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Spring Open House at Lincoln Park

Bird Walk & Family Activities

Milwaukee, WI (May 8, 2015) – Friends of Lincoln Park invite the public to an open-house celebration that includes a variety of family-friendly, nature-related activities, Saturday morning, May 16. Activities will be based at the Lincoln Park Blatz Pavilion, at 1301 W. Hampton Ave.

At 8 a.m., Tim Vargo of the Urban Ecology Center will lead a Bird Walk through the park. Would-be birders of all experience levels are welcome. A limited number of binoculars will be available for use during the walk. Vargo’s research experience in conservation biology and ornithology have taken him around the globe, including projects in Australia, Bolivia, Costa Rica, and throughout the United States. The walk will last about 90 minutes.

At 9 a.m., doors of the Blatz Pavilion will open, with activities for kids of all ages. Ongoing, hands-on activities and demonstrations include Fishing Fun with the Urban Ecology Center, recycling and composting, making container gardens, and learning to fold origami fish and birds. Also in the pavilion, “table-talk” displays will feature information and tips on recycling, river ecology—including an update on the Milwaukee River cleanup—and native and invasive plants.

For additional opportunities to explore the park, native- and invasive-plant walks will be offered at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 a.m. Walks will last about 45 minutes. Participants will learn to identify plants that are native gems, such as trillium, and invasive plants that threaten them, such as garlic mustard.

Food will be provided by Beans and Barley.

Friends of Lincoln Park is presenting the open house in partnership with Milwaukee County Parks, University of Wisconsin–Extension, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant

For more information, visit lincolnparkfriends.org/News/LP_News02.htm.

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