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March 25, 2020

Dear Friends and Members,

What an extraordinary time. It is difficult to fathom how quickly all of our lives have changed in such an unpredictable way. I wanted to personally share with you what is happening at Aullwood Audubon during this time.

As of March 20, 2020, a decision was made across the National Audubon Society network to cancel all events, programs, and rentals at our centers and properties across the country through April 30. To that end, Aullwood Audubon buildings and trails will remain closed until at least that time. All staff are working from home. Only essential staff have been on duty to feed and care for our animals at the farm and nature center.

At this point in time, the Ohio Department of Health is predicting that COVID-19 cases in Ohio will peak at the beginning of May. Given that prediction, we feel we have no choice but to cancel our annual Farm Babies Fest which was to be held on May 16 and 17. Not only do we doubt that such a large festival would be allowed, but we also do not believe it would be prudent. We do this for your safety, as well as the safety of our staff and our vendors.

In this interim time, please check out our social media feeds. We will be keeping you posted on other events and activities in May and beyond, as well as showing you what's happening here at Aullwood during your absence!

As I sit and write this from my makeshift home office, I have the window open and I can hear the Woodcock in my backyard offering up his signature "peent" in search of a mate. It makes me laugh and it gives me hope that all will indeed return to normal. Try to find the time to get outside and breathe in the healing qualities of nature. It is spring, after all, and I promise you will feel better.

Please stay healthy and be safe. We hope to welcome you back to Aullwood soon!

With my very best wishes,

Alexis R. Faust  
Executive Director  
Aullwood Audubon



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# MEMBER NEWS

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## The Chatitat

Aullwood Audubon is the recipient of a Burke Grant from the National Audubon Society for the development of an outdoor classroom at Aullwood Farm which we have dubbed The Chatitat. Chatitat is a term devised (we think!) by Aullwood staff to describe the type of habitat preferred by the Yellow-breasted chat, a spring/summer visitor here in Ohio and one often seen along dense hedgerows and successional habitat.

The Chatitat will be the first outdoor classroom and native habitat demonstration area built along a new ADA accessible pathway funded by a Clean Ohio Grant to Aullwood Audubon. This site will be built adjacent to farm pastures that are being transformed into successional habitat for species requiring brushy and wood-edge places. It will be the first learning node built on the farm specifically designed to observe birds and teach visitors how to replicate habitat on both residential and agricultural properties.

The classroom portion of The Chatitat will include seating, a lending library, a bench and interpretive signage. The plantings within and near the classroom will include Ninebark, Hazelnut, Witch hazel, Serviceberry, Dogwood and in the wetter areas, Buttonbush. Woodland ephemerals will include Virginia bluebells, Bloodroot, Wood poppy and Columbine. In the more highly shaded areas we will plant Pink turtlehead, Smooth beardtongue, and Wild geranium. The outer edges of the classroom will be ringed with prairie plants such as Prairie dropseed, Northern sea oats, Leadplant and Butterfly milkweed.

We plan to have the classroom complete before the end of the summer!

## Director's Corner

*Chat: "to converse in an informal or familiar way"*

*Habitat: "the natural environment of an animal, plant or organism"*

— Webster's Dictionary



Megumi Aita

Yellow-breasted chat



Lending Library

Cover Photos:  
Yellow-breasted Chat. Megumi Aita  
(top left): Aullwood's Muskrat Marsh  
(top right): Dutchmen's breeches.  
Peter M. Dziuk



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# The Farm Babies Fest is Here Again!

May 16 & 17

## The Babies are Coming

Our annual Farm Babies Fest will be here before you know it on May 16 and 17 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. featuring farm babies, delicious food, craft vendors, children's activities, songs and music, and good old-fashioned family entertainment.

Meet our new calf, Gemma, a beautiful Belted Galloway, a rare breed on the Live Stock Conservancy's Watch List, explore the pond, take a tractor pull, and enjoy a day at Aullwood Farm.

Project R... (Saturday only). Children's Activity tent...

perennials from the Greenview... treats from G's Cue BBQ, T's Heavenly Taste, Corn, Drizzle Dips, Kona Ice of Troy, Katie's Classic Cookies, and more.

Nature and Farm Songs with Chris Rowlands, Duck Fun with Ed Marrinan, Viva la Strings and Ty Cooper are a few of the entertainment options. Join us to celebrate spring!

**FARM BABIES FEST IS CANCELLED**



Baby Guinea piglet feeling the grass for the first time



Nigerian dwarf kids learning to get along



Silkie chickens



LaRue meets her new friend, Gemma, for the first time!



Aullwood Farm Babies Fest is sponsored by:

- Kettering Health Network
- R.B. Jergens Contractors
- Houser Asphalt & Concrete
- Riverdale Optimist Club

Aullwood Audubon Farm  
• 9101 Frederick Pike •  
Admission is just \$10.00 per car

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# The Butterflies are Coming Back to Town!

