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Spring 2025 Programs & Events

Maywood

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Program Information

Registration Options:

Call (920) 459-3906

Email maywood@sheboyganwi.gov

Online: <https://gomaywood.org/programs/registration-forms/>

Advanced registration is appreciated and in some instances required. Some programs have capacity limits and registration deadlines.

Weather Cancellations: Cancellations will be posted to our website calendar and Facebook as soon as possible. Whenever possible we will email registered participants. Please provide your email and/or phone number when registering for a program.

ICON KEY – use these icons as a quick reference for programs	
✓	Program has a registration form or requires pre-registration
	Program is accessible (indoors, on flat outdoor terrain, etc.). Call for specifics
	Program is weather dependent
★	Program is child and/or family friendly

The Ecology Center will be closed April 18-20 and May 24-26

March 2025

Nature-based Book Club ✓

Saturday, March 1

10 am

Mead Public Library

Free program, pre-registration greatly appreciated

Join Maywood’s nature-based book club, in partnership with Mead Public Library, for lively discussion and camaraderie from 10-11 am at Mead Public Library. Our March book is *Trail of the Lost* by Andrea Lankford. Books are available up to 30 days before the club meets. To get your copy, go to Mead Public Library, tell them that you are a member of Maywood’s book club, and ask to check out the book. All you need is a library card; you can get a library card by showing a form of identification.

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/BookClubSpring25>

Native Plant Fundraiser ✓

Online Sales: March 1-May 8

Pick-up Day: Thursday, May 15, 4-6:30 pm

Place your native plant order online by May 8 to support this fundraiser that benefits Maywood and creates wildlife habitat. A variety of native flowers, grasses, ferns, vines, shrubs, and trees are available for purchase through Johnson's Nursery. Pre-order only; additional plants will not be available for purchase at the pick-up event. No space for plants? Sponsor a plant to be planted in the park.

To order plants, visit <https://www.jniplants.com/online-plant-sales>.

To sponsor a plant, visit <https://givebox.com/524609>, choose the amount you wish to donate, and indicate "Sponsor a plant" in the "In Memory/Honor of" space.

For assistance, call (920) 459-3906 or email maywood@sheboyganwi.gov

2025 Crane Count Training

Tuesday, March 4

6:30-7:30 pm

Free, drop-in program

No min/max participants

Getting up early is for the birds...especially on Saturday, April 12, the date set for the Annual Midwest Crane Count, sponsored by the International Crane Foundation (ICF). If you are interested in being outdoors at the crack of dawn until 7:30 am to experience the wonders nature has to offer in early spring, this Count is for you. Learn more about being a counter by visiting ICF's website at www.cranecount.org. To learn more about helping ICF track the Eastern population of Greater Sandhill Cranes as they return to their breeding grounds in the Midwest, come to this organizational meeting!

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Maple Sugaring at Maywood

Friday, March 7

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: March 6

Maple sugaring is a rich part of history and a daily activity at Maywood this time of year! Learn about the process from sap to syrup, help collect sap from Maywood's sugar bush, and enjoy a taste of real Maywood maple syrup over pancakes. Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Spring Yoga at Maywood – March Session ✓

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, and 26

5:30-6:30 pm

\$30 if registered by February 26; \$36 if registering after February 26

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 5

Celebrate the awakening of the earth and the continued lengthening of days in spring by coming together as community to connect with the self and others. While most of the yoga practice will be held indoors, each class will offer an opportunity to connect with nature and notice the changes each week as the park transitions from winter to spring. Participants should bring a yoga mat, two blocks, a strap, and a blanket to each class.

Online Registration: <https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/SpringYoga2025>

Printable Form: <https://tinyurl.com/yw8ebkhe>

37th Annual Flapjack Day

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am-1 pm

Advanced tickets through March 6: \$9 for ages 12 and up

Tickets after March 6: \$10 for ages 12 and up

\$5 for ages 3-11

Kids 2 and under eat free

Celebrate maple sugaring season at Maywood! Join us for a pancake breakfast featuring Maywood's own maple syrup along with games and activities. Proceeds benefit educational and maple sugaring programs at Maywood.

