

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



Invasive Plant Removal and Spring Clean Up Days

April 27th | 1:00pm - 4:00pm
May 18th | 9:30am - 12:30pm

Ages: 14 - Adult
Volunteer Opportunity

Help us preserve our native flora by eradicating invasive non-native plants. Help us to improve the nature trails and clean up the grounds. Attendees will learn about invasives that may be lurking in their own yards. Work gloves, sturdy shoes and work clothes & kneeling pad are recommended.

Walk with a Naturalist

Saturdays March 30th & June 1st
11am - 12pm | Ages: 3 - Adult

Fee: Free | Donations accepted

Walk the SNC trails through various natural communities as we explore and answer nature questions. Pre-register online or at the door. Adults should remain with their children.

White-tailed Deer

Tuesday, April 30th | 7pm - 8pm

Ages: 14 - Adult | Free Program

Join Holly Vaughn, MI DNR Wildlife Communications Coordinator, for an informative presentation on the biology and behavior of white-tailed deer. Learn how the Michigan DNR manages Michigan's deer herd. We'll also discuss ways to keep them out of your favorite garden plantings, and discuss the new deer baiting and feeding ban in the Lower Peninsula that went into effect January 31, 2019.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, June 1st | 9am - 2pm

Help support a healthy ecosystem by planting natives! Brendan Nolan of Plants for Ecology, a producer of locally sourced native plants, will have a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and plants available for purchase. 25% of the proceeds will be donated to the Troy Nature Society.

For details visit:

www.plantsforecology.com

Nature Center Interpretive Building:

Tuesday - Friday Saturday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Entry to the nature center interpretive building is free.

Upcoming Holiday Closures:

April 19th - 22nd and May 25th - 27th
Sunday, Monday & Holidays: Closed

Nature Trails

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

Effective January 31st, 2019 feeding white-tailed deer is prohibited by law and enforced by the Michigan DNR.

For more information visit:
Michigan.gov/dnr

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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Homeschool Nature Class Maple Syrup

March 13th | 1pm – 3pm | Ages: 5 – 10
TNS Members: \$6 | Non-Members: \$8
Parent partners are free

Discover how nature's food factories (leaves) produce sugar through photosynthesis. Students will participate in several trailside demonstrations while learning about the basics of sugar bush operation and forest ecology.

KNEE-HIGH NATURALISTS

Monthly Program for Ages: 2 – 4
10:00am – 11:30am
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.

Terrific Trees: Explore the amazing things trees provide in March.

April Showers: Discover how changing weather affects spring happenings.

May Flowers: Search for new flowers and leaves starting to grow.

Terrific Trees	Thursday	March 21st
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April Showers	Thursday	April 25th
April Showers	Friday	April 26th

May Flowers	Thursday	May 16th
May Flowers	Friday	May 17th

Photo Walks

**Saturdays | March 2nd, April 6th,
May 4th & June 1st**
8:00am - 10:00am

Meet in the parking lot at the SNC by 8am and bring your camera. Dress for the weather.

TNS Members: Free | Non-Members: \$2

Scout it Out!

Saturday Dates | \$10 per scout

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.

Tiger | My Tiger Jungle | March 23rd
10am-12pm | \$20/scout

Daisy | Clover Petal | April 27th | 10am-12pm

Brownie | Bugs | May 4th | 9:30am-12pm

SPRING BREAK DAYS

TWO-DAY MINI-CAMP

April 3rd & 4th

9am - 4pm | Ages: 6 – 8 & 9 – 11

TNS Members: \$80 | Non-Members: \$90

Spend spring break outdoors by visiting the forests and meadows looking for animals, signs of animal activity and new plant growth. Each day includes fun interactive games, explorations and crafts. Use observation tools to discover what's happening outdoors. Camp is held rain or shine. Bring a sack lunch each day. We'll provide beverages and an afternoon snack.

Family Nature Explorers

Monthly Program | Saturdays | 1:30pm – 3pm
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.

April 6th

Owl Pellet Dissection & Meet a Live Owl!

May 11th | Wildlife Babies

Little Acorns
Wednesday, April 10th
Thursday, May 9th

10:30am – 11:30am | Ages: 2 – 4

TNS Members: \$3 | Non-Members: \$5

You and your child will explore the sights and sounds of nature through this outdoor hands-on activity. Sturdy strollers are welcome. Adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Woodcock Walk

Friday, April 12th

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Ages: 7 – Adult

TNS Members: \$5 | Non-Members: \$7

A sure sign of spring is the wonderful and slightly wacky courtship display of the American Woodcock. Join us for a sunset stroll to their display area at the SNC to marvel at the dance and bizarre flights of these amazing birds. Dress in layers for warmth and wear boots for wet trails. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Each participant must enroll and pay the fee.

“Egg”stravaganza at the SNC

Saturday, April 13th

1:00pm - 2:30pm and 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Ages: 4 – 10

TNS Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$13

Celebrate Spring and the new life that is upon us! Learn about the many animals that hatch from eggs. Discover how eggs protect them as they grow. Take a short spring hike. Participate in egg games, including an egg hunt with special prizes, and make spring crafts. Dress for the weather. Free adult partners must accompany children.

Amphibian Search

Saturday, April 27th

7:30pm - 9:00pm | Ages: 5 – Adult

TNS Members: \$5 | Non-Members: \$7

Search for frogs, toads, and salamanders on the nature center grounds. Spring is when we find them on their breeding grounds and we can hear their calls. We will also meet some of the resident amphibians of the Stage Nature Center! Be sure to dress for wet and possibly muddy conditions. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Discovering Wildflowers
Saturday, May 4th

1:30pm – 3:30pm | Ages: 9 – Adult

TNS Members: \$8 | Non-Members: \$11

We will take a hike along the trails to discover the wildflowers that grow quickly on the forest floor before tree leaves cover them in shade. After the hike, participants will receive a mini-plant press to learn how to preserve some greenhouse-grown flowers. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Stargazing at Stage

Friday, May 10th

8pm – 10pm | Ages: 8 – Adult

TNS Members: \$6 | Non-Members: \$8

Warren Astronomical Society member Marty Kuntz leads us on a journey deep into the spring night sky to explore spring constellations, deep space objects and other astronomical phenomena. Telescopes will be provided, or you may bring your own. Marty will help you learn about your telescope. This program will run regardless of sky conditions. Dress for the weather. All participants must register and pay the fee.

Spring Bird Hike

Saturday, May 11th

8am – 10am | Ages: 8 – Adult

TNS Members: \$4 | Non-Members: \$6

While spring migration is in its peak, join us as we witness several amazing birds. Some of the birds will be summer residents; others will be just passing through on their trip north. We will hike the trails and look for our migrating feathered friends. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. All experience levels welcome. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Nature Invented it First

Saturday, June 1st

2:00pm – 3:30pm | Ages: 5 – Adult

TNS Members: \$4 | Non-Members: \$6

Many inventions used by people were first inspired by wild animals and plants. We will look at adaptations that help wildlife survive and ways these adaptations have led to human inventions. We will take a hike to observe some animal and plant survival techniques.

SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

<https://troynaturesociety.org/summer-camp-2019/>