm
Visit our historic homestead farm and experience what life was like in the 1870s. Weekly themes & more info on page 3.

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**Nature Story Hour**

Thurs, June 1 & 15 • 9:30 & 11 am
Ages: 3-5 yrs w/adult
Come discover the magic of nature through stories, hands-on activities, and art with unique themes to match the season. Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to play and connect during this guided program. Weather-permitting, a portion of the time will be spent outdoors.

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**Nayanquing at Night**

Thurs, June 1 • 6-10 pm
Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult
Register by 5/30 • Fee: $30 / CNC Member $24
Join Naturalist Tom Lenon for this evening trip to Nayanquing Point on Saginaw Bay. At this outstanding wetlands area, we will look and listen for American Bittern, Least Bittern, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-headed Blackbirds and many other birds from an observation tower and the dikes adjacent to the wetlands. We will travel in a CNC van, and loaner binoculars will be available.

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**Vernal Pool Patrol**

Sat, June 3 • 1-2:30 pm
All ages, under 18 w/adult
Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about one of Michigan's most diverse ecosystems - vernal pools! We will be collecting data for the citizen science program Vernal Pool Patrol. Bring shoes you don’t mind getting wet.

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**Full Moon Stroll**

Sat, June 3 • 8:30-10 pm • Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult
Join an Interpretive Naturalist for a hike to enjoy this month’s full moon. Learn how the tradition of naming moons began and what makes each month special. Please wear dark colors and bring a flashlight. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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**Lower Chippewa River Kayak**

Tues, June 6 • 6-8 pm
Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult
Register by 6/5 • Fee: $35 / CNC Member $28
Join a CNC naturalist for a relaxing 3-mile paddle from CNC’s launch on the Homestead Road down the Chippewa River to the Tridge in Downtown Midland.

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**Mid-Michigan Rock Club (MMRC)**

Tues, June 6 • 7-9 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult
Join the MMRC for their annual potluck. MMRC is a group of rockhounds, artisans, collectors and scientists that meet to discuss avocation and educate the public about geology-related topics. Picnic location TBD.

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**Walk Midland**

Wed, June 7, 14, 21, 28 • 6-7 pm
All Ages, under 18 w/adult
CNC is the Wednesday location for Walk Midland. See details on page 14.

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**Naturalist Hike at Eagle Ridge Nature Area**

Thurs, June 8 • 10-11:30 am
Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult
Join an Interpretive Naturalist at the new Eagle Ridge Nature Area adjacent to Stratford Park to explore what plants and wildlife call the property home. This is a 1.5 hour long moderate hike and binoculars will be provided in limited supply. Meet at the park shelter near the BMX track at Stratford Park at 3922 E Ashman St, Midland.

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**Wee Stroll**

Fri, June 9 • 9:30-10:30 am
Ages 6 month-2 year olds
Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to join us for a staff-led walk, learn about the outdoors and learn ways to introduce children to the natural world around them.

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**Weekend Land Maintenance Volunteer Group**

Sat, June 10 • 9-11 am • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult
Register by 6/5
Join a group of individuals with the desire to contribute to CNC by assisting the Land Management Department in providing an enjoyable experience for visitors. Activities may include trail maintenance, tree pruning and maintaining tree cages. Volunteers do not need to commit to every weekend, come as you are able.
**JUNE EVENTS**

**Nature Play!**  
Sun, June 11 & 25 • 2-4 pm  
All ages, under 18 w/adult  
See description on page 7.

**Mid-Mitten Chapter of Wild Ones: Thomas Township Nature Center Tour**  
Mon, June 12 • 6:30-8 pm  
Meet at the Thomas Township Nature Center in Saginaw, MI.  
Once a former golf course, the new nature center sits over a canal connecting to an island in the Tittabawassee River.  
Coordinator Lynda Thayer will share a brief history of the property and then lead us on a tour outside to view the on-going restoration of the 67 acre preserve.

