



# Dunes Echo

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Enhancing the Visitor Experience Today and Tomorrow

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## Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Friends Events

### ***Friday, September 6 thru Sunday, September 8 – History Comes Alive Weekend***

Enjoy history programs at the Indiana Dunes State Park that you won't forget! Live re-enactors from the Ouiatenon Brigade will be on the beach acting out the fur-trading era. History hikes, talks and sing-alongs will also be offered throughout the weekend.

### ***Tuesday, September 10 – Friends Annual Meeting***

The Friends Annual Meeting will be held at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria in Chesterton, Indiana at 6:30pm. All members are invited to attend. Please join us to hear what the Friends, the Indiana Dunes National Park, the Indiana Dunes State Park, and the Dunes Learning Center have been doing this past year. Pizza, salad and sodas will be served. If you plan to attend, please call 219-707-3617 and leave a message of who and how many will be there.

### ***Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 – Apples Festival***

The Friends of Indiana Dunes are happy to again partner with the Indiana Dunes National Park and the Dunes Learning Center to present this two-day festival at Chellberg Farm from 11am-4pm that celebrates everything apple. There will be entertainment provided by several local musicians and the Northwest Indiana Storytellers. Volunteers will be needed to demonstrate pressing apples for cider; cooking to make apple butter, sauce, donuts, and cookies; discuss the many uses of apple cider vinegar; peeling apples with an old fashion crank peeler; and getting visitors off and on the wagon ride. Interested in helping please contact National Park Volunteer Coordinator Jim Whitenack at 219-221-7098 or email [parkconnection@gmail.com](mailto:parkconnection@gmail.com).

### ***Friday, October 4 thru Sunday, October 6 – Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival***

This festival showcases the region's natural and cultural significance through activities such as hiking, paddling, biking, geocaching, photography, birding, orienteering, and others. Events are for everyone including families, beginners, experts and those with limited mobility. So if you desire an outdoor adventure and want to have a great time at many locations within dune country, call 926-1882 to learn how to register online.

### ***Saturday, October 19, 2019 – Northwest Indiana Storyteller's Festival***

The Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild will join the State Park staff again this fall for an annual favorite! Revel in stories for young and old throughout the day. Make plans to join us that evening as well at the Wilson Shelter for special sessions of "ghost tales!" Two sessions will cater to both young kids (5:30pm) and older kids and adults (7pm). Bring a blanket (and a friend to hold on to) and join us around the shelter campfire. The Friends of the Indiana Dunes will again be providing free apple cider and cookies too!

### ***Saturday, October 26, 2019 – "Howl"oween at the Dunes***

Enjoy everything fun, fall and spooky on this festive day at the Indiana Dunes State Park. You won't want to miss our owl hikes, owl banding, bat chats, pumpkin decorating, campsite decorating, hayrides and more! Program support for this event is provided thanks to the Friends of the Indiana Dunes.

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**New Website – Please check out our new website by going to [www.friendsofindianadunes.com](http://www.friendsofindianadunes.com) or [www.dunefriends.org](http://www.dunefriends.org)**

# Fall Programs at the National Park

For more information on these programs, contact the Visitor Center at 219-395-1882 or check at [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu). All programs are free.

## ***Third Friday of Each Month - Music Heritage Series***

Come out for a night of music and song. The Save the Tunes Council is a group of local musicians devoted to preserving and passing on folk songs using a variety of traditional musical instruments. This season the program is offered from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm on September 20, October 18, and November 15 at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

## ***Every Sunday Sept 1 to Dec 15 – Miller Woods Hike***

Meet at the Douglas Center at 1:30pm for a ranger-led hike through Miller Woods to the shore of Lake Michigan. This hike goes through a globally rare black oak savannah and around towering sand dunes and interdunal wetlands.

## ***Every Sunday in September and October – Feeding at the Farm***

From 4:30 to 5pm, help feed the farm animals at the Chellberg Farm.



## ***First and Third Saturdays in Sept, Oct & Nov - Playdate in the Nature Play Zone***

Kids of all ages are invited to spend a couple of hours having fun in nature. Join a ranger from 1-3pm and explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create awesome nature art, and so much more.



## ***Bus Tour of Indiana Dunes – Sunday Oct 6 & 27 and Nov 10***

Join a ranger for a two-hour tour of Indiana Dunes National Park in one of the park's 15-passenger shuttle buses. The tour is free. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Tours leave at 1 pm. Call 219-395-1882 to make reservations and get more information.

## ***Saturdays Sept 28, Oct 26 and Nov 23 – Science in the Park***

Meet scientists and local experts that are conducting research in the National Park. Following a short presentation at the visitor center at 2pm, go out into the field to see their work during this two-hour program.

## ***Saturdays Sept 28, Oct 26 and Nov 23 – Migration Birding with the Indiana Audubon Society***

Join birding expert and Indiana Audubon Society Executive Director Brad Bumgardner for his monthly birding series. Meet at 9am at the Visitor Center and carpool to the birding spot of the month. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather.



