

Spring 2026 Programs & Events



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Full program descriptions on events calendar at gomaywood.org

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 Friday, April 3-Monday, April 6 and Saturday, May 23-Monday, May 24

Spring Native Plant Sale

Place your native plant order online by May 7 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. Pick up is Thursday, May 14, 4:30-6:30pm.

Visit <https://gomaywood.org/native-plant-sale-2/> for information.

March 2026

2026 Crane Count Training ♿

Tuesday, March 3

6:30-7:30 pm

Free, drop-in program

Getting up early is for the birds...especially on Saturday, April 18, 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, and this training, is for you. You can learn more about being a counter by visiting ICF's website at www.cranecount.org. To learn more.

38th Annual Flapjack Day ♿ ★

Sunday, March 15

9:30 am-1 pm

Advanced tickets through March 2: \$9 for ages 12 and up

Tickets after March 2: \$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. 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.

Spring Break Animal Adventures ✓ ♿ ★

Tuesday, March 24 at

10 am

Free program, pre-registration required

Meet birds and reptiles from Lakeshore Aviary and Reptile Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. (LARRS). Heather will share about the birds and reptiles LARRS helps. This program will be enjoyed by all ages. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Nature-based Book Club ✓ ♿

10-11 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 *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. 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.

Saturday, March 7: *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

Saturday, April 4: *The Feather Thief* by Kirk W. Johnson

Saturday, May 2: *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy

April 2026

Spring Portrait Mini-Sessions ✓ ♿ ★

Booking opens April 2 at 10 am

\$250 per session (\$75 deposit at time of booking)

Enjoy a professional photography mini-session in Maywood's beautiful nature setting with photographer Nate Dallesasse. Limited timeslots are available May 20, 21, and 27. Visit the Maywood website for details.

Simple Exercises to Improve Balance for Hiking and Stability at All Ages

Workshop ✓ ♿

Tuesday, April 7

5:30-7 pm

Free program, donations appreciated

Pre-registration required

Dr. John Reitz of Better Life Chiropractic and Wellness will provide insight to gain confidence, stability, and balance. Join us for a short hike at 5:30 pm, followed by the workshop at 6 pm.

Online registration link:

<https://www.betterlifecw.com/maywoodworkshopseries>

Natural Fragrance Collecting Workshop with Emily Endo ✓

Wednesday, April 8

10 am-12 pm

Free

Pre-registration required

Maywood and the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC) are partnering on a workshop led by artist Emily Endo. Participants will assist with the ethical collection of natural materials and learn about the fragrance distilling process and the relationship between trees and water. Please visit <https://www.jmkac.org/events/> or contact JMKAC to register.

Nature at Noon ✓ ♿

Tuesday, April 14

Noon-1 pm

Free program, donations and pre-registration appreciated

Topic TBA Bring a lunch to enjoy during the presentation. Maywood will provide coffee, tea, water, and dessert.

Association Annual Meeting ♿

Wednesday, April 22

6 pm

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.



Saturday Morning Bird Walks ☼

Saturdays, April 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23

7:30 am

Free drop-in program, donations appreciated

Join enthusiastic Maywood birders in identifying resident and migrating birds at Maywood. Bring binoculars and field guides. 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 23).

Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration ✓ ★

Saturday, April 25

10 am-noon

Free program, pre-registration by April 23 required

Commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day as we plant trees and shrubs and clean up litter in the park. 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. Please dress for the weather, and bring a water bottle and footwear that can get muddy.

Scoping the Skies ☼ ★

Saturday, April 25

8-10 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. 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 Informational Gathering ☼

Monday, April 27

5:30 pm

Free

Join us for this informational session where we will share how the cycling program works, what to expect as a participant, and how you can join our group of cyclists. For more information on Team Maywood, visit <https://gomaywood.org/programs/teammaywood/>

May 2026

Adopt-A-Habitat Training

Saturday, May 2

10 am

Free program, pre-registration by May 1 appreciated, drop-ins allowed

Join staff member Nate Dallesasse to learn about Maywood's Adopt-A-Habitat program. This summer-long volunteer opportunity allows you to become a Maywood Land Steward and care for a section of the park.

