

## Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills Interpretive Center

### 2012 Public Interpretive Programs for the Whole Family

Program fee is \$6.00 per child, \$2.00 per adult for county residents, unless otherwise noted.

\$7.00 per child, \$3.00 per adult for non-Wayne county residents

Pre-register at the Park Office: 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Call 734-261-1850 with any questions.

All programs are held at Nankin Mills unless otherwise noted.

#### Attracting Bluebirds

**Saturday, March 3, 2012, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Would you like to learn how to attract the beautiful “bluebirds of happiness” to your own yard? Habitats and nesting holes are in short supply for these striking bright blue birds. Come learn about their habitat requirements and what you might do to entice them into hanging out in your yard! Program is for adults, Fee is \$4.00 per adult.



#### Maple Sugaring at Cass Benton

**Saturday, March 17, 2012**

**Register for one start time: 10 am, 11 am or Noon. Program is 1 ½ hours long**

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan. Native Americans taught the early settlers how to collect and boil the sap running up the maple trees at this time of year. Bundle up and join our naturalists at Cass Benton Park in Northville, where a historic “sugar bush” still exists. We will share the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for a tree-tapping demonstration. Bring the whole family for a celebration of this early spring ritual, and enjoy pancakes with the “real thing” afterwards! The Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road. Meet at the picnic shelter. The program is outdoors and the trails can be muddy, so dress accordingly!



#### Native American Heritage Day

**Saturday, September 8, 2012, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, FREE EVENT!**

The North American Indian Association will host a special Social Gathering on the grounds of Nankin Mills to share their culture and their heritage. A drumming circle will lead the dancers in beautiful regalia through the ceremony. These dedicated drummers, dancers, singers and artisans follow the Pow Wow trail all over North America. Native American artisans will demonstrate, display and sell their crafts. Native American food will also be available for purchase. Bring the whole family to share in this celebration of America’s first people. Bring your own lawn chair and umbrella for shade, as seating is limited. Co-sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills.



#### Halloween Forest Fun Hike

**Friday, October 19, 2012**

**Register for one start time: 6 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm. Program is 1 ½ - 2 hours.**

Take a guided night hike to meet our “not-so-scary and sort-of-silly” nature-related characters. These costumed creatures will tell you all about themselves! Please arrive 15 minutes before your starting time. Hikes will be outdoors, so dress accordingly. Program will be moved indoors only if it’s very rainy. After a 45 minute hike you will come inside to meet many amazing live creatures at an animal show! Co-sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills.

#### Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting

**Saturday, December 8, 2012, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Join us for an old-fashioned celebration of the season at historic Nankin Mills. From 4:00 - 5:15 pm families can participate in unique holiday games, such as “fruitcake bowling”, “Pin the nose on Rudolph”, and “Reindeer antler wreath toss”, as well as make several seasonal crafts to take home. The second part of the program is sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills and features a community sing-a-long, Mill



Lighting, and special visit from St. Nick! This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of Nankin Mills Mill Lighting!!