

Common Loons and Trumpeter Swans

Kevin Woizeschke, Mn DNR Nongame Wildlife Biologist

10:00 am Room 134

Learn the latest research on Minnesota's Common Loons and how you can ensure they continue to thrive.

The comeback of the Trumpeter Swan is one of the most successful restorations of a once – endangered wildlife species. Learn the challenges and stories that have unfolded during this miraculous recovery.



Minnesota's Wolves

Saranda Oestreicher, 1854 Treaty Authority
11:00 am Room 138

Wolves are a symbol of Minnesota's wild northwoods. Join us to learn what makes them special – from biology to habitat and diet. Ongoing wolf research efforts will be featured as well as their importance to the native Ojibwe people. Bring your questions and comments for this lively discussion!



Amazing Bogs

John Latimer, KAXE Radio
12:00 noon Room 134

Bogs may be wet and spongy, but they are home to amazing plants and animals! John Latimer of KAXE Radio will share interesting photos and facts that will bring these wonderful wet areas to life. You will leave wanting to learn more and excited to explore these areas for yourself!



Exhibits by the following:

- Aitkin County Environmental Services
- Aitkin County Historical Society
- Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Assn
- Aitkin County Sheriff's Office
- Aitkin County Master Gardeners
- Aitkin County Private Woodlands Committee
- Aitkin County SWCD
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- Minnesota Sea Grant - Habitattitude!
- Mississippi Headwaters Board
- North American Bear Center
- Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sandy Lake Recreation Area
- Watershed Management Activity
- Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategies



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- Aitkin Chamber of Commerce
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- Tamarack Sportsmen's Club
- Willey's Sports Shop



June 16, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Aitkin High School

306 2nd Street N.W.
Aitkin, Mn. 56431


Great Fun for Kids of All Ages!
Face Painting***Live Fish
Minnow Races**Exhibits/Displays
Coloring Contest

Admission is Free!

Come and Meet RaLF

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Program Options

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Audubon Center of the Northwoods

Take this opportunity to engage with live animals. Be inspired to learn about their unique qualities and environment. Who will join us - Birds of Prey? Reptiles? A Porcupine? Join us to find out!

Fill the Bill Activity – Use different tools to “feed” on various food sources. Compare tools to different beak shapes and how different bird species become specialists in a particular type of food.



Near the HWY 210 Main Entrance
Sponsored by Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures

Experience the History of the River!



Voyaguers, Loggers, Dams for Flood Control and Navigation- the

waterways of Aitkin County have always been key to our community. History players will be sharing their knowledge and taking us back in time! Join us to learn about these important parts of our past.



Grand Prizes

Kayak - Ten foot, fully equipped introductory level watercraft (adults, ages 18+)



3 Tackle Boxes and 3 Fishing Rod/Reel Combos (youth)



Thanks to the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club for supporting these youth prizes.

Selfie Station! Dress like a fur trader and gather for a photo with friends. We'll provide the costume – you provide the camera and smile



Lake Superior Zoomobile Bringing the Zoo to You

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Gymnasium



Visit this exhibit for one-on-one interactions with animals and zoo staff. We will feature small terrarium species as well as larger animals held by the trainers! This is a great way to see Zoomobile animals up close and learn what makes each one special!



Sponsored by the Aitkin Lions

Invasive Species Exhibit



9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gymnasium



DNR Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Rich Rezanka joins us to answer your questions regarding current issues with aquatic invasive species and their control.

Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Flea, Eurasian watermilfoil, Flowering Rush, and Purple Loosestrife - all invaders that are here and may be coming to a lake or wetland near you. How can we control the spread of these invaders?



Lead Free Tackle Exchange

Lead is a toxic metal that can poison mammals and birds, such as loons and eagles. It is found in most fishing jigs and sinkers.



This is your chance to exchange your lead fishing tackle for tackle made of non-poisonous materials, such as tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten-nickel alloy.

Bring your tackle along for this free exchange!

Thanks to the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge for supporting this exchange!



Minnesota DNR

Laser Shot System

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gymnasium Ages 9+

Have fun testing your skills with a little safe target practice as you shoot still or moving objects. With help from a DNR Conservation Officer, this simulator is fun for a beginner or experienced firearms user!

Food

Hot Dog, Chips, & Drink - \$ 1.50

Brat, Chips, & Drink - \$ 1.50

Turnover & Drink - \$ 1.00



Water Safety Coloring Contest



Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes. We encourage you to take steps to keep yourself and our waters safe while sharing your artistic talents!

Coloring sheets must be turned in by 12:00 pm at the Rivers & Lakes Fair. Awards will be given for four different age groups, ranging from 3 to 12 yrs old. Winners will be announced at 1:00 pm.

Coordinated by the US Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District. Supported by the AIS Task Force.



Bluebird & Bat House Building

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Room 145



FREE! Help your child assemble a Bluebird or Bat House kit, with on-site assistance. The lumber has been pre-cut, and is ready for you to put together and take home!

Let the bats help control the mosquito population at your house- they can eat up to 1,000 insects each hour! Or enjoy watching the colorful cavity nesting bluebirds!



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