



The Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph Nature News

Winter 2015

Meet Our Newest Staff Member

By Jocelyn Weir, Front Desk Clerk

Have you ever had a dream come true? I have... My name is Jocelyn Weir and here I am... working at the Remington Nature Center!

I moved to St. Joseph from Bend, Oregon about 2½ years ago. I visited the Remington Nature Center my second day in town and it was love at first sight! As a retired school teacher (25+ years, K-8), I felt that I had found a jewel, a wonderful learning center for young and old alike. Before becoming a teacher, I earned my undergraduate degree in anthropology, and guess what... in addition to the natural history, the Remington Nature Center has an incredible collection of Native American artifacts and a "time-tunnel" of St. Joseph from prehistoric times to the present.

I began volunteering at the nature center a few years ago helping with school visits, crafts, birthday parties, and even walked with Remi the Mammoth, as his "han-

dlar," in an Apple Blossom Parade and children's fair. I fell in love with the Remington Nature Center's mission, staff, and the public. When a part-time position became available, I was ecstatic! I was so missing the joy and satisfaction of teaching, but I wasn't looking to come out of retirement. This position is a dream-come-true... They hired me, and here I am, ready and waiting for your next visit!



Photo by Andrea McCoy

**FISH
FEEDING
FRENZY**



10:30am, EVERY Friday

Come help us cut up worms to feed the Missouri River fish who live in our 7,000 gallon aquarium. Their diet consists of minnows, worms, corn, and peas.

Upcoming Craft Events

1-3pm, Saturday, January 10

Using recycled and repurposed materials, make either "Snowman Soup" or a pool snowman.

1-3pm, Saturday, January 24

Using items from nature, as well as felt and pompoms, to create a unique animal to call your own.

1-3pm, Saturday, February 14

Make either a handprint Valentine or heart shaped sun-catcher for that special someone.

1-3pm, Saturday, February 28

Join us in making our annual "edible Igloos" with marshmallows and frosting... what a sweet treat!

1-3pm, Saturday, March 14

Let's get our Irish on by making a St. Patrick's Day greeting card or shamrock ornament with recycled and repurposed materials.



photos...



Missouri River Sunset
Photo by Barb Russell



Fog on the Missouri River
Photo by Beth Downey



Phineas Turns 5
Photo by Barb Russell



Eli's Birthday Party
Photo by Andrea McCoy

The Bald Eagles Have Landed... and Taken off Again, but, They'll be Back!

Article and photos by Beth Downey, Front Desk Clerk

While we occasionally see bald eagles during other times of the year, their numbers are significantly higher during the winter months.

We had our first bald eagle sighting on November 2. It was during an unusual cold spell for the season. When it warmed back up, they left! In past winters, their numbers have increased as the temperatures have fallen. They seem to prefer the cold and snow and, of course, the large flocks of geese heading south!

We look forward to their arrival every winter. Watching them soar over the river, riding the ice flows down (often with fresh fish on board), or perched in the large Cottonwood trees along the riverbanks.

Rest assured, as winter's cold temperatures and snow set in, the sightings will increase, providing lots of entertainment and opportunities for birdwatchers and nature photographers!

Be sure to come and visit the Remington Nature

Center this winter to observe these magnificent birds first-hand, and "like us" on facebook at www.facebook.com/RemingtonNatureCenter.



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Monday-Saturday
10am - 5pm

Sunday
1pm - 5pm

Admission
Adults: \$3
Seniors: \$2
Youth (4-15): \$1
3 and under: Free

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