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**WNS Mission Statement**

Wesselman Nature Society serves as a catalyst for environmental stewardship, regional sustainability and improved quality of life through conservation, preservation, research and education.

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## Wintertime at Wesselman!

See inside for details on all of our upcoming Winter events and programs.

- PLUS:
- "Wild About Turkeys!"
  - Info on the Indiana Master Naturalist Program



## Director's Message



**John Scott Foster, Ph.D.**

Welcome to the last printed, mailed Wesselman Nature Society Newsletter. In 2012, we will be moving to an electronic newsletter. Surprised?

The decision was based on a number of factors. Here they are:

1. Environmental Sustainability. A key part of our mission is to encourage people

to live a more environmentally friendly, sustainable lifestyle. An electronic newsletter will significantly lower our use of paper and the amount of paper that collects in your home.

2. A Better Communication Tool. Things change quickly at Wesselman Woods Preserve and at Howell Wetland. Interesting things, related to nature, the environment and living an environmentally friendly lifestyle are happening all the time in the region. An electronic newsletter will allow us to keep you up to date with all that is going on, provide you with links to relevant websites and show you some of the beautiful things we are seeing out in the Woods.

3. Mission and Financial Sustainability. The financial support we get through your contributions to our annual sustaining campaign, membership dues, city support and other sources are focused on meeting our

mission of connecting kids and families with nature. Operating WNS as a financially sustainable organization is key to being able to meet our mission. Spending

less on the printing and mailing of a newsletter allows us to reduce

our operating cost and invest more of our funds on our mission related activities.

We hope you will enjoy receiving the electronic newsletter and would encourage you to forward it to friends who you think may enjoy it. If you are unable to

receive an electronic newsletter, please call us and let us know and we

will print one and mail it to you.

And thank you to all those who contributed to our 2011 Annual Sustaining Campaign. This contribution, above and beyond your membership contribution, helps cover the costs of providing quality educational experiences for our community. There is still time to contribute; contributions made up to January 2012 can be deducted from your taxes in 2011, after that, in 2012. The letter and contribution form can be found on our website. Call me at 479-0771 ext 101 if you have any questions or thoughts you would like to discuss.

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## Volunteer Training Opportunity!

Wesselman Nature Society has partnered with the Lampion Center to provide our staff and volunteers with free child protection training utilizing the renowned Stewards of Children seven step curriculum taught by Lampion's professional staff. Attendees will learn how to recognize signs of abuse in children, and most importantly, ways to minimize opportunity for abuse on Wesselman Nature Society properties and in our programs. By having our staff and volunteers educated about this critical subject we show our community that Wesselman Nature Society is committed to providing safe, healthy environments for children to play and learn.

Please call **479-0771, x 100** to register for one of these sessions:

**Thursday, February 16th, 5:30-8:30 pm**

**Tuesday, February 21st, 9:00 am – Noon**

All participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the class  
Light refreshments will be available.



## Wild About Turkeys by Neal Bogan

For those of you who have visited the Nature Center bird room in the last several months you may have noticed a new visitor to our woods. Male wild turkey that has been a fixture at our feeders this summer and fall was likely pushed into Wesselman Woods by the spring floods. I think he was probably pushed up the Pigeon Creek by the rising water and finally found a dry spot in our woods. He must have liked it here because he stayed all summer. He really enjoyed our bird seed and even got so used to people that we could get pretty close to him when we filled the feeders. In light of this visitor and the past holiday, I thought I would talk about one of our more unique and interesting birds.

Wild turkeys are one of the largest birds that we have here in Indiana. There are actually two species of turkeys, with one being the bird that we know locally and the other a strange bright colored bird who resides down in Mexico. Though we only have one species native to the US it is separated into 5 subspecies. The eastern subspecies is the most common. The other 4 subspecies are found either out west or in Florida. Turkeys are famous for the males strutting and gobbling during breeding season. Male turkeys are called jakes until they reach 2 years old then, they are called toms. Females are called hens and chicks are called poults. Turkeys can get quite large with the largest toms weighing up to 30 pounds.

Most people don't know that turkeys can fly and do so on a regular basis. They roost in trees at night so they fly at least twice a day, up at night and down in the morning. If turkeys are spooked by a predator they will fly a short distance to escape but they prefer to run to escape danger. They can run up to 25mph and can fly 55mph. Turkeys have excellent vision and hearing that allows them to spot predators. That's why you can spend a lot of time in the woods and not see a turkey; they probably saw you first!

