



# Nature Programs

## Meet the Animals - Zoom Fundraiser

Friday, May 7, 6-7pm  
Virtual Zoom  
All Ages; under 8 with adult supervision

Meet the Anita Purves Nature Center's education wildlife during this virtual fundraiser to support their ongoing care. Screech owls, box turtles, snakes, and a toad will each be featured. This interactive Zoom program will give you the chance to ask your questions and see how these animals are cared for in captivity.

Cost	Deadline	Code
\$10/Zoom invitation	May 3	9493

## Connecting You with Nature - Virtual Hikes on Facebook Live

Wednesdays from 1-2pm

- Busey Woods: May 19
- Weaver Park: June 16
- Meadowbrook Park: July 21
- Perkins Road Wet Prairie: August 18

Join staff from the Anita Purves Nature Center during these virtual hikes through district natural areas. Explore the plants, animals and unique natural history of each unique and beautiful preserve. These programs are a great way to learn about nearby nature before visiting on your own. To watch, find the Anita Purves Nature Center on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/APnaturecenter>.

## Virtual Pollinator Habitat Workshop - FREE

Tuesday, June 22, 6-7pm  
Virtual Zoom  
Age 15 and Up



Celebrate National Pollinator Week (June 21-27, 2021) by learning how to create a pollinator garden at your home! During this interactive Zoom program, the Urbana Park District's Landscape Coordinator Georgena Donoho will show you what types of features and plants attract different pollinators, and demonstrate how to properly plant them. Each participant will be offered a small kit with seeds and resources.

Deadline	Code
Jun 15	9491

## Shinrin-Yoku with Your Household

June 14 - August 31  
Available weekdays between 5:30-8pm & weekends between 9am-8pm  
Busey Woods  
By appointment only; call (217) 384-4062 or email [sydonovan@urbanaparks.org](mailto:sydonovan@urbanaparks.org)  
\$25 per household; for up to 8 household members age 6 & up

Experience the therapeutic effects of Shinrin-Yoku, the practice of immersing or "bathing" your senses in the atmosphere of the forest. This 90-minute, slow-paced walk will awaken your senses and uplift your spirits. Face masks are required, however there will be opportunities to safely remove them during the program. All participants must reside in the same household.

## Don't Call It Dirt!: Soil Science Virtual Workshop - FREE



Tuesday, July 27, 6-7pm  
Virtual Zoom  
Age 15 and Up

Dirt is what you find under your fingernails, but soil is what grows your food! It supports plant growth, affects water and air quality, and helps clean wastes. Learn more about this complex and dynamic natural resource during this interactive Zoom program with the Urbana Park District's Landscape Coordinator Georgena Donoho. Participants will explore how soil is made, methods to conserve it and the chemistry and composition behind it.

Deadline	Code
Jul 20	9492

## Watch for Pop-Up Programs & Services

Follow "Anita Purves Nature Center" on Facebook and Twitter "@UPDNature" for pop-up program announcements and the most up-to-date program information. Sign up here to receive the nature center's monthly e-newsletter: <http://www.urbanaparks.org/e-news/>.

## Live Animals!

Come meet the owls, turtles and snakes at the Anita Purves Nature Center and learn how you can "Adopt an Education Animal." Learn how to schedule a visit on page 56.

## Virtual Backyard Composting Workshop – FREE

Saturday, May 8, 10-11:30am

Adults (Age 15 and up)

Explore the benefits of food scrap and landscape composting at home in this online interactive workshop on Zoom! Representatives from the City of Urbana and the Urbana Park District will discuss ways in which you can create your own backyard and vermi-compost bin, feed your garden's flowers and vegetables using compost, and highlight the types of compost available locally at the Landscape Recycling Center in Urbana. Participants will receive access to free digital resources for more in-depth information. **Pre-registration is required by Monday, May 3; your Zoom invitation will be emailed to you following your registration.**

Registration Deadline	Code
May 3	9603



## Organic Gardens: Community Gardening in Meadowbrook Park

Growing Season: March 7-November 7, 2021

Meadowbrook Park - Race St entrance

Age 18 and Up

Garden at the oldest local organic community gardens! Since 1975, the Meadowbrook Organic Garden program has supported healthy bodies and a healthy community. We provide space, water, hoses and wheelbarrows. You supply tools, plants, labor, and optional fencing. A garden supervisor will assist with questions or concerns. Garden plots are rented in "as is" condition and participation is at your own risk. This is a community garden and interaction with the general public is expected and encouraged. For more information, call 217-384-4062 or read the garden manual at [www.urbanaparks.org/parks/meadowbrook-park/](http://www.urbanaparks.org/parks/meadowbrook-park/).

### To Register for a Garden Plot:

- Register by calling 217-367-1544 or completing the registration form on page 63. Online registration is not available.
- In addition to the plot rental fee, gardeners pay a \$30 deposit. The deposit is returned at the end of the growing season if the gardener abides by the Urbana Park District's published guidelines. Returning gardeners in good standing earn a discounted deposit.
- Gardeners will receive a digital orientation packet upon registration. Plot selection will take place during the orientation process.

Plot Size	Fee	Code
Raised Plot*: 11' x 3'	\$20R/\$30NR	9257
Half Plot: 17' x 15'	\$30R/\$45NR	9255
Full Plot: 17' x 30'	\$50R/\$75NR	9254

[www.Solidarity-Gardens-CU.org](http://www.Solidarity-Gardens-CU.org)



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## Solidarity Gardens CU

Solidarity Gardens CU, modeled after the WWII-era Victory Gardens, encourages home gardening through the distribution of tools, seeds, plants, and information, and is a center for production and distribution of fresh produce to community members that are most in need. The Solidarity Gardens began in 2020 and was successful in enhancing community garden production by utilizing nearly 10,000 sqft. across various community garden spaces in the area! The Solidarity Gardens CU provides a platform to let home gardeners know where they can donate their extra produce to feed those in need in their community. In 2020, over 200 lbs. of produce was donated to those in need in the community. Visit <https://www.solidarity-gardens-cu.org/> to donate, get involved and learn more about this great resource!

## Is your club or group interested in volunteering?

Solidarity Gardens CU is looking for groups to "adopt" garden plots in local community garden spaces to plant, maintain and harvest produce to be donated through the Solidarity Garden CU initiative. Interested? Email Chelsea Prah at [ckprahl@urbanaparks.org](mailto:ckprahl@urbanaparks.org).

## Adopt an Education Animal



The nature center houses a number of education animals that demonstrate the variety of wildlife living in Illinois. Most have injuries that would compromise their survival in the wild, or were captive-bred. All of the animals are on exhibit and featured during educational programs with schools, scouts and the general public. In 2019 these animals visited over 50 different groups!

You could be part of their lives! Your financial contribution, or "adoption", goes directly toward the animals' medical care, housing and food. This is a great way to support local environmental education! Adoptions also make great gifts to the animal lovers in your life.

### Upon adoption you receive:

- Fact sheet with the animal's history and photographs
- Adoption certificate
- Your name on the donor exhibit in the Field Station for the period of the adoption

You can also help increase visibility of wildlife in the outdoor habitat gardens by donating bird seed!



Animal	Cost/Month	Cost/6 Months	Cost/Year
Turtle or Toad	\$15	\$80	\$150
Snake	\$30	\$160	\$300
Owl	\$50	\$260	\$525

Call 217-384-4062 or visit [www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/anita-purves-nature-center/](http://www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/anita-purves-nature-center/) for an adoption application and additional information.

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