

Mission

Our mission is to provide resources and education to inspire the appreciation and preservation of nature.

Vision

The Troy Nature Society has a vision to become an exemplary community resource for nature education and preservation in the Troy area. We believe in making learning fun, while working to achieve our mission.

Who We Are



The Stage Nature Center is operated by the Troy Nature Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Troy, MI.

The Troy Nature Society is dedicated to providing educational programs that help our visitors understand the natural world and good stewardship of the environment.

All programs are offered by the Troy Nature Society, a non-profit organization that has an agreement with the City of Troy to conduct educational nature programs at the SNC. Registration information can be found at: www.stagenaturecenter.org

CONSIDER DONATING TODAY!

Your generous contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please make checks payable to: Troy Nature Society

TNS Mailing Address:

Troy Nature Society
P.O. Box 99302
Troy, MI 48099
Ph: 248.688.9703



Decorate for Wildlife with Santa

Saturday, December 8th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Ages: 3 - 8
TNS Member Fee: \$13 | Non-Member Fee: \$16

During this annual holiday event we will make edible ornaments to hang outside for wildlife. We will listen as Santa shares a few tales about his reindeer, life at the North Pole & lead us in some holiday songs.

Each child will have an opportunity talk with Santa and receive a small gift. Children will enjoy a snack and make a craft. Please dress for a short hike out on our trails. **Adult partners are free and must remain with children for the duration of the program.**

Parents are welcome to take photos. Troy Nature Photo Club will also be taking photos of your child's visit with Santa. Purchase two (2) 5x7 photos for \$10.

Photo Walks

SATURDAYS
September 1st | October 6th
November 3rd | December 1st
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet in the parking lot at the SNC by 8am and bring your camera. Dress for the weather.
TNS Member: Free | Non-Members: \$2

Step Into Autumn

Thursday, October 11th | 6pm

With Troy Historic Village & Beaumont Health and their free weekly walking group. The walk at the nature center will be guided by a SNC naturalist.

Nature Center Interpretive Building:

Tuesday - Friday Saturday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Upcoming Holiday Closures:

Thanksgiving Weekend:
November 22nd - 26th
Christmas & New Year:
December 24th - January 1st

Sunday, Monday & Holidays: Closed
Entry to the Nature Center interpretive building is free.

Nature Trails

Trails are free & open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

Directions

Stage Nature Center
(Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center)
6685 Coolidge Hwy.
Troy, MI 48098

Located on the west side of Coolidge between Square Lake Road and South Blvd.



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Family Nature Explorers

Monthly Program | Saturdays
Recommended for children ages 5+
TNS Members | Family Fee: \$15 (up to 4)
\$2 for each additional person
Non-Members | Family Fee: \$18 (up to 4)
\$3 for each additional person

Enjoy some screen-free quality time for the whole family while exploring the natural world. Families will participate in hands-on, outdoor experiences. Together we will investigate different nature-related topics each month. Adults must remain with their children.

September 8th | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Amazing Arachnids

October 6th | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Creatures of the Night + Meet Live Owls!

November 10th | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Terrific Turkeys

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

Monthly Program for Ages: 2 - 4
10:00 am - 11:30 am
TNS Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$13

Children and an adult partner are invited to explore the outdoors through nature-inspired activities including a story, trail hike, teaching games, nature craft and a snack. Adult partner and babes in arms are free.

Log Life	Thursday	September 13th
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Squirrels	Thursday	October 18th
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Turkeys	Thursday	November 15th

Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 15th
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Volunteer Opportunity | Ages 14-Adult
Contact the nature center for more!

Light & Composition

Thursday, September 13th | 6pm - 8pm
Ages: 12 - Adult
TNS Members: Free | Non-Members: \$5

Professional photographer and photographic instructor Dale Vronch will introduce you to well-designed composition techniques that accommodate the intended subject. Using natural lighting, shadows and other objects in the vicinity of the subject, along with elements such as color, shape and texture, will highlight your nature photograph to a perfect image. Register for this program at troynaturephotoclub.org.



