

# JULY 2011

## MOUNDS STATE PARK

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### INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. **All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.**

**PROGRAM LOCATIONS:** VC – Visitor Center VCP – Visitor Center Porch CG – Campground Shower Building.  
Non-campers can park at the **Campground Entrance** and then walk up to the campground.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 2

**8:30am – FACTS, FITNESS, & FUN** – Join us bright and early as we explore this beautiful park. Discover its unique history during this brisk 2-mile hike. Coffee and breakfast treats for hikers. **VC**

**1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm– MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS**– Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn the who, when, how, and why the mounds were built. **VCP**

**3:00pm–POOL BREAK**– Join the naturalist in the snack area for a fun activity! **POOL**

**7:30pm – SCALES AND TALES** – We'll reveal the truths and myths about these cold-blooded critters. Get up close and personal to some live reptiles. **CG – bring a lawn chair or blanket.**

#### SUNDAY, JULY 3

**11:00am–BUTTERFLY GARDEN TOUR** – Get a guided tour of the butterfly garden and all its beautiful flowers. Search for critters that call this place home too. **Butterfly Garden near the Pool House**

**1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm–LEAVE IT TO BEAVER!** –Chewing and chomping their way through river side trees, the beaver is perfectly adapted to living in its watery world. Discover Indiana's largest rodent during this fun, interactive program. **VC**

**3:00pm–POOL BREAK**– Join the naturalist in the snack area for a fun activity! **POOL**

**8:30pm – MOTH MANIA** – Discover some of the most beautiful night fliers: moths. We'll try to attract these lovely lepidopterans with a special light trick, and get an up-close and personal look at these winged insects. **CG**

#### SATURDAY JULY 9

**8:30am – FACTS, FITNESS, & FUN** – Join us bright and early as we explore this beautiful park. Discover its unique history during this brisk 2-mile hike. Coffee and breakfast treats for hikers. **VC**

**1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm– “EARIE CANAL” BENCH** – Let's walk down to the river and sit at this unique bench. Discover who made it and why, and what's with the shape? **VCP**

**7:30pm – SKULLS AND SKINS** – If you saw bones and fur on the trail, could you identify the animal? After this program, you should be able to. Get a close-up look at teeth, skulls, and furs from animals that call Mounds State Park home. **CG**

#### SUNDAY JULY 10

**11:00am – A BOX TURTLE BRUNCH** – No, we're not eating box turtles this morning, but you can help us feed these critters and other nature center animals. **VC**

**1:00pm–4:00pm–BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm– TREE TRAIL HIKE**– Hike Trail 1 with the Naturalist and discover interesting facts and identification tips for Indiana's common trees. **VCP**

#### TUESDAY, JULY 12 TO FRIDAY JULY 15 *NATURALIST DAY CAMP!*

This four-day camp has been specifically designed for children ages 8 to 10. Participants will experience Mounds State Park through Naturalist's eyes. Enjoy educational programs that include games, hikes, crafts, snacks, and more. The fee for this program is \$35.00 per child for the entire camp. Space is limited, so register by 5:00pm on Friday, July 8. To sign-up your little naturalist, or to ask any questions, you can call the Interpretive Center Office at (765) 649-8128. Hope to see you there! 9:00am to 12:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday AND 9:00am to 2:00pm, Friday

## THURSDAY, JULY 14

**7:00pm- FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK** – Get involved and see what the park is planning next! Join a committee, attend a program, or just make some new friends! Refreshments provided. **VC**

## SATURDAY, JULY 16

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm- MONARCH MADNESS** – Discover the amazing journey this butterfly takes to reach Indiana. We'll look around the garden to find caterpillars and adults. **Butterfly Garden near the Pool House.**

**8:30pm- MOONLIGHT STROLL** – We'll hope for clear skies as we head out on an evening stroll in search of an almost full moon. Discover the moon's connection to people and animals. **CG**

## SUNDAY, JULY 17

**12:30pm- DISCOVER, CONNECT, EXPLORE!** – The Hoosier Quest Series offers individuals and families the opportunity to earn patches, bandannas, pins, and other items while enjoying Indiana's state parks and reservoirs! You can get started today during this introductory program. **VC**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:30pm-ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARTIFACTS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK** – Discover pieces of the past during this show and tell of artifacts. Over 2,000 years ago, pre-historic Native Americans left behind important information in artifacts about how they lived. Even more recent archaeology helps us learn about the Bronnensbergs, the amusement park, and more. **VC**

## SATURDAY, JULY 23

**11:00am-MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS-** Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn the who, when, how, and why the mounds were built. **VCP**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm-GEOCACHE DASH** – Join us on this easy hike for beginning geocachers. Bring your GPS unit or phone app if you have it, but we'll have one to use too. We'll go in search of unusual finds, all while using our techno gadgets. **VC**

**8:30pm- BAT BONANZA** – “They'll get in my hair!” Learn the truth and the myths about bats by playing some fun games and activities. Then we'll get to see some live bats up-close and personal. **CG**

## SUNDAY, JULY 24

**11:00am- BOX TURTLE BLUES** – Ever wonder why you don't see many box turtles in the wild? Join us for a turtle talk and walk, and learn about their struggles. **CG**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm- SNAKE CENTRAL** – Discover what snakes are found in Central Indiana. Get up close and personal during this live animal program. **VC**

## TUESDAY, JULY 26 TO FRIDAY JULY 29 *WILDERNESS DAY CAMP!*

This four-day camp has been specifically designed for children ages 11 to 13. Participants will get to experience the woods and waters of Mounds State Park. The fee for this program is \$45.00 per child for the entire camp. Space is limited and you must register by 5:00pm on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. To sign-up your outdoorsy kid or to ask any questions about this program, you can call the Interpretive Center Office at (765) 649-8128. Hope to see you there!

## SATURDAY, JULY 30

**11:00am- ANIMAL TRACKS-** Who's been walking through the forest or your backyard? Make your very own animal track guide that will help you find out. **VC**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:00pm – CREEK CRITTERS** – Join us for an evening stroll down to the creek. Discover the amazing animals that live in and around this watery world. Bring shoes you don't mind getting wet. **Meet at Campground Store.**

**7:30pm – MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS-** Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike to Circle Mound. Learn the who, when, how, and why the mounds were built. **CG**

## SUNDAY, JULY 31

**12:30pm – IF WALLS COULD TALK** – Become a house detective during this tour, and try to figure out what the walls of this historic home are telling us. **Bronnenberg House**

**1:00pm-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN** – Tour this important 1840's home.

**2:30pm- MYTHBUSTERS** – Can owls turn their heads all the way around? Are the mounds burial grounds? Is a daddy-longleg spider really poisonous? Discover the answers to these misunderstood stories. **VC**



Find out how you can help support Mounds State Park by becoming a member of the Friends Group. Visit their website at [www.MoundsStatePark.org](http://www.MoundsStatePark.org) or ask about it at the Nature Center (765) 649-8128.