**Vernal Pool Exploration at Riverview Natural Area**  
Thurs, June 15 • 10 am-12 pm  
All ages, under 18 w/adult  
Learn about one of Michigan’s most diverse ecosystems - vernal pools! We will be dipping for animals to get a close look at what’s living in the water. Grab your boots or other water shoes and meet at Little Fork Conservancy’s Riverview Natural Area parking lot off North Homer Road in Midland.

**Snake Search**  
Sat, June 17 • 10 am-12 pm  
Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult  
Meet an Interpretive Naturalist at the Wetlands Area parking lot to find wild snakes and learn about their important role in the ecosystem. We will visit different habitats to see what species can be found. This program will get off trail; light colors and long pants are strongly recommended.

**Firefly Frenzy**  
Tues, June 20 • 9:30-10:30 pm  
All ages, under 18 w/adult  
Join an Interpretive Naturalist to learn about our native fireflies and watch them light up the fields and forests of CNC. We will search for their glowing larvae and learn about their bioluminescence. Meet at the end of Homestead Road at the Lanigan Pavilion.

**History Tour by Golf Cart Tour**  
Wed, June 21 • 10-11:30 am  
Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Register by 6/20 • FREE  
People have lived, worked and played on the land that is now CNC for thousands of years. We’ll check out the River Trail, Homestead and other areas while exploring some of the historic features at the Nature Center. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**What’s in a Name? Flower Folklore**  
Thurs, June 22 • 10-11:30 am  
Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Meet CNC staff for a casual trail walk to discover the uses, names and other folklore of a variety of plants. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Upper Chippewa River Kayak**  
Thurs, June 22 • 6-9 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Register by 6/21 • Fee: $40 / CNC Member $32  
Spend an evening paddling down the Chippewa River with a naturalist as you look for turtles, fish, herons, hawks and eagles. After meeting at the Visitor Center, we’ll travel to the Universal Access Site via CNC van and begin a leisurely paddle down river back to the Nature Center.

**Nature Day Camp**  
Summer 2023  
Adventures for ages 3-17  
See availability online  
www.chippewanaturecenter.org/nature-day-camp
Nature Play!

Making mud pies, building rivers, relaxing in hammocks, balancing on logs and building forts are just some of the experiences that happen during Nature Play! here at Chippewa Nature Center. This program is hosted by volunteer families and takes place on select Sundays from 2-4pm in The Woods Nature Play Area off Arbury Trail near the Visitor Center. Each themed session offers families the opportunity to play and explore while connecting with people who enjoy the outdoors.


If you’re interested in volunteering as a host family, please complete the online volunteer form at www.chippewanaturecenter.org/volunteer

Local Canoe/Kayak Launches

Summertime is paddling season at CNC. Take a guided kayak trip to relax, unwind and watch for wildlife as you paddle down the meandering Chippewa river. From beginners to experienced paddlers, all ability levels are welcome. See June-August events for trip dates and details.

Homestead Rd Launch

Chippewa Nature Center
989.631.0830
www.chippewanaturecenter.org
May 1-Oct 15
Open dawn-to-dark
Directions: Located at Chippewa Nature Center on Homestead Rd

Universal Paddling Access in Midland County

Chippewa Nature Center
989.631.0830
www.chippewanaturecenter.org
May – Open dawn till 9 pm
June-July – Open dawn till 10 pm
Aug-Oct 15 – Open dawn till 9 pm
Directions: Located on Chippewa River Rd, 3 miles west of Meridian Rd (M-30)

City of Midland
989.837.6930
www.midland-mi.org
Hours: 6 am-11 pm
Directions: Located in Downtown Midland next to the Tridge
I listened and looked so hard my ears hurt and my eyes got cloudy with the cold. Pa raised his face to call out again, but before he could open his mouth an echo came threading its way through the trees."

These are a few lines out from the beloved children’s book *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen. It perfectly captures the wonder and awe in the experience of calling out to nature and having wildlife call back. A mentor willing to reveal the science and art of animal calls can profoundly impact children’s connection to nature and make memories to last a lifetime.