By Sean Mormino  
Environmental Educator

April 9

Long-Term Butterfly Monitoring will begin again at Aullwood on Thursday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. and will continue at the same time each Thursday thereafter (in fair weather) until October. Each week, volunteers and staff walk a pre-set path on Aullwood's property and record each butterfly species observed. For the past few years, the number of butterflies counted has steadily increased. In fact, in 2019 the volunteers recorded 1,681 butterflies from 40 different species, a significant increase over prior years.

The data collected during these weekly observations is then combined with data from other monitoring groups in the region in order to create a database which assists scientists in determining how the butterflies' ranges, populations, and times of appearance are shifting. In recent years, this data has shown how southern species are moving northward due to overall warmer weather in Ohio, most likely a result of climate change.

Please join us for this important community science initiative on Thursday afternoons this spring! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

*Please contact Sean Mormino with questions or to be added to the list of butterfly monitors.*



Eastern-tailed blue



Monarch



Eastern tiger swallowtail

Northern Pearly eye



For more information, contact Sean Mormino, Environmental Educator, at 937-890-7360, ext. 218 or [sean.mormino@audubon.org](mailto:sean.mormino@audubon.org)



Silverly checkspot



Hackberry emperor

# The 16th Annual Native Plant Sale!

By Sean Mormino  
*Environmental Educator*

Be a hero to birds! In September 2019, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 59 of the 133rd Ohio General Assembly, designating April as Ohio's "Native Plant Month." This is a tremendous step forward in the fight to protect and preserve native plant species and the many insects and animals that depend on them. You can also support this landmark legislation by purchasing native plants at Aullwood's 16th Annual Native Plant Sale.

Being ideally adapted to Ohio's climate, native plants make an ideal addition to your landscape. They are low maintenance alternatives to fussier cultivars and at the same time support a myriad of native birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators. They are also unique and beautiful!

Please visit <https://aullwood.audubon.org/NPS> for information on Aullwood's 2020 Native Plant Sale, a complete catalogue of plants and an order form.

If you need assistance choosing your plants, Audubon has created a native plant database at [www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds](http://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds) called Plants for Birds which describes the various native plants that will be beneficial for bird species in your area. Aullwood also has plant experts available on the day of the sale to provide guidance.

*Let's celebrate Ohio's first Native Plant Month together and get planting!*



*Elderberry*



*Cardinal flower*

Please visit  
<https://aullwood.audubon.org/NPS>  
for latebreaking news on the newly  
restructured 2020 Native Plant Sale!



*Ruby-throated hummingbird at  
Cardinal flower*



*American Plum*



*Cloudless sulphur*

Sam Romeo



*Eastern carpenter bee*



*Winterberry (Ilex verticillata)*

John Heinz

# Aullwood's Chocolate, Wine and Goats!

June 20

## Save the Date – June 20, 2020!

Join us at Aullwood Audubon's farm on June 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for wine and chocolate pairings, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and one-on-one visits with our baby goats and other farm animals.

We will have the farm to ourselves to meander, listen to the lovely live music of a Dayton Philharmonic string quartet, and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Take a chance on winning a beautiful piece of jewelry from James Free Jewelers, learn about our many transformational education programs, or just enjoy the summer evening.

If you would like to receive an invitation to this event, please contact us at 937-890-7360.



Aullwood Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center



Wine and chocolates



Enjoy wine, chocolate and hors d'oeuvres and visit the farm animals.



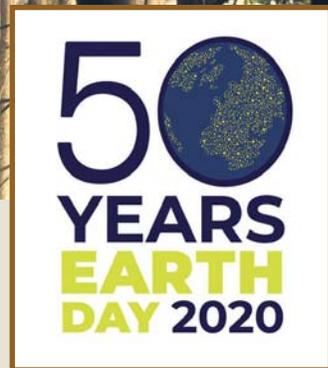
## Aullwood is a Blue Star Museum!



Aullwood has once again joined an innovative program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Department of Defense and Blue Star Families — **2020 Blue Star Museums**. Through this program Aullwood will show our support for America's armed forces by providing free general admission to active duty military personnel from all branches of the service, National Guard members, as well as Reserve members. The active duty member or spouse may bring up to five family members from May 18, 2020 until September 6, 2020.

Museums across the country, from fine arts museums to science and nature centers and historic sites, are participating. *Blue Star Museums* provides the gift of an outstanding museum experience to thousands of military families. The program strengthens both museums and military communities and says thank you to military personnel who give so much! See the list of museums at <https://www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>.

## The Nature Store



*What better way to celebrate this Earth Day, April 22nd, than a walk on Aullwood's wildflower trail?*

Here, it is not difficult to be in