

**May 4-12, 2013**

**Chain O' Lakes State Park**

**Beach House Nature Center Hours: Weekends 12-4**

**Stanley Schoolhouse Open Hours: Weekends 10-2**

**Welcome Back! Weekend May 4-5**

**Saturday, May 4**

**11:30a: Scavenger Hunt** Help us celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of the Nature Center! Children will be given a list of questions and "hunt" for the answers by looking at displays in the Nature Center. Smokey Bear prizes will be awarded! Meets at Nature Center. 30 min

**4:30p: Ricky Raccoon** We'll read a fun children's story and make a raccoon craft. Perfect for elementary-aged children. Meets at Nature Center. 30 min

**8:30p: Sense the Night Hike** Join the Naturalist for an easy walk on Trail 3. We'll put our senses to the test and discover the amazing adaptations of nocturnal animals. Meets at Campground Store. 1 hr

**Sunday, May 5**

**10:00a: Walk Into Spring** Let's take an informal, educational walk on Trail 9 to admire and identify spring wildflowers. This rugged trail winds through Glacial Esker Nature Preserve and around Kreiger Lake. Sandals are not recommended. Meets at Stanley Schoolhouse. 1 hr

**11:30a-1:30p: Smokey Face Painting** Color a picture of Smokey Bear and get a bear paw painted on your face! Fun for children of all ages! Meets at Stanley Schoolhouse.

**Saturday, May 11**

**10:00a: Canoe Hike** Listen to the geologic story of the lakes and channels from the comfort of your canoe! Join the Naturalist for an easy paddle to Bowen Lake. Bring your own boat or rent one of ours (\$5.00 an hour per canoe/kayak). Meets at Boat Rental. 1.5 hr

**2:00p: Snake Talk** Come and meet the park's resident Black Rat Snake! Learn about its unique features and touch its scaly skin! Easy snake craft to follow. Meets at Nature Center. 30 min

**4:30p: Wildflower Wander** We'll take a relaxing walk along Trails 5 & 7 to look for blooming spring wildflowers. Meets at Sand Lake Fishing Pier. 1 hr

**Sunday, May 12**

**10:00a: Leave It To Beaver** This short hike features both a beaver lodge and dam. Discover the unique adaptations of the beaver and see up-close how they impact the landscape. Sandals and strollers are not recommended. Meets at Stanley Schoolhouse. 1 hr

**1:30p: Nature Center Lunchtime** Come and watch the Naturalist feed the Nature Center animals! Children are invited to stick around and draw or color a nature scene. Their pictures will be used as background for our aquariums. Meets at Nature Center. 30 min

**For More Information, Contact:** Interpretive Naturalist Leslie Arnold, [chaininterp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:chaininterp@dnr.in.gov)

**Upcoming June Events:** Family Fishing Derby, June 8; Poker Paddle, June 22