

Wapsi River Environmental Education Center

Keeping it Green ~ Sustainability in the Here & Now!

18th Annual Ecology Day

Saturday, October 17th, 2009 ~ 1:00 - 10:00 P.M.

1:00 - 2:00 P.M. ~ Renewable Rain ~ Join a representative from River Action to learn 6 simple things to do to save our water ways. Participants will learn the benefits of using a rain barrel and how to use one in your own backyard.

2:00 - 3:00 P.M. ~ "Hands On" Paper Making ~ Join Paula Mullin, Education Specialist at the Davenport Recycling Center, for a lesson on paper making. Create beautiful works of art to take home or send to a friend.

3:00 - 4:00 P.M. ~ The MillionTrees Project ~ Join Denise Mitten, Program Coordinator from Living Lands & Waters to learn about tree identification, collection, storage and how to start seedlings. Learn how The MillionTrees Project assists Chad Pregracke's river clean up efforts as well as plant a seed to take home!

4:00 - 5:00 P.M. ~ Solar Cooking Demonstration ~ Join Brian Ritter, Naturalist at the Nahant Marsh Educational Field Station and Mike Granger, Wapsi River Center Naturalist, for a lesson on solar cooking. See how easy it is to prepare excellent dishes via energy harnessed from the sun!

5:00 - 6:00 P.M. ~ Supper ~ Join us for a fall harvest meal provided and funded by the Friends of the Wapsi Center, Inc. For this delicious dinner, donations are welcome!

6:00 - 9:00 P.M. ~ Rhythmic Recyclables & Wilderness Music ~ Learn how to harness the musical quality of everyday items with Lisa Gerwulf, Wapsi River Center Naturalist. Participants will create different musical instruments using only recycled items. Then tryout your "green" musical skills with the talented guitarist Chuck Jacobsen, Clinton County Conservation Naturalist, as he introduces participants to "Wilderness Music" from artists John Denver, Charles McGuire and others.

9:00 - 10:00 P.M. ~ Eastern Iowa Star Party ~ The Quad City Astronomical Society hosts this annual event at the Monsignor Menke Astronomical Observatory. They invite the public to join them for this celestial celebration.