Breakfast served 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Activities 9:30 am-1 pm

Breakfast includes all-you-care-to-eat pancakes and a beverage. Sausage available ala carte (2/\$1). Additional beverages \$1 each. Cash or check only for purchases at the event.

Activities include tours of the sugar house and maple forest, lumberjack games with Camp Y-Koda, maple snow cones, and more. Activities are included with your ticket.

Spun Boutique Cotton Candy will be at the event selling their locally crafted cotton candy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/MaywoodFlapjackDay25>

Simple Exercises to Improve Posture, Balance, and Stability

Tuesday, March 18

6-7:30 pm

Free

Pre-registration required

Feeling a little hunched over? Does your balance feel off? This workshop is for you! Join Better Life Chiropractic and Wellness at Maywood Environmental Park for an interactive workshop followed by a short hike to enjoy the park and implement your new strategies. Workshop 6-7 pm; Hike 7-7:30 pm. We will explore the powerful connection between simple exercises, good posture, and improved balance. You'll learn:

- The Posture Powerhouse: Discover the key muscle groups that contribute to good posture and how to strengthen them for a more confident stance.
- Balance Basics: Explore the importance of balance for everyday activities and learn how you can enhance your stability.
- Move with Ease: Uncover practical, at-home exercises that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine.
- Feel the Difference: Experience firsthand how improved posture and balance can enhance your confidence, flexibility, and overall well-being.

Online registration link: <https://www.betterlifecw.com/maywoodworkshopseries>

Spring Portrait Mini-Sessions

Booking opens March 20 at 10 am

\$250 per session

Enjoy a professional photography mini-session in Maywood's beautiful nature setting during spring bloom with photographer Nate Dallesasse. Proceeds benefit the park. Limited timeslots are available May 7, 8, and 9. Booking opens March 20 at 10 am.

Each session lasts 20 minutes. You will need to check in at the Ecology Center 15 minutes before your scheduled time. Sessions can have two to 10 people in them. Sorry, no pets, outfit changes, or engagement photos. You will receive 10-15 high resolution images on a USB drive along with a photo release. This allows you to use the photos as you'd like. The cost per session is \$250. You will pay a \$75 deposit to hold your space. We will then invoice you via email for the balance of your session which will be due within 14 days of booking your session. Payment for the balance of your session can be made with cash or check. Maywood will contact you to schedule a rain date if necessary.

More information and registration links at: <https://gomaywood.org/photosession/>

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Purple Martins at Maywood

Friday, March 21

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: March 20

Join members of the Wisconsin Purple Martin Association and other bird enthusiasts to learn more about these fascinating birds.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Spring Break Animal Adventures ✓  ★

Tuesday, March 25

10 am

Free Program, Pre-registration required, limited space available

Staff from Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary will be bringing three animal ambassadors to Maywood for this special presentation. You'll meet and learn about a reptile, a mammal, and a bird from the sanctuary. This program will be enjoyed by all ages. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/SpringBreakAnimalAdventures>

April 2025

Spring Yoga at Maywood – April Session ✓

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 23, and 30

5:30-6:30 pm

\$40 if registered by March 19; \$48 if registering after March 19

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 26

Celebrate the awakening of the earth and the continued lengthening of days in spring by coming together as community to connect with the self and others. While most of the yoga practice will be held indoors, each class will offer an opportunity to connect with nature and notice the changes each week as the park transitions from winter to spring. Participants should bring a yoga mat, two blocks, a strap, and a blanket to each class.