Many animals will vocalize with people. Due to some children’s tendency to make noise and be rambunctious, communicating with coyotes is a natural favorite. Coyotes are a highly socialized species, often forming organized family groups. These families establish their home range against visitors by sounding big but are known to be shy and avoid humans. The group makes a raucous: a series of howls, yelps, and yips to warn other coyotes that they are trespassing and convince them to leave. Skilled mentors, like Nature Day Camp counselors, can harness children’s energy and teach the group how to conduct its own coyote raucous. A bold child is selected to be the alpha female and is supported to let out a loud, confident howl three times. After a brief time, the other children join in with their unique howls, yelps, and yips, representing the rest of the pack. The hardest part of the process is supporting them to sit in silence and listen intently for an answer. If fate has it, the ensuing raucous sing-off is well worth the effort and will leave lasting memories of being a part of nature, not separated from it.
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### Members 4th of July
**Tues, July 4 • 8-11 pm**
FREE Members Only • All ages, under 18 w/adult
Celebrate with an evening at CNC’s Schoolhouse area - relaxing in nature and enjoying the surrounding sights and sounds. We will be offering crafts, activity stations, a photo station, and a scavenger hunt. CNC will provide water, lemonade, and s’mores for the kids. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs, and any other snacks you may want. After dusk, we’ll watch the City of Midland fireworks while listening to crickets and frogs- you might even see a firefly or two!
*Please note: Pets, alcohol, fireworks and sparklers are not permitted at CNC.*

### Homestead Sundays
**June-August • 1-5 pm**
Visit our historic homestead farm and experience what life was like in the 1870s. Weekly themes & more info on page 3.

### Walk Midland
**Wed, July 5, 12, 19, 26 • 6-7 pm**
All Ages, under 18 w/adult
CNC is the Wednesday location for Walk Midland. See details on page 14.

### Nature Story Hour
**Thurs, July 6 & 20 • 9:30 & 11 am**
Ages: 3-5 yrs w/adult
Come discover the magic of nature through stories, hands-on activities, and art with unique themes to match the season. Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to play and connect during this guided program. Weather-permitting, a portion of the time will be spent outdoors.

### Turtle Watch
**Thurs, July 6 • 7-9 pm**
Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult
Nesting season for turtles is in full swing! Join an Interpretive Naturalist to look for them and learn how CNC helps the eggs survive to hatching. Meet at the Visitor Center.
Weekend Land Maintenance Volunteer Group  
**Sat, July 8 • 9-11 am • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult**
Register by 7/3
Join a group of individuals with the desire to contribute to CNC by assisting the Land Management Department in providing an enjoyable experience for visitors. Activities may include trail maintenance, tree pruning and maintaining tree cages. Volunteers do not need to commit to every weekend, come as you are able.

**Butterfly Count**  
**Sat, July 8 • 9 am-4 pm**
Register by 7/8 • Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult
Come be a part of the 35th Annual Butterfly Count! New and experienced butterfly enthusiasts are invited to spend a few hours or the entire day searching CNC property during this citizen science project to report as many butterflies as we can find. Small groups will head into the fields and woods so we can cover as much ground as possible. Much of the count is done off-trail; long pants and long sleeves are recommended. Pre-registration is required for this stewardship program. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Nature Play!**  
**Sun, July 9 & 23 • 2-4 pm • All ages, under 18 w/adult**
See description on page 7.

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Mid-Mitten Chapter of Wild Ones: Ziibiwing Center Native Plant Tour  
**Mon, July 10 • 6:30-8 pm • All ages, under 18 w/adult**
RSVP to 989-225-0059 by July 6
Meet in the CNC parking lot at 5:30 pm to carpool to Mt.Pleasant, or meet us at the Ziibiwing Center, in Mt. Pleasant. Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways staff will lead us on a tour of their native plants. Learn the importance of these species to the Saginaw Chippewa tribe, why they were chosen for this garden, and how they are used by indigenous people.

**Saginaw Bay by Voyageur Canoe**  
**Tues, July 11 • 6-10 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult**
Register by 7/10 • Fee: $30 / CNC Member $24
Join naturalist Tom Lenon for an exciting adventure as we paddle the Saginaw Bay in a 29-foot Voyageur canoe. The canoe is a fiberglass reproduction of the birch bark canoes used by voyageurs to haul loads of trade goods and valuable animal pelts in the 18th and 19th centuries. We’ll explore the cattail marshes and look for birds and other wildlife.