Nature at Noon ☼

Tuesday, May 12

Noon-1 pm

Free program, donations and pre-registration appreciated

Topic TBA. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the presentation. Maywood will provide coffee, tea, water, and dessert.

Free Online Registration:

Digestive Health Workshop ✓ ☼

Tuesday, May 12

5:30-7 pm

Free program, donations appreciated

Pre-registration required

Join Dr. John Reitz of Better Life Chiropractic and Wellness to learn about how your digestive system plays a key role in your health. Join us for a short hike at 5:30 pm, followed by the workshop at 6 pm.

Online registration link:

<https://www.betterlifecw.com/maywoodworkshopseries>

14th Annual "Language of Nature" Poetry Reading and Discussion ☼

Saturday, May 16

10 am-noon

Free program, \$1 donation for printed materials appreciated

Pre-registration appreciated

Maryann Hurtt, Georgia Ressemeyer, 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.

Scoping the Skies ☼ ★

Saturday, May 23

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. 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.

OWLS – Older, Wiser, Livelier Scholars ✓ ☼

All sessions meet 10am-Noon

OWLS provides hands-on experiences in nature for adults. Participants should bring a water bottle, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear that can get wet and muddy. Note pre-registration deadlines.

Free to members/\$5 general public

Friday, March 6: Maple Sugaring at Maywood

Registration deadline: March 5

Learn about the maple sugaring process from sap to syrup.

Friday, March 20: OFFSITE: Black River Trail

Registration deadline: March 12

Enjoy a relaxing walk on fairly level trails that wind over 2.5 miles through forests and fields, while searching for early signs of spring. See events calendar for meeting location.

Friday, April 10: OFFSITE: Velvet Sheep Farms

Registration deadline: April 2

Become acquainted with the friendliest sheep in the Sheboygan area and explore the beautiful farmland they call home on a behind-the-scenes tour of Velvet Sheep Farms. Meet at W1681 Garton Road in Sheboygan.

Friday, April 17: Bur Oak, Meet at Maywood

Registration deadline: April 16

Meet at Maywood prior to driving a short distance to Bur Oak. We will explore spring wildflowers and search for amphibians in and around the ephemeral ponds.

Friday, May 1: Birding at Maywood

Registration deadline: April 30

We will practice basic birding skills and record as many species as we can find. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

Friday, May 15: Spring Wildflowers at Maywood

Registration deadline: May 14

Explore emerging wildflowers in the park's six habitats. Bring binoculars and wildflower guides if you have them.

Friday, May 29: OFFSITE: Van der Brohe Arboretum

Registration deadline: May 21

Stroll along the paths of this former 65-acre golf course turned community green space. Enjoy hundreds of newly planted trees, Franciscan Gardens, and other unique features.

Yoga Classes at Maywood with Barbara Holt

iRest® Yoga Nidra ✓

Mondays, March 2 and 9: 5:30-6:45 pm

\$20 if registered by February 16; \$30 after February 16

Registration deadline: February 23

Wednesday, May 20: 5:30-6:30 pm

\$10 if registered by May 13; \$15 after May 13

Drop-in participants welcome

iRest is a meditation practice based on the ancient tradition of yoga nidra, adapted for the modern life. It can be practiced by anyone, regardless of physical ability or experience with meditation.

Spring Yoga at Maywood ✓

Wednesdays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6: 5:30-6:30 pm

\$70 if registered by March 9; \$105 after March 9

Drop-ins as space permits: \$15/class

Registration deadline: March 16

As the park awakens, spend time at Maywood immersed in a spring yoga series consisting of mindful movement, breath awareness, physical postures, and guided meditation. A portion of each class will be held outdoors as weather permits. Please consider dressing for the weather.

Yoga for Paddlers ✓

Wednesday, May 27

5:30-7 pm

\$15 if registered by May 11; \$20 after May 11

Registration deadline: May 18

Yoga is a resource that is often overlooked by kayakers, canoeists, and stand-up paddlers. This workshop will include breath awareness and yoga postures that can be beneficial for paddlers, tips for establishing a home practice, and sample yoga sequences.

Instructor Barbara Holt is a registered yoga teacher with Yoga Alliance (RYT-200) with over a decade of experience teaching yoga and meditation in a variety of settings.