Turkeys are most often seen or heard during the spring breeding season. This is when toms strut and gobble to attract hens. They will fight with each other to see which tom is dominant and he will breed with the most hens. The gobble of a tom can be heard up to a mile away. This is the call that gets a hunter's blood moving in the spring. The hens don't gobble but, cluck and purr to talk back to the toms. Usually during the spring the toms will fly down and first thing in the morning move to an open field or woods to strut for the hens. They do this to attract and impress hens. After breeding, the hens will lay one egg a day until they have 12 to 14 eggs. They will then incubate the eggs for 28 days leaving only to feed. The poults can't fly for the first two weeks and must roost on the ground until then. The hen will stay with them.

Indiana has a healthy population of turkeys now, but that wasn't always the case. Like deer, turkeys were extirpated in Indiana by the early 1900's. This was caused by unregulated hunting and habitat loss. Reintroductions were started in the 1940's with birds that were trapped from existing populations and released in new areas.



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## Indiana Master Naturalist Program

The Wesselman Nature Society is offering its sixth annual Indiana Master Naturalist class starting on January 9th, 2012. This is a unique opportunity to learn about southern Indiana's natural ecosystems from a variety of regional professionals. The class concludes on April 14th and participants may choose to attend classes on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. or Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Program attendees will be introduced to a variety of topics, such as:

- **Ecological principles**
- **Geology and Soils**
- **Insects**
- **Wetland and River-system Ecology**
- **Tree and Wildflower Identification**
- **Songbirds and Raptors**
- **Mammals of S.W. Indiana**
- **Wildlife Management**
- **Herpetology and Entomology**
- **Interpretation Techniques**



Each week, class is taught by a natural resource specialist (Indiana DNR naturalists, local university professors, WNS naturalists, and other experts). Speakers often teach through a combination of presentations and demonstrations that often include hands on activities related to the topic.

The course costs \$135 (\$125 for WNS members), and covers all course materials, IMN state accreditation, and a one-year WNS membership. Participants in the Master Naturalist program are asked to give back by volunteering 40 hours of service to ANY natural resource organization.

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## Certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Whether it's a backyard, community garden, schoolyard, rooftop garden, or even a business site, you can create a habitat that will attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. It's easier than you may think. The National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat program, hosted locally by Wesselman Nature Society, gives you all the information you will need!

WNS will offer both a Basic Course from 9AM to Noon and an advanced session from 1PM to 4PM on March 17th at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. Registration is required, so be sure to reserve your spot soon!

**Turn your backyard into a  
wildlife-friendly habitat today!**

**Class size is limited to 50, so register or find out more information  
by calling 812-479-0771.**

**WNS Members \$10/person & Nonmembers \$15/person**

## 2012 Recycle Saturday Schedule

<b>January 7</b>	Civic Center	<b>May 5</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>September 8</b>	Old Walmart West
<b>February 4</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>May 19</b>	Evansville Day School	<b>September 22</b>	Evansville Day School
<b>February 18</b>	4-H Center Fairgrounds	<b>June 2</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>October 6</b>	Old Walmart West
<b>March 3</b>	Evansville Day School	<b>June 23</b>	4-H Center Fairgrounds	<b>October 20</b>	4-H Center Fairgrounds
<b>March 10</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>July 7</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>November 3</b>	Old Walmart West
<b>April 14</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>August 4</b>	4-H Center Fairgrounds	<b>November 17</b>	Evansville Day School
<b>April 21</b>	4-H Center Fairgrounds	<b>August 11</b>	Old Walmart West	<b>December 8</b>	Old Walmart West

## Steve Bohleber - The Great Smokey Mountains National Park Biodiversity Project

On March 8, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Nature Center at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, join Wesselman Nature Society member Steve Bohleber for a fascinating look at the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. Steve will talk about his work with Discover Life in America, a not for profit organization that has begun an all taxa biodiversity inventory (ATBI) at the Park. In a joint effort with the National Park Service, the ATBI is a concentrated effort to identify and record every single species within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It is the first effort of its kind, and organizations all across the US and Europe are following this example. Steve will talk about their progress and what they hope to accomplish with this effort.