Monarch Madness

Saturday, September 15th
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | Ages: 6 - Adult
TNS Members: \$4 | Non-Members: \$6

Join us to discover the natural history of the monarch butterfly as you assist staff in the tagging and release of live monarchs to further research about this fascinating butterfly. September is the time of year when Michigan's Monarchs are beginning their journey to Mexico. Learn more about the Monarchs of North America and their unique migration in which they travel up to 3,000 miles during their two-way migration every year. Adults must remain with their children for the duration of the program.

Herb Walk

Friday, September 21st
1pm - 3pm | Ages: All
TNS Member: \$5 | Non-Member: \$7
(Children under 4 are Free)

Join Herbalist Lea Pfeifer as she takes you on a walk through the SNC grounds to explore edible and medicinal plants found on the preserve. She will give tips on how to identify the plants and ways they can be useful to people. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Homeschool Nature Classes

Ages: 5 - 10
TNS Members: \$6 | Non-Members: \$8
(Parent partner is free)

Wednesday, September 26th | 10am - 12pm
Incredible Insects Learn how to distinguish insects from other invertebrates and the many roles they play in their natural communities. Children will participate in field observation, sweep net sampling and data analysis.

Tuesday, November 13th | 1pm - 3pm
Rock Your World Children will explore rocks and minerals, do experiments to identify different rocks, look at rock and mineral uses by people and investigate mountains, volcanoes and other landforms.

Coyotes in Our Neighborhoods
Wednesday, September 26th
7pm - 8pm | Ages: 14 - Adult
FREE PROGRAM

Coyotes are becoming more common in urban landscapes due to their adaptive behavior. This presentation will focus on coyote facts and how to reduce coyote-human conflicts. Presenter Holly Vaughn Joswick is the DNR Wildlife Communications Coordinator for Southeast Michigan.

Lets Feed the Birds

Sunday, September 30th
1pm - 3pm | Ages: 7-10
TNS Members: \$12 | Non-Members: \$14
Children and a free adult partner will work together to build a bird feeder. Hear about birds that stay around for the winter and learn a bit about what they eat. We will take a short hike to observe birds in the woods and at our feeders.

Little Acorns

October 3rd | 10:30 am - 11:30 am
November 29th | 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Ages: 2 - 4 and free adult partner
TNS Members: \$3 | Non-Members: \$5
Explore the sights and sounds of nature through outdoor activities and a hike along our wood chipped trail. Adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program.

Scout it Out!

Scouts! Complete your nature-related badge or achievement! All or most requirements are met; however, the badge itself is not included. Register as an individual scout, den, pack or troop. Please dress for the weather. Leaders or chaperones are free and need to remain with their scouts. No refunds for programs.

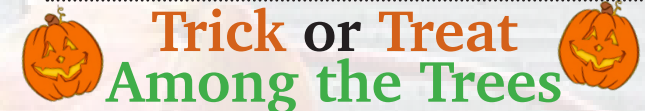
Fee: \$10/scout | Saturdays
9:30am - 12pm (unless otherwise noted)

October 13th | 9am-12pm | JGS | Geocacher
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October 20th | Webelos | Into the Wild
November 3rd | Bear | Fur, Feathers...
Dec. 1st | 10am - 12pm | Brownies | Senses

RiverSafe LakeSafe

Saturday, October 13th
1pm - 2pm | Ages: Adult | FREE

Join the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) to learn common household tasks that help protect water quality around your home and within the Clinton River watershed. The program consists of a survey which will help to identify areas of everyday life that impact our local water quality. If you qualify, you can become self-certified and recognized by the CRWC with a complimentary plaque as RiverSafe LakeSafe.



Trick or Treat Among the Trees

Sunday, October 21st
Ages: 3 - 9 | Session times below
TNS Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$13

Families who enjoy a crowd-free Halloween experience are invited to take a guided tour of the woodland trail on the grounds of the Stage Nature Center. Children will learn secrets of the forest, receive treats, meet costumed characters and some live animals. The tour will end with a special treat and a pumpkin to take home.

Dress for the weather! Adult partners are free.

Registration times:

2:00 pm - 3:45 pm | 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm

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Session times will be added if needed.