Online Registration: <https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/SpringYoga2025>

Printable Form: <https://tinyurl.com/yw8ebkhe>

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Friday, April 4

Planting for Pollinators at Maywood

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: April 3

Join Sheboygan County Conservation Specialist Laura Grunwald-Rentmeester for a discussion about the importance of landscaping with native plants, & how you can provide the necessities to help the birds, bees, & those way beyond your backyard fence. After the indoor presentation, enjoy a hike to look for native plants at Maywood. Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticket signup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Nature-based Book Club ✓ ♿

Saturday, April 5

10 am

Mead Public Library

Free program, pre-registration greatly appreciated

Join Maywood's nature-based book club, in partnership with Mead Public Library, for lively discussion and camaraderie from 10-11 am at Mead Public Library. Our April book is *Fuzz* by Mary Roach. Books are available up to 30 days before the club meets. To get your copy, go to Mead Public Library, tell them that you are a member of Maywood's book club, and ask to check out the book. All you need is a library card; you can get a library card by showing a form of identification.

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/BookClubSpring25>

Nature at Noon ♿

Tuesday, April 8

Noon-1 pm

Free program, donations and pre-registration appreciated

Ryan Laswell from Nourish will present updates at Nourish Farms and composting. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the presentation. Maywood will provide coffee, tea, water and dessert.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/NatureAtNoon25>

Adopt-a-Habitat Training

Tuesday, April 8: 5:30-6:30 pm OR

Saturday, April 12: 9:30-10:30 am

Free

Join staff member Nathan Dallesasse to learn about Maywood's Adopt-A-Habitat program. This summer-long volunteer opportunity allows you to become a Maywood Land Steward. Learn which areas of the park we will be focused on and how you can contribute to protecting and restoring habitats at Maywood. Both sessions will have the same information and will conclude with a short hike to the areas we will be working on.

For more information call (920) 459-3906 or email maywood@sheboyganwi.gov

Embrace the Trails with Confidence: Half-Day Hiking Workshop to Enhance Balance & Stability for Hikers ✓

Friday, April 11

9 am-noon

Free

Pre-registration required

Join Better Life Chiropractic and Wellness at Maywood Environmental Park for an interactive workshop, followed by a hike to enjoy the park and implement your new strategies. Workshop 9-11 am; Hike 11 am-noon.

Whether you're an avid hiker or just starting out, maintaining balance and stability on uneven terrain is crucial for an enjoyable and safe outdoor experience. Unfortunately, instability while hiking is a common issue that can lead to frustration, tripping, falls, and potential injuries. The good news is that there are simple exercises that can be done at home and while on the trail to significantly improve balance and stability on the trails.

The avid hikers and outdoor enthusiasts at Better Life Chiropractic and Wellness will be teaching this comprehensive, half-day workshop to help you gain confidence, stability, balance, and ultimately have more fun on the trails! Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just beginning to explore the outdoors, dress for the weather and join us for an active day of indoor and outdoor learning, stability practice, hiking, and fun.

Online registration link: <https://www.betterlifecw.com/maywoodworkshopseries>

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Friday, April 11

9 am-noon

Balance and Stability at Maywood. Please join us for an extended OWLS program in partnership with Better Life Chiropractic featuring an interactive workshop on balance and stability on the trails, followed by a hike to enjoy the park and implement new strategies.

Online registration link: <https://www.betterlifecw.com/maywoodworkshopseries>

Water Language Workshop with Sarah Rowe ✓

Saturday, April 12

10-11:30 am

Free

Pre-registration with JMKAC required

Maywood and the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) are partnering on a workshop led by artist Sarah Rowe. Participants will make nature bundles inspired by the meditative practice of creating Lakota prayer ties. These nature bundles are a component of *Water Ledger*, an upcoming exhibition at the JMKAC, that celebrates our connection to waterways. Please visit <https://www.jmkac.org/event/water-language-workshop/> or contact JMKAC to register.

Home Solar Solutions

Tuesday, April 22

6 pm

Free, drop-in program

A representative from Arch Solar, a leader in renewable energy solutions, will offer a presentation on the benefits and feasibility of solar powering your home. Mike DeMaster, homeowner who with his wife Terri had solar power installed at their home, will contribute with their experience installing and benefiting from solar panels. The program offers homeowners the opportunity to learn how solar energy can transform their energy consumption and reduce their carbon footprint.