## Making Contact by Lauren Preske

As Naturalists, we sometimes wonder if our continuous effort to connect people to nature ever really connects anything. People in this day and age of fast-paced, high-tech lifestyles are definitely connected, but they are usually connected to a power cord. Slowing people down long enough to connect them to nature is a rare treat and challenge indeed. Children are no exception, as they are influenced by the lifestyles demonstrated by the adults around them, and are “plugged in” to electronics like television, computers, video games, and cell phones on average about 40 hours each week. Children today don’t even have much of a chance to plug into nature. But occasionally we have the chance to make contact.

We recently had the pleasure of introducing some children to nature, and believe me, it was an introduction in the true sense of the word. Approximately 40 children from Glenwood and Lodge Elementary Schools had the opportunity to visit the Eagle Slough Natural Area, a local wetland very near their neighborhoods and schools. Naturalists and volunteers from WNS and the Eagle Slough Steering Committee welcomed these children as they got off the bus to guide them in their new adventure with nature. The children were immediately giddy with excitement. They began observing their surroundings and couldn’t contain their thoughts and emotions about what they were experiencing. They just blurted out questions and expressions in a chorus together, one after the other, about the sounds, colors, movements, and organisms they were seeing. We heard “ooh!”, “woow!”, “what is THAT?”. They were fascinated with hunting for bugs on the leaves, touching a snake, and even watching a squirrel in a tree! Any structure we had in mind of lessons to teach went out the window as we became mere shepherds of their enthusiasm and wonder. They enjoyed it so much they didn’t even know they were learning. But there wasn’t enough time before we had to shuffle them back onto the bus that would take them back to a different world. And they so badly wanted more... More play. More learning. More nature.



The children at these schools spend most if not all of their time in very urban environments, and do not have much opportunity to play and learn in natural spaces because of their school or family time, transportation or financial constraints. Thanks to insightful and caring individuals and organizations, funding was available to provide a series of six field trips for these children, who may not have had the chance otherwise. It reached only a few children, but it appeared to have a huge impact on each of them. It sure had a huge impact on us. We will strive to find ways to offer more experiences like this to more children, and to make contact as often as possible.

# Maple Sugarbush Festival

On a cold winter day, what could be more comforting than some real maple syrup on a hot stack of pancakes? According to American naturalist and essayist John Burroughs, pure maple syrup "... has a wild delicacy of flavor that no other sweet can match". The Wesselman Nature Society's **Maple Sugarbush Festival and Pancake Breakfast** is the place to go to experience 100% pure maple magic.

The annual festival celebrates the maple sugar harvest from the trees of the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, and offers enjoyable educational experiences for all ages. Bring the family to **enjoy a hearty breakfast**, including sausage, all-you-can-eat pancakes with pure, Indiana-grown maple syrup, and juice, milk, and/or coffee. After breakfast, families can **take a guided tour through the woods** to observe how sap is harvested from the sugar maple trees, and then **visit the sugar shack** to witness the process of boiling the sap into pure, delicious maple syrup. Other activities and demonstrations are on the agenda, including live dulcimer music all throughout the morning festivities. Maple syrup, maple confections, and other seasonal novelties will be for sale, and only available during the event.

**Admission to the event is \$8 adults (13 & over), \$5 youth (ages 4-12), ages 3 & under free (\$1/person discount for WNS members). WNS Membership registration will be available at the door.**

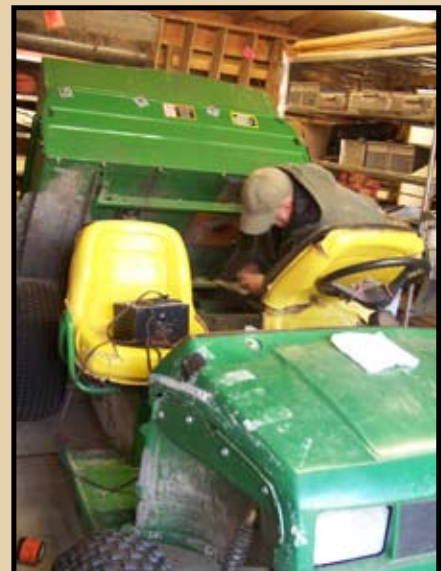


**Saturday, March 3  
Sunday, March 4, 2012  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

## Volunteers at Work!



Students from USI's Service Learning Office and Phi Delta fraternity partnered with energetic young volunteers from the Dream Center, Carver Center and the YMCA to provide some much needed litter control and trail maintenance at Howell Wetlands in November.