**History Hike**  
**Thurs, July 13 • 6-7:30 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult**
Join CNC’s Historical Interpreter to hike the trails and explore the natural resources that brought people to the region. We will look for evidence of how nature has influenced our history and guided the settlement of our area. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Wee Stroll**  
**Fri, July 14 • 9:30-10:30 am • Ages 6 mo-2 w/adult**
Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to join us for a staff-led walk, learn about the outdoors and learn ways to introduce children to the natural world around them.

**Snake Search**  
**Sat, July 15 • 9-11 am • Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult**
Meet an Interpretive Naturalist at the Wetlands Area parking lot to find wild snakes and learn about their important role in the ecosystem. We will visit different habitats to see what species can be found. This program will get off trail so light colors and long pants are strongly recommended.

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Lower Chippewa River Kayak  
**Mon, July 10 • 6-8 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult**
Register by 7/9 • Fee: $35 / CNC Member $28
Join a CNC naturalist for a relaxing 3-mile paddle from CNC’s launch on the Homestead Road down the Chippewa River to the Tridge in Downtown Midland. CNC will provide a kayak, paddle and life jacket for each participant. Meet at the Visitor Center.
Lunch with a Box Turtle
Tues, July 18 • 11 am-12 pm
All ages, under 18 w/adult
Pack your lunch and meet at the Lanigan Pavilion at the end of the Homestead Road to munch alongside CNC’s Eastern Box Turtle. We will talk about Box Turtle’s journey to Michigan and how his species’ special traits help them survive in the wild. Camp chairs are recommended as picnic table seating is limited.

Hanging with Hummingbirds
Sat, July 22 • 8:30-11:30 am
Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult
Have you wondered what their nest looks like, how many young they raise or what flowers attract hummingbirds? Allen Chartier, Michigan’s hummingbird expert, will answer these questions and more during a 1-hour indoor “Hummingbirds of the Great Lakes” program, followed by an outdoor banding program. Mr. Chartier will discuss his research compiled from banding hummingbirds for over 23 years. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Summer Wildflowers by Golf Cart
Thurs, July 27 • 4-5:30 pm
Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult
Register by 7/26 • FREE
Blooming summer wildflowers put on a show with a variety of colors, flower structures, heights and patterns. Join CNC naturalists to learn how to identify commonly found species and discuss their roles within an ecosystem. This program is especially designed for people with limited mobility. Meet outside the Visitor Center.

Upper Chippewa River Kayak
Tues, July 18 • 6-9 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult
Register by 7/17 • Fee: $40 / CNC Member $32
Spend an evening paddling down the Chippewa River with a naturalist as you look for turtles, fish, herons, hawks and eagles. After meeting at the Visitor Center, we’ll travel to the Universal Access Site via CNC van and begin a leisurely paddle down river back to the Nature Center. CNC will provide a kayak, paddle and life jacket for each participant. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Live Reptiles and Amphibians at Averill Preserve
Fri, July 21 • 10-11 am
All ages, under 18 w/adult
Join an Interpretive Naturalist at Averill Preserve to learn about some of Michigan’s native reptiles and amphibians! From snakes to frogs, we’ll discuss how these special animals help keep our ecosystems healthy. Lawn chairs and blankets recommended as seating is limited. Meet At Little Forks Conservancy’s Averill Preserve pavilion, 657 E Wackerly Rd, Sanford, MI 48657.

Just inside the Visitor Center, you can choose a book to take home or leave one for someone else to enjoy! Find more locations at www.littlefreelibrary.org/map

Check regularly for current open positions at www.chippewanaturecenter.org/employment
Chippewa Nature Center staff have been hard at work controlling invasive species over the past several decades. Without their natural predators, invasive species spread rapidly, edging out native species, reducing biodiversity and heavily altering ecosystems. The best way to prevent the spread of invasive species is to not introduce them in the first place. Some proactive ways to help stop the spread of invasives are to only plant native species, resist moving firewood long distances and to clean terrestrial and aquatic recreation gear.