The presentation will cover a range of topics tailored to homeowners interested in adopting solar technology. Attendees will gain insights into:

- The environmental and financial benefits of home solar systems.
- How solar panels work and their integration with home energy systems.
- Available incentives, tax credits, and financing options for solar installations.
- Real-life case studies of successful solar implementations.

As energy costs continue to rise and environmental concerns grow, more homeowners are exploring the potential of solar power to create a sustainable future. The presentation aims to demystify the process and help attendees understand how they can make solar work for their homes.

About Arch Solar: Arch Solar is a trusted provider of renewable energy solutions, specializing in solar power systems for residential, commercial, and industrial applications. With a focus on quality, innovation, and customer satisfaction, Arch Solar is committed to building a sustainable future, one solar panel at a time.

Association Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 23

6:30 pm

Free, Open to the Public

Join us for a brief business meeting and election of Advisory Board members. Following the meeting there will be a guest presenter and light snacks. Meeting is open to the public; Maywood memberships are given voting privileges at the meeting.

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Arbor Day at Maywood

Friday, April 25

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: April 24

Commemorate Arbor Day as we plant trees in the park. Learn the history of past tree plantings, current and future land management priorities, and become a part of Maywood's legacy. Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Saturday Morning Bird Walks ☀

Saturdays, April 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24

7:30 am

Free program, donations appreciated

Drop-in program

Join enthusiastic Maywood birders in identifying resident and migrating birds at Maywood. Bring binoculars and field guides. Please dress for the weather and bring a water bottle and footwear that can get muddy. Meet at the stone circle at the front of the Ecology Center. Port-a-potty is available. Ecology Center opens at 9 am (center closed May 24).

Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration ✓ ★

Saturday, April 26

10 am-noon

Free

Pre-registration required

Commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day as we plant trees in the park. We will meet in front of the Ecology Center for instruction and supplies, then head out to areas in the park for planting. All equipment will be provided. Volunteers under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian before participating. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Pre-registration is required. Please dress for the weather, and bring a water bottle and footwear that can get muddy.

To register, call 920-459-3906 or email maywood@sheboyganwi.gov

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/EarthDay2025>

Team Maywood Informational Meeting & Swap Meet

Monday, April 28

5:30 pm

Free

Interested in learning the skills to ride your bike longer distances? Team Maywood is a four-month long summer program designed to do just that. Join us for this informational session where you will learn about the program and how you can improve your riding skills in a supportive group cycling environment. Meet the program coordinators and volunteer trainers and have your questions about the program answered. Program registration will be available that evening as well. NEW for 2025: Following the meeting we will have a Bike and Hike Swap Meet. Bring biking and hiking gear you are interested in swapping or trading to the event. Payment will be between individuals. Any donations of swap meet proceeds will be used for Team Maywood program expenses.

For more information on Team Maywood visit: <https://gomaywood.org/programs/teammaywood/>

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Bur Oak, Meet at Maywood

Friday, May 2

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: May 1

Meet at Maywood for instructions prior to driving a short distance to Bur Oak. Explore the treasured Bur Oak property and see for yourself why this beautiful, undisturbed 35-acre parcel of land has been held under a permanent conservation easement. We will explore spring wildflowers and search for amphibians in and around the ephemeral ponds. Small lot with limited parking/roadside parking. Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Nature-based Book Club ✓ ♿

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10 am

Mead Public Library

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Online Registration Link: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/BookClubSpring25>

Scoping the Skies ♿ ☀ ★

Saturday, May 3

8:30-10:30 pm

Free, drop-in program

Join members of the Sheboygan Astronomical Society in viewing the night sky during Spring Astronomy Day! Bring your own binoculars and telescopes or use scopes provided by the club to view objects such as the moon, Venus, M31 Andromeda Galaxy, Mars, M13 Hercules Cluster, and more! Program meets in the Maywood parking lot and parking lot lights will be turned off for optimal viewing. The Ecology Center is not open during this program. Port-a-potty is available. Cloudy skies will cancel this event.