WNS Volunteer Dennis Slow does some much-needed tuning up on one of the Nature Center utility vehicles.

## Evansville Earth Event

A community-wide celebration of the birthday of Earth Day! Join us **April 21, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for a fun-filled day of family activities in the outdoors at the beautiful **Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve**. Visit interactive displays and activities demonstrating eco-friendly practices and products, take guided hikes, enjoy children's activities and hands-on crafts, encounter live animals, watch themed shows, enjoy live music, and much more. This is a **FREE EVENT** and made possible by partnership with South Central Media. Please check our website, [WesselmanNatureSociety.org](http://WesselmanNatureSociety.org), for more updates closer to the event date!

## Volunteer Orientation Basics

On February 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. or February 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, a basic orientation class on the WNS Volunteer Program for current WNS volunteers only. WNS staff will give an overview of the new WNS Volunteer Handbook, policies and procedures, and existing volunteer opportunities. Staff will also give a brief summary of the WNS organization and operational and safety information. All WNS volunteers are asked to attend one Volunteer Orientation Basics Class, which will serve as a foundation for other more specialized training opportunities offered periodically. The classes are offered quarterly and are free of charge, and volunteers will receive a certificate of completion. Reservations are required.

## Ohio Valley Birding Festival

Mark your calendars...birding enthusiasts won't want to miss the 5th Ohio Valley Birding Festival scheduled for April 25th - April 29th, 2012. This annual celebration of birds and birdwatching is an Evansville Audubon Society event, presented in partnership with Wesselman Nature Society and John James Audubon State Park. Five days of diverse avian related activities will be offered, featuring guided spring migratory birdwatching hikes in southwestern Indiana and western Kentucky.

Keynote speaker for the 2012 Festival will be Mr. Chuck Mills. Mills is a retired educator, experienced tour leader, bird researcher, and avid lister. He has traveled the world, adding to his bird list along the way, in a host of exotic locales including Cuba, Puerto Rico and many others. His world list stands at nearly 2000 species and he has an ABA (American Birding Association) list of 675. Mills has monitored the federally endangered Least Tern population at Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area in Gibson County for nearly twenty years, and serves on the board of directors for the Indiana Audubon Society. Mills will speak on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 pm. He will also be leading various hikes during the Festival.

There's a full slate of hikes and trips planned to bird-

ing hotspots throughout the region. Last year's hikes and excursions produced 170 species! We will return to the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge, Cane Ridge, Goose Pond, and Bluegrass Fish and Wildlife Areas, as well as local hikes at JJ Audubon and Lincoln State Parks, Eagle Slough Natural Area, Howell Wetlands and Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. New offerings this year include a birding paddle at Hovey Lake FWA, a van excursion for people with limited mobility and hikes along the Newburgh Trail and new Burdette Park/USI trail. Register for your favorites early...space fills quickly.

Family Day will return to Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve on Saturday April 28th with dozens of activities for children and their families. Drawing owls, bird banding, and owl pellet dissection workshops will be offered, along with a variety of crafts, games and hikes. And you won't want to miss the live Raptor Show! As always, all Family Day activities are **FREE** to the public.

A complete schedule of Festival activities is available at Audubon State Park, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, Wild Birds Unlimited and local public libraries. You can also view and print the schedule from the Festival website: [www.OhioValleyBirdingFestival.org](http://www.OhioValleyBirdingFestival.org)

# Thank You to all of our current sponsors and donors.

## Maple Sugarbush

### Pancake Fest & Breakfast 2011

- Old National Bank
- South Central Media
- Goldenrod Dairy
- Schnucks

### Green Tea 2011

- Wild Birds Unlimited
- Oaks Printing
- Madeleine's
- Jane Grief Hayden Designs
- Kip Farmer Design
- Cinda Vote Design Group
- Tay Ruthenburg of Evaline Karges Interiors

- Barbara Woodruff and Company of Just Faux It/ Just Consign It
- It Can Be Arranged
- Penny John's
- Brinker's Jewelers
- Mulberry Jeans Accents

### Harvest Festival & Hayrides 2011

- D-Patrick Ford
- HUB International

### Wandering Owl

### Wine & Beer Trail 2011

- Evansville Commerce Bank
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- Empire Contractors

- Alphagraphics
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- Ivan Ward, Elizabeth Ward, Greg Ward, Denzil and Judy Blaize and David Harris- *Binocular Donations*
- Linda Singer-*Shredder*
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## Audubon Meetings

Join the Evansville Audubon Society for their monthly meetings at the Nature Center, beginning at 7 PM. See below for upcoming topics.



