

# Eco-Justice Center

## FALL & WINTER 2018-2019

# Calendar of Events



### Fall Festival & Eco-J YMCA 5K

Sunday, September 16

5K 10:00 am / Festival 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Start the day off right with our first annual 5K! Register at [www.ecojymca.5k.run](http://www.ecojymca.5k.run). Afterwards, bring the family to our 12th Annual Fall Festival and enjoy live music, delicious food, demonstrations, pony rides, hermitage tours, hay rides, a petting zoo, story time, face painting, kids' games and crafts. Demonstrations will include felting, wood turning, composting, beekeeping and more. The event also includes a lucky ticket raffle, sweepstakes, veggie stand, bake sale and gift shop.

Festival Tickets: Adults \$5, Children \$2 (3 & under free)  
*Free entry to 5K participants!*

### Fall Equinox Celebration

Saturday, September 22, 2018 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Celebrate the beginning of fall with reflection centered around the harvest and a drum circle. We invite you to bring an appetizer to share to this free event for all ages.

### Eco-J's 14th Birthday Party

Thursday, October 4, 2018 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Gather to celebrate the 14 year history of the Eco-Justice Center and to honor the founding Sisters. This year, we also remember beloved volunteer Joe Weinzatl. Bring your favorite taco toppings and we'll provide meat, beans, and shells for a taco dinner. And there will be cake!

### *The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief & Compassion - Surprising Observations of a Hidden World*

Wednesdays in October, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Join us for discussion based on the second book in The Mysteries of Nature Trilogy by the New York Times best-selling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Peter Wohlleben. What you learn about animals will change the way you look at yourself and other animals. Participants are responsible for acquiring a copy of the book.

### Trash into Treasure: Making & Using Compost

Saturday, October 27, 2018 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Guide: Susan Obry, Master Composter

Join us for a thorough, hands-on class about composting that will address how to build healthy compost, troubleshooting, and using compost. Take a close look at how Eco-J composts food scraps and animal manure. Class fee is \$5.

### Winter Birds

Saturday, November 10, 2018 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Guide: Rick Fare

Learn to identify the many species of birds that can survive our Wisconsin winters, and how to attract them to your yard. Hear about the physiological and behavioral adaptations birds have evolved to cope with harsh winter conditions. Class fee is \$5.

### Greenhouse Gases

Saturday, December 1, 2018 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Guide: Dr. Kayla Matz

Greenhouse gas emissions are talked about in the news, but there's a lot of misleading information. What is a greenhouse gas? Where do they come from? Why are they bad? And where do they go? Freewill donation.

### Winter Solstice Celebration

Friday, December 21, 2018 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Gather to celebrate the start of winter with reflection and music. We invite you to bring an appetizer to share to this free event for all ages.

### Mending Bee

Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Stop in with your mending pile! Enjoy good company as you patch holes, darn socks or sew on buttons. S. Rose Marie Dischler and S. Mary Ann Weyker will be your mending mentors. You may also work on other handwork projects.

### Contemplation with Clay

Wednesday, January 24 & 31, 2019 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Guide: S. Rejane Cytacki & S. Gayle Bogdanowitz

Come find your artistic sense of seeing as you imbue clay with your creative spirit! Our first session will be spent in contemplative time creating a slab pot. The second session will include more contemplative time as well as discussion about the transformation that has taken place with the glazed and fired pots. Soup and bread will be provided at each session. Class fee is \$25.

### Book Discussion Series TBA

Wednesdays, Feb. 6 - 27, 2019 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

### Wheat-Free Breads

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Guide: Shawn Rediske, Water House Foods

Shawn is back with a hands-on class for those who are interested in learning how to bake bread without gluten, both with and without yeast, and how to tailor the flavor and texture of your bread to your tastes. *Held at Sealed Air YMCA*. Class fee is \$35.

## Sprouted Grain Breads

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Guide: Shawn Rediske, Water House Foods

Held at Sealed Air YMCA. Class fee is \$35.

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## Individualized Lessons

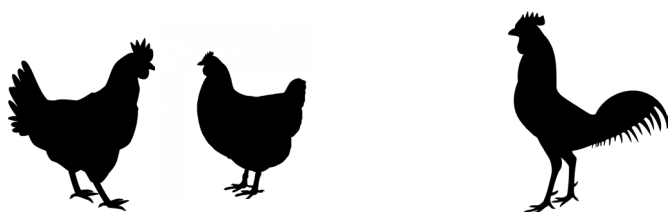
Persons wishing to learn any of the following crafts are invited to contact the instructor to make arrangements. Price is to be worked out with the instructor. Call 262-681-2146 to schedule.

**Crocheting and Knitting** - S. Mary Ann Weyker

**Spinning, Tatting, Felting** - S. Janet Weyker

**Weaving** - S. Kathleen Bohn

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# 2019 EJC Camps

Registration opens February 1

Visit [ecojusticecenter.org](http://ecojusticecenter.org)!

## Spring Break Camp

April 23-26, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm / Ages 5-8

\$115 / 4 days

Engage in hands-on learning during a week at the farm. Activities include interaction with animals, harvesting produce, crafts, exploration and education about caring for Earth.



## Ecology Camp on the Farm

June 17-21 / July 8-12 / July 15-19 (ages 6-10) / \$125

June 24-28 (ages 11-14, includes one overnight) / \$165

Campers engage with life on the EJC farm through interacting with animals, food preparation, harvesting produce, interactive ecology lessons, creativity and more!

# General Information

## Eco-Justice Center

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*Learn more at [ecojusticecenter.org](http://ecojusticecenter.org)  
and on Facebook*

## Come Visit Us!

8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday-Saturday

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Sunday

## Other Program Information

Please see our website for more information. Registration forms can be found on our website under "Programs and Events." Fees include all workshop materials, unless specified. Checks can be made payable to "Eco-Justice Center."

## Eco-Justice Center Tours

The Center is open for guided educational tours at a cost and free self-guided tours at your own pace. More information can be found on our website under "Tours and School Programs." We are open for visits 8am-5pm, Monday-Saturday and 1pm-4pm, Sunday.

## Financial Assistance

For financial assistance to attend programs, call S. Rejane at 262-681-8527 ext. 1#.

## Our Mission:

*The Eco-Justice Center is dedicated to  
environmental education and care of Earth in the  
context of community, contemplation,  
creativity, and cultivation.*

## Hermitage

Come to rest, read, relax, renew, write, create, and enjoy. The hermitage offers a cozy atmosphere with a fireplace, comfy chair and bed, and all the essentials for simple living amid the beauty of nature. Rental fee: \$40 per day for a single person, \$45 for a couple. To reserve, call S. Rejane at 262-681-8527 ext. 1#.

## Donations

Anyone wishing to make a donation to support the mission of the Eco-Justice Center can make a check payable to "Eco-Justice Center" or donate on our website using PayPal.

## Volunteer!

Eco-J wouldn't exist without our wonderful volunteers. If you're interested in sharing your time and talents with us, please fill out the form on our website (see "Volunteer" tab) or give Brian a call: 262-681-8527 ext. 3#.