Continued invasive control measures at CNC have proven that natural plant communities will reclaim the land and provide healthier ecosystems. Due to control efforts, Chippewa Nature Center now has 850 acres of relatively invasive free land compared to 345 acres in 2015.

There are numerous different invasive species on CNC property that are being controlled. However, there are a few species that are encroaching on Midland county that are considered “watchlist” species. A few watchlist species that could further complicate control efforts in the region include European frogbit, flowering rush and spotted lanternfly. It is important to know these species, and control and report them if spotted in the area.

### European Frog-bit

European frog-bit is an aquatic species that forms huge floating mats and grow thick enough to affect boat traffic via tangling, as well as impairing the movement of big fish and diving ducks by not providing enough space between the plants for the fish and ducks to get through. This species is already infesting areas like the Saginaw Bay.

### Flowering Rush

Flowering rush is an aquatic species that often grows in shallow to deep slow-moving water. Dense growth can overtake habitat and outcompetes native aquatic plants. It provides unsuitable shelter, food and nesting habitat for native animals. The first observations in the Midland area of this species occurred last summer at CNC and in the Tittabawassee River in Midland.

### Spotted Lanternfly

Spotted lanternfly is an insect native to China. It feeds on and kills a wide range of fruit, ornamental and woody trees, with tree-of-heaven being one of the preferred hosts. Tree-of-Heaven is another invasive plant found on CNC property, and is currently being eradicated. This species has been found as close as Ohio and one location in southern MI.

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If weather conditions are unfavorable, a program may be canceled (determined at CNC’s discretion).

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**Homestead Sundays**  
June-August • 1-5 pm  
Visit our historic homestead farm and experience what life was like in the 1870s.  
Weekly themes & more info on page 3.

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**Full Moon Stroll**  
Tues, Aug 1 • 8:30-10 pm • Wed, Aug 30 • 8-9:30 pm  
Ages 9+, under 18 w/adult  
Join an Interpretive Naturalist for a hike to enjoy this month’s full moon. Learn how the tradition of naming moons began and what makes each month special. Please wear dark colors and bring a flashlight. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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**Walk Midland**  
Wed, Aug 2 & 9 • 6-7 pm  
CNC is the Wednesday location for Walk Midland.  
See details on page 14.

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**Nature Story Hour**  
Thurs, Aug 3 & 17 • 9:30 & 11 am • Ages 3-5 w/adult  
Come discover the magic of nature through stories, hands-on activities, and art with unique themes to match the season. Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to play and connect during this guided program. Weather-permitting, a portion of the time will be spent outdoors.

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**Riverdays – Voyageur Canoe Trips**  
Sat, Aug 5 • 11 am-3 pm  
Ages 3+, under 18 w/adult  
Try your hand paddling in a 29 foot replica Voyageur canoe on the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers during the Riverdays Festival. CNC staff will be hosting short paddling trips near the Tridge in downtown Midland.
**Story Hour at Averill Preserve**  
Tues, Aug 8 • 10-11 am  
All ages, under 18 w/adult  
Come spend an hour learning about nature through stories, crafts and exploration. Meet CNC Staff at Little Forks Conservancy’s Averill Preserve pavilion.

**Upper Chippewa River Kayak**  
Thur, Aug 10 • 6-9 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Register by 8/9 • Fee: $40 / CNC Member $32  
Spend an evening paddling down the Chippewa River with a naturalist as you look for turtles, fish, herons, hawks and eagles. After meeting at the Visitor Center, we’ll travel to the Universal Access Site via CNC van and begin a leisurely paddle down river back to the Nature Center.

**Wee Stroll**  
Fri, Aug 11 • 9:30-10:30 am  
Ages 6 mo-2 yrs w/adult  
Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to join us for a staff-led walk, learn about the outdoors and learn ways to introduce children to the natural world around them.

**Weekend Land Maintenance Volunteer Group**  
Sat, Aug 12 • 9-11 am • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Register by 8/7  
Join a group of individuals with the desire to contribute to CNC by assisting the Land Management Department in providing an enjoyable experience for visitors. Activities may include trail maintenance, tree pruning and maintaining tree cages. Volunteers do not need to commit to every weekend, come as you are able.