## ***Saturday, October 26 – Halloween Hoopla***

In the spirit of Halloween, learn about spiders and other creepy crawlies of the animal world with Jim Louderman, entomologist at the Field Museum from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Douglas Center. At 2:00 pm, Kim Hoover of "Hoots to Howls" rehabilitation center, will be bringing some live owls currently under their care. Follow up your day with a short night hike on the Douglas trail outside the center from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. We hope to get you comfortable exploring nature at night without the use of light.

## ***Saturday, November 2 – Gales of November Shipwreck Program***

From 1-3pm at the Visitor Center, learn about the treacherous side of the Great Lakes in this fascinating program about the storms and shipwrecks of the past.



## ***Friday, November 29 – Black Friday Opt Outside Hike***

Join a ranger for a post-Thanksgiving hike instead of shopping on black Friday. Co-sponsored by Save the Dunes, the interactive hike will be led by regional experts in fields such as birding, botany, insects, geology, and ecology. Meet at 1pm at West Beach.



## ***Saturday, November 30 – Turkey Trot***

Join a ranger in search of wild turkey and other wildlife as you work off Thanksgiving dinner. Hike along the ancient Calumet shoreline of Lake Michigan through forested dunes and small blowouts. Meet at 1pm at the Calumet Dunes parking lot.

# Many Opportunities Coming to Capture Fall's Splendor at the State Park



For more information contact the Nature Center at 219-926-1390 or [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)

## ***Singing Sands Stargaze - September 7, 8-11 p.m.***

Bring a blanket and join us on the main beach near the pavilion for an annual event with local astronomers from the Calumet Astronomical Society. Special telescopes will be set up as well as periodic constellation talks.

## ***Full Moon Hike - September 14, 7:30 p.m.***

Join Naturalists and volunteers for this special hike to Lake Michigan and back. You can meet at the Nature Center one hour before the hike for a presentation about our moon along with some "stellar" treats. Hike begins at 8:00 p.m.

## ***National Public Lands Day. September 28***

On this day each year hundreds of thousands of volunteers come together to help with projects to enhance public parks. Join us at the Indiana Dunes State Park for volunteer projects including marram grass transplanting and more. In celebration of National Public Land's Day the Indiana Dunes State Park will also be offering free entry.

## ***Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstrations - October & November***

The Indiana Dunes State Park is partnering with the Indiana Audubon Society in its annual fall owl banding research and education station from October 17 to November 17. Visitors to the state park may come to the park's nature center after sunset on Thursday through Sunday during the season to learn about the special program. Guests will have an opportunity to see a live owl up-close during the banding process. Evening presentations are free, after the paying the standard entrance gate fees, and begin at 7:00 pm in October, then 6:00 pm after November 2. Conditions are weather dependent and current banding schedules are best found out by calling the Nature Center.



We are grateful for two more successful Explorer Day Camps this summer at the Indiana Dunes State Park! Thanks to the 31 amazing participants ages 4-11, supportive parents, 6 staff members, 14 volunteers, and the Friends of the Indiana Dunes.

Wow!

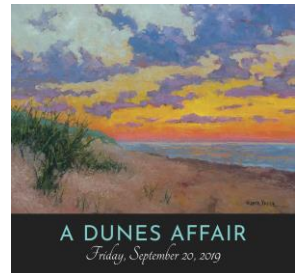
It's a joy to watch children absorb new knowledge and further develop an appreciation for nature and our environment. And, there is never a dull moment. Our 2019 camp sure made learning fun!



## Dunes Learning Center Programs

### ***A Dunes Affair - Friday, September 20, 6-10pm***

Join us for Dunes Learning Center's annual fundraising gala at the Sand Creek Country Club, supporting environmental education and honoring science educator and Hoosier historian Ken Schoon. Silent & Live Auctions, Live Music, Wine, Beer, & Dinner by the Bite. Tickets are \$100 per person, and proceeds help students from diverse communities and backgrounds discover the wonder and science of nature in a National Park. Buy your tickets today at [DunesLearningCenter.org/adunesaffair](http://DunesLearningCenter.org/adunesaffair)



### ***Breakfast at Dunes Learning Center - Saturday, October 5, 8-9:30am***

Power up for a fun-filled day at the Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival! Enjoy the hot breakfast buffet before heading out to hike, bike, kayak, and more. Buy your tickets online at [DunesLearningCenter.org/events](http://DunesLearningCenter.org/events).

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*Our mission is to enhance and foster understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the Indiana Dunes through financial and volunteer support of the state and national parks.*

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Since 1982, our Friends organization has supported the interpretive and resource management programs of the Indiana Dunes. The Friends sponsor the kind of interpretive programs that make a visit to the Indiana Dunes informative and fun.

Membership in the Friends is vital to creating this positive impact.

Please support the Indiana Dunes by joining the Friends today.

Your financial contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your support will make a difference and assure that our important work continues.

**Current Friends Members will receive a renewal form in the mail when your renewal is due.**

**New, Friends Membership Application**

P. O. Box 166 ~ Beverly Shores, IN 46301-0166

- Senior Citizen      \$ 15
- Individual/Family      \$ 20
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Mail completed form to the address above.

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