



Public Programs for **December**

Saturday, Dec 6 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Survival Series

Learn outdoor skills with library and nature center staff! Each session will focus on a new survival skill. This program is open to all ages. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended but not required. These are hands-on sessions and may be held outdoors; please plan accordingly. *Register through the Kaukauna Public Library website. FREE*

Tuesday, December 9 | 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

1000 Islands Junior Naturalist

Our Junior Naturalist program is here to turn middle schoolers into wilderness experts. Learn to navigate the wild, build awesome shelters, identify plants and wildlife, and so much more! Once they have mastered these skills, students will have the unique chance to become teachers themselves, sharing their knowledge and experiences with their peers. This hands-on approach not only reinforces their learning but also boosts their confidence and leadership skills. *Grades 5-8. Class size is limited, and pre-registration required. FREE*

Wednesday, December 10 | 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

Grounded & Resilient: Moving Meditation in Nature

This program is a transformative outdoor experience that blends ancient practices and modern awareness to cultivate resilience, calm, and embodied presence. Participants will engage in gentle yet powerful movement and standing yoga poses. Growing personal resilience is woven into each session as well. This program empowers each participant to reconnect with themselves and the living world. *Classes will be held on the second Wednesday and the 4th Sunday of each month. We will be meeting outside weather permitting. Class size is limited, and pre-registration required. FREE*

Friday, Dec 12 | 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

1000 Little Wonders – Pine Trees

This class is for children 3-5 years old and their caregiver. Listen to the story *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree* by Colleen Monroe, enjoy a hike, work on a craft, and enjoy some time together learning and laughing! This program will be both inside and outside. This is an indoor and outdoor program. Please come dressed for the weather. *Class size is limited, and pre-registration required. FREE*

Tuesday, Dec 16 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Silent Night Hike

Embark on a self-guided journey through a mesmerizing winter wonderland along our illuminated boardwalk. Lace up your hiking boots and join us for an evening that promises to be a delightful blend of adventure and tranquility. Hot Chocolate and snacks will be available. **FREE. Donations are appreciated.**

Friday, Dec 19 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

A Storybook Walk and Adventure

This is a fun, educational activity for the entire family. Enjoy the outdoors and read the book *Outside In* by Deborah Underwood. Reading stations will be set up along the boardwalk for a self-guided walk to read a page or two at each station. Visit each station to read the entire book. After completing the book, be sure to explore the Conservancy Zone and trails, and stop inside the Nature Center for a take-along craft courtesy of Kaukauna Public Library. **FREE**

Sunday, December 28 | 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

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Call the Nature Center building at 920-766-4733 or email thousandisland@kaukauna.gov to register for a class/workshop.

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