Team Maywood Rides ✓

Mondays, May 5-September 2

5:30 pm

Ride distances and length will vary as the season progresses. Please visit the Maywood website for additional information about Team Maywood.

Spring Yoga at Maywood – May Session ✓

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, and 21

5:30-6:30 pm

\$30 if registered by April 23; \$36 if registering after April 23

Registration Deadline, Wednesday, April 30

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Online Registration: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/SpringYoga2025>

Printable Form: <https://tinyurl.com/yw8ebkhe>

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Spring Wildflowers at Maywood

Friday, May 9

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: May 8

May is a month of exciting changes in the natural world. The forest floor becomes a carpet of colorful wildflowers, emergent and floating plants are blooming in the wetlands, and new growth is revealing itself day-by-day in the dynamic prairie ecosystem. Bring binoculars and wildflower guides if you have them. Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Nature at Noon

Tuesday, May 13

Noon-1 pm

Free program, donations and pre-registration appreciated

Barb and Niles Klaves will present on Growing Mushrooms using the Totem Pole method. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the presentation. Maywood will provide coffee, tea, water, and dessert.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/NatureAtNoon25>

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Birding at Maywood

Friday, May 16

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: May 15

Spring is here and the birds are singing! It is a great time of year to observe resident and migrating birds, and Maywood provides a variety of habitats to attract a diverse array of species. We will practice basic birding skills and record as many species as we can find, while enjoying a lovely, melodious walk through the park. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

13th Annual “Language of Nature” Poetry Reading and Discussion

Saturday, May 17

10 am-noon

Free program, \$1 donation for printed materials appreciated

Maryann Hurtt, Georgia Ressmeyer, and Marilyn Zelke-Windau will read their poetry and encourage you to bring 1-2 nature poems of your own, or favorites by others, to read and discuss. Join us for free coffee, tea, sweets, beautiful views, and low-key, amiable conversation. After the program, tours of the park will be offered, weather permitting.

Online Registration Link: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/MaywoodPoetrySpring2025>

To register call (920) 459-3906, email maywood@sheboyganwi.gov or use the free online registration link.

Art in the Park: Watercolor en Plein Air ✓

Tuesdays, May 27; June 10, 17, and 24

6-8 pm

\$110 (payable to instructor)

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: April 28

Join award-winning local artist Keary Kautzer in exploring nature through a series of four plein air (outdoor) watercolor classes. Locations may include the Pigeon River at Maywood, Maywood prairie, Maywood hiking trails, wildflowers in the park, and the Sheboygan lakefront area. In case of inclement weather, the class will be held indoors at Maywood. Class is designed for those who have at least intermediate watercolor skills. Participants will need to provide their own supplies. Contact the instructor for a complete list of supplies needed for the first class. To register or for more information contact Keary Kautzer at (920) 208-0001 or kearykautzer@gmail.com. Payments for the class should be mailed directly to the instructor at: Keary Kautzer, 2730 Mill Road, Sheboygan, WI 53083.

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OFFSITE: Gerber Lake Wildlife Area

Friday, May 30

10 am-noon

Free to members/\$5 general public

Pre-registration required

Registration deadline: May 29

Meet at the Gerber Lake Wildlife Area. From Hwy. 57, head west on Gerber Lake Road to the gravel driveway just west of the public boat launch and park in the lot. Explore the pristine natural beauty of the 153-acre Gerber Lake Wildlife Area by hiking the hilly terrain. Features include two small lakes adjoined by a channel, prairie, and forest bursting with life in the springtime! Bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy.

Online Tickets: <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/OWLSSpring25>

Scoping the Skies

Saturday, May 31

9-11 pm

Free, drop-in program

Join members of the Sheboygan Astronomical Society in viewing the spring night sky! Bring your own binoculars and telescopes or use scopes provided by the club to view the objects such as the moon, Mars, M13 Hercules Cluster, M57 Ring Nebula, and more! Program meets in the Maywood parking lot and parking lot lights will be turned off for optimal viewing. The Ecology Center is not open during this program. Port-a-potty is available. Cloudy skies will cancel this event.