**Nature Play!**  
Sun, Aug 13 & 27 • 2-4 pm  
All ages, under 18 w/adult  
See description on page 7.

**Mid-Mitten Chapter of Wild Ones: Eagle Ridge Nature Area Tour**  
Mon, Aug 14 • 6:30-8 pm  
Meet at the Stratford Woods parking lot, 3922 E. Ashman St., Midland to start our walk of the new Eagle Ridge Nature Area. Lisa Williams of the US Fish & Wildlife Service leads us on a guided tour of the trails, woods, and wetlands on this new preserve, which opened in June 2022. Meet by the Eagle Ridge interpretive sign. Restoration of the native plants was coordinated with Dow Chemical, DNR, EGLE, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, Attorney General, and Chippewa Nature Center.

**2023 walk midland**  
**JUNE 5-AUGUST 9**  
Midland Parks and Recreation, in partnership with MyMichigan Health, Chippewa Nature Center, Greater Midland Corporate Wellness, Little Forks Conservancy and Northwood University, will host 8 walking locations throughout the week! Drawings will be held at each walk for prizes. For each walk, participants will be registered for a grand prize Midland Staycation gift basket. For exact meeting locations, visit us online or call Parks and Recreation.

**Lower Chippewa River Kayak**  
Tues, Aug 22 • 6-8 pm • Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Register by 8/21 • Fee: $35 / CNC Member $28  
Join a CNC naturalist for a relaxing 3-mile paddle from CNC’s launch on the Homestead Road down the Chippewa River to the Tridge in Downtown Midland.

**Invasive Plant Golf Cart Tour**  
Thurs, Aug 24 • 7-8:30 pm  
Ages 15+, under 18 w/adult  
Register by 8/23 • FREE  
Learn about invasive exotic plants, how they negatively impact the environment and how to control their spread. We will compare areas that have had intensive control versus little control of invasive species. Meet outside the Visitor Center.
Friends of CNC

*Sponsorship Opportunities*

There are so many ways to give at CNC. Maybe you love maple syrup season, native plants or caring for the animals on the farm. We invite you to consider sponsoring a program that suits your passion. Visit chippewanaturecenter.org/friends for more information!

CNC Legacy Society

*Express your love & appreciation of nature!*

Please consider making a commitment to give to CNC through your estate plan. Contact Dennis Pilaske, Executive Director, at dpilaske@chippewanaturecenter.org to further explore the Legacy Society.

Nature Center Store

Members receive 10% off and Life Members receive 20% off!

- Bug Boxes
- Pond Dippers
- Butterfly Nets
- Books
- Candles
- Note Cards
- Jewelry
- Games & Puzzles
- Stuffed Toys & Puppets

Half-day classes for 3- & 4-year olds
2, 3 or 4 days per week
Scholarships available

www.chippewanaturecenter.org/nature-preschool
When most people picture wetlands, an image of a marsh sprinkled with lily pads and surrounded by cattails comes to mind. While these species are certainly present, there are some very colorful wildflowers that make their home along the edges of the region’s wetlands. Many of these wildflowers also make wonderful additions to the home garden, adding color and texture to low areas, near water features, and well-watered garden beds.

Rounded leaves and brilliant yellow flowers of the marsh marigold (Caltha palustris) catch the eye in early spring. This wildflower provides early spring food for native pollinators, including ruby-throated hummingbirds just returning to the region in spring. Their waxy, deep green leaves will dry and disappear in the heat of the summer, but as long as the soil remains moist, the plant will return the following spring.

The brilliant red color of the cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis) is a surprising sight tucked into woodland wetlands, ditches, and the edges of ponds and marshes. Blooming in July and August, these flowers attract a variety of pollinators including hummingbirds, whose long tongues easily reach the nectar at the base of each flower.

Turtlehead (Chelone glabra) is a long-blooming native wildflower that loves to have wet feet. As the white blooms mature from mid-August through September, they resemble a turtle’s head. This plant offers early fall food for bumblebees, butterflies and hummingbirds. The foliage is bitter and not preferred by rabbits and deer, so it’s an ideal addition to a home rain garden or wet area.

Native to many marsh and wetland areas, swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) is a welcome food source for many bees and butterflies, but also a critical larval host for the caterpillars of monarch butterflies. Like other milkweeds, this plant spreads by rhizomes, but also produces pods that split open in late fall releasing fluffy parachuted seeds.

You can discover these wetland wildflowers and more by walking the Wetlands Trail or visiting the gardens near the Visitor Center here at Chippewa Nature Center. If you’d like to add these species to your home landscape, please purchase your plants from a reputable native nursery or stop by the Native Plant Sale this June (details on page 4).
Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an integral part of CNC! We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals or groups to share their time and talents throughout the year.

Questions?
Contact Autumn Reyes, Visitor Engagement Coordinator, 989.631.0830 or volunteer@chippewanaturecenter.org

Life Membership Makes a Difference

When you become a CNC Life member (one or two adults residing in the same household and their children under 18), you are helping to connect all people with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences for generations to come, as your membership fee supports the CNC endowment fund.

Membership fees help us to:
EDUCATE more than 20,000 students and 60,000 visitors annually
PROVIDE and maintain nature trails, interactive exhibits, an 1870s Homestead Farm, free programs, 1,500 acres and more
PROTECT diverse habitats, including rivers, woodlands, ponds and other wetlands, meadows and successional fields

Life Member Benefits
- Confidence in knowing that your gift supports CNC’s mission to inspire future generations of people and institutions to protect the natural world through our endowment fund
- Pride in helping to connect all people with nature
- Invite to members-only events
- Free admission to Maple Syrup Day and Fall Harvest Festival
- 20% off workshops, field trips & Nature Day Camp
- 20% off in Nature Center Store
- Quarterly newsletter delivery
- Opportunity to host birthday parties
- Free/reduced admission to 180+ nature centers worldwide
- Recognition in Annual Report
- Grandparent benefits
- 10% off one room rental
- Invitation to exclusive CNC naturalist presented program

- Homestead Farm & Schoolhouse – Work with CNC staff to interpret 1870s rural life in Midland County, and help connect visitors to agriculture and the natural resources we rely on.
- Fall Harvest Festival (Sat, Oct 7) – Help with various activities to provide a smooth and enjoyable experience for visitors.
- Tree Maintenance – Help new trees and shrubs thrive through weeding and cage maintenance.
- General Land Maintenance Tasks – Help maintain trails and public areas through various tasks such as pruning, weed whipping and gravel work.
- Weekend Land Maintenance Group – Activities may include trail maintenance, tree pruning and maintaining tree cages.
- Woodworking – Help with small projects such as educational items, program supplies and nesting boxes. Those with required equipment may do some projects at home.
- Visitor Center Gardeners – Help showcase native plants in the gardens around the Visitor Center through maintaining, weeding, watering and mulching the garden areas.
Thank you for including CNC in your giving. It is your generosity that makes the difference in the programs and services we are able to offer to the community!

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Call for Board Members

In accordance with the bylaws, members are invited to submit names, including their own, of persons they wish to be considered for a position on CNC’s Board of Directors. Nominations are due by July 31, 2023. If selected, the three-year term would begin at the Annual Meeting in February 2024.

Please send the name, address, phone number, and qualifications of anyone you wish to have considered to:

Sharon Caldwell, CNC Board Secretary, Chippewa Nature Center
400 S Badour Rd, Midland, MI 48640

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Save the Date!

Fall Harvest Festival
Sat, Oct 7 • 10 am-4 pm
The Homestead Farm area comes alive with demonstrations and programs that focus on autumn traditions of the 19th century.

Nature at Night
Fri, Oct 20 • 4-8 pm
Come find out who wakes up when you go to bed! Visitors to this family-friendly event are encouraged to dress as their favorite animal and will discover the wonderful world of Michigan’s nocturnal wildlife.

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• Invitation to member events
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Additional benefits for society and life memberships
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