Jan. 17-"Bald Eagle, Nature's Survivor"- Learn about this amazing creature's story and where you can see them in our area. Presented by Julie McDonald, native of northern Illinois, naturalist (a.k.a. program services supervisor) at James Audubon State Park.

Feb. 21-"Falconry"-Adventures of a local falconer and birder. Presented by Mel Lodato, retired teacher, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Evansville Audubon Society Board Member, and board member of Wesselman Nature Society.

Mar. 20-"Sounds of Spring"-Frogs and Salamanders of Wesselman Park and southern Indiana. Presented by Tom Cervone, Principal/Director of Environmental Services Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates, Inc.

April 17- "Caves, Bats and White Nose Syndrome" Diana Barber had been at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Gardens since 2000. She earned a PhD in biology from the University of Illinois, specializing in the evolution and behavior of mammals. She teaches a course on environmental conservation at the University of Southern Indiana.

## "Turkeys" Con.

At the same time, habitat restoration was bringing back the birds habitats. Because of these efforts, turkeys are now found in almost every county in Indiana again (they are even found in places where they were not found originally, like Hawaii).

Turkeys are very interesting birds. Ben Franklin thought so much of them he wanted them to be the national bird. He said the bald eagle was a thief and wasn't as noble as the wild turkey. They were highly revered by the Native Americans and by the early European settlers. They are still one of the most popular game animals. If you have never seen one of these birds you are missing out on one of the classic American icons.

## Volunteers...Save the Date!

We invite all Wesselman Nature Society volunteers to join us on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Dinner will begin at **5:30 pm at the Nature Center at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve**. This is an opportunity for the Board of Directors, staff and members to thank our volunteers for all of their contributions. Invitations will be sent in early 2012, but please mark your calendars to reserve the date now.

### Winter Program Descriptions (Arranged in Alphabetical Order)

**Audubon Society Meeting** With the reopening of the WWNP Nature Center, Evansville Audubon Society is back to holding their regular monthly programs/board meetings at WWNP. Start time for the monthly program is 7PM followed by board meeting at 8PM. The Audubon Society will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

**Bird Banding** – (Jan. 21, 1:00 PM. at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve.) Assist with an ongoing research and conservation project as we catch, identify, band, and record data on the birds of the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. This unique hands-on birding experience offers close up encounters with wild birds and demonstrations on banding techniques and bird identification. Participants can also help release them back to the wild! Bring your camera! Free; donations accepted. Note: for the safety of the birds, this program will be cancelled in adverse weather, such as days that the temperature dips below 32 degrees or during heavy rain.

**Certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat Seminar** – (March 17, 9:00 AM to Noon at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve) Make the most of your backyard, for you and your wildlife. Enhance its natural features and create a certified backyard wildlife habitat! Whether you are in an urban or rural setting, you can improve the habitat for wildlife and enjoy nature's visitors. This introductory class will teach the basic elements and techniques for attracting wildlife, what wildlife you can expect to see, and how to get your backyard certified as wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation! \$15/person for nonmembers, \$10/person for WNS members. Registration required. Space is limited.

**Evansville Earth Event**– (April 21, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM) Earth Day is a time to celebrate and enjoy our natural world. Get the family outside! Join us for a fun-filled day of family activities, including guided themed hikes, children's activities, games, and crafts, live animal encounters, music and much, much more. Free. This event is made possible with sponsorship from South Central Media.

**Green Tea** – (March 15, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM) Guests have lunch, sample green tea and have the opportunity to win Gardenscapes from various local decorators.\$40.00 per person

**Indiana Master Naturalist Course** – (Jan. 9 through April 14, Mondays from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM and Tuesdays 9:00 AM to Noon) An introductory program of nature discovery and service learning for adults. Course provides an introduction to our local natural history and develops skills for interpretation through lectures, hands-on activities, demonstrations, and a

guided outdoor field trip. Class meets for a three-hour class once per week for thirteen weeks through April. Pre-registration required. Call to 812-479-0771 ext 102 to register.

**Maple Sugarbush Festival & Pancake Breakfast** – (March 3 & 4, 7:00 AM-1:00 PM) The annual festival celebrates the maple sugar harvest from the trees of the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, and offers enjoyable educational experiences for all ages. Bring the family to enjoy a hearty breakfast, including sausage, all-you-can-eat pancakes with pure maple syrup, and juice, milk, and/or coffee. After breakfast, families can take a guided tour through the woods to observe how sap is harvested from the sugar maple trees, and then visit the sugar shack to witness the process of boiling the sap into pure, delicious maple syrup. Maple syrup, maple confections, and other seasonal novelties will be for sale, and only available during the event. Admission to the event is \$8 adults (13 & over), \$5 youth (ages 4-12), ages 3 & under free (\$1/person discount for WNS members)

**Recycle Saturday** – A recurring event at various locations (usually on the first and third Saturday of the month) in which you can help out both the Preserve and the earth by donating your recyclable goods. We accept the following materials: corrugated cardboard, paperboard, mixed office paper and junk mail, newspaper, magazines and catalogs, #1 PETE plastic, #2 HDPE plastic, glass, steel cans, and aluminum cans.

**Scout Workshop** – (By registration, 1 PM) Boy and Girl Scouts at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. Scouts of all ages will enjoy exploring the woods while doing fun activities to earn their patches or badges. Various themed workshops will be held throughout the year. Pre-registration required. See our online event calendar for workshop schedule, or call 479-0771, ext. 102 for more information.

**Toddler Tales** – Toddler Tales (Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 AM) at the Wesselman Woods Nature Center. Interaction with nature is important in a child's early stages of learning and development. This seasonal nature story and craft class is a fun and enriching experience for parents and children up to 5 years old. Toddler Tales is free to WNS Members, or \$3/family/visit for non-members. No reservation required. Cancelled if EVSC schools close for inclement weather.

**WNS Board Meeting** – (4:30 PM) at Wesselman Woods Nature Center. Wesselman Nature Society's Board of Director's meets every 4th Tuesday. Note: if you would like to bring any business up to the board, please call in advance, and ask to be put on the agenda. WNS board meetings are open to the public.



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# WNS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Winter 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8
Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	Toddler Tales-10am	January 5	Toddler Tales-10am	Recycle Saturday (Civic Center)-8am-Noon	
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	Toddler Tales-10am	January 12	Toddler Tales-10am	Wing Watching-8am	
January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22
Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	Toddler Tales-10am	January 19	Toddler Tales-10am	Bird Banding-1pm	
January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29
Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	Toddler Tales-10am	January 26	Toddler Tales-10am		
January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5
Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	Toddler Tales-10am	February 2	Toddler Tales-10am	Recycle Saturday (Old Walmart West)-8am Noon Bird Banding-1pm	

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February 20 Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	February 21 Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon Child Safety Training-9am to Noon	February 22 Toddler Tales-10am	February 23	Great Backyard Bird Count- February 17th through 20th	
February 27 Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	February 28 Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	February 29 Toddler Tales-10am	March 1	February 24 Toddler Tales-10am	February 25 Volunteer Banquet-5pm
March 5 Indiana Master Naturalist Program-6pm-9pm	March 6 Indiana Master Naturalist Program-9am-Noon	March 7 Toddler Tales-10am	March 8 Great Smokey Mountain National Park Biodiversity Project-Steve Bohleber-7PM	March 9 Toddler Tales-10am	March 3 Recycle Saturday (Evansville Day School)-8am-Noon Wing Watching-8am
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				March 18	

All programs are held at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve unless otherwise indicated or appearing with the icon for Howell Wetlands (🌿) or Canoe Evansville (🚣).  
View the online calendar with full descriptions of programs: [www.WesselmanNatureSociety.org/events/](http://www.WesselmanNatureSociety.org/events/).

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!



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Volunteer  
Banquet  
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## WNS Wish List

- Ice Cream Maker
- Color cardstock
- 22x17 inch frame, plastic or acrylic preferred but will take glass, too!
- Black oil sunflower seed

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