

Raptors of Minnesota

University of Minnesota
Raptor Center



10:00 am

12:00 Noon Room 144

Explore the different birds of prey in Minnesota and their role in the environment! You will leave feeling inspired and empowered, having learned what you can do to protect raptors and the environment. **Live Ambassador Raptors, including a Bald Eagle, will provide a beak to nose education experience you won't soon forget!**

Keeping the Woods Bearable

11:00 am Room 154A

Join the North American Bear Center for a look deep inside the world of Black Bears! Learn about bear biology, hibernation, what to do if you see a black bear, and much more.

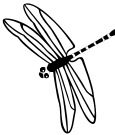
Video clips, pictures, furs, and other pass around items will paint a picture of life from the eyes of a black bear.



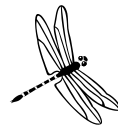
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Minnewawa Sportsmens Club

Dragonfly 101

10:00 am and 12:00 noon
Room 154B



Discover dragonfly identification for beginners! What are the common dragonfly species found in Minnesota and what tips can we use to tell them apart from others? Colorful photographs and John Arthur from the Minnesota Dragonfly Society will help us understand this amazing species and their place in the ecosystem.



Rippleside Nutriman Garden & Orchard

Visit the beautiful vegetable and sensory gardens, and orchard located right outside! Aitkin County Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions and Kids Club will be hosting a fun activity.

Come and see how students are connecting with nature!



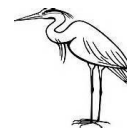
Exhibits by the following:

- 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
- Big Sandy Area Lakes Watershed Management Project
- Blind Lake ATV Club
- Friends of Rice Lake Refuge
- Friends of the Aitkin Public Library
- Kids Club - Aitkin Community Education
- Long Lake Conservation Center
- Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group
- Minnesota DNR - Fisheries Division
- Minnesota Dragonfly Society
- Minnesota Master Naturalists
- Minnesota Native Landscapes
- 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



Special Assistance from:

- Aitkin Co. STS Program
- Beartooth True Value
- Bill's Sportsmans Service
- Paulbeck's County Market
- Tamarack Sportsmen's Club
- Willey's Sports Shop



June 15, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Rippleside
Elementary
School**

225 2nd Street S.W.
Aitkin, Mn. 56431

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

Admission is Free!

Come and Meet RaLF

For more information, call:
Aitkin Co. SWCD – 218-927-6565

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Grand Prizes

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



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



Selfie Station! We'll provide the good times - you provide the camera and smile



#AitkinRALF



Lake Superior Zoomobile Bringing the Zoo to You

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 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



Join AIS Detector volunteers to learn how to distinguish between native & invasive aquatic plants: European vs Northern Milfoil, Curly-Leaf vs Clasp-Leaf Pondweed, and more. Find out about the Starry Trek coming on August 17th. **Become an AIS Detective!**



Bullseye!

Practice your archery skills with instructors from LLCC. Take aim, hone your skills, and learn about conservation as you practice.

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
Cafeteria 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



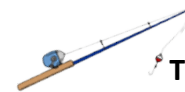
Water Safety Coloring Contest



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.



Can you hit the Target? Take the Casting Challenge!

Bluebird & Bat House Building



9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Room 132



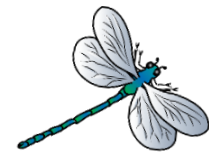
FREE! Help your child assemble a Bluebird or Bat House kit, with on-site assistance. The lumber has been pre-cut, and is ready for you to put together and take home!

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!



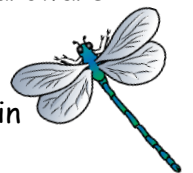
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