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## **“Reptile Day” Returns to Wehr Nature Center-** *A fun introduction to cold-blooded relatives*

Franklin, WI (June 2, 2015) —Meeting snakes, turtles, and lizards—up close and personal—is in store at Reptile Day, Sunday, June 7, from 1-4 p.m., at Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Ave.

Families will see and learn about a variety of reptiles and amphibians from Wisconsin and around the world. Experts, including wildlife biologist Randy Hetzel and members of the Madison Herpetological Society, will present their animals, give visitors the opportunity to touch or hold the critters, and answer questions about reptiles in the wild and the way to care for them as pets.

In addition to the critter show and tell, Milwaukee County Parks staff and volunteers will lead nature hikes at 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. in search of basking turtles, croaking frogs, and sunning snakes.

A variety of children’s reptile-themed craft activities will complete the event.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

“Understanding how snakes, lizards, and amphibians help us can lead to a different approach the next time you see one in the wild,” said Ken Keffer, Wehr Naturalist and co-author of *The Kids' Outdoor Adventure Book: 448 Great Things to Do in Nature Before You Grow Up*. “The program gets kids involved—the first step to making a connection with the natural world,” Keffer said.

General admission is \$3 per person, \$2 per Friends of Wehr member. Parking is \$3 per car.

For more information call Wehr Nature Center at (414) 425-8550 or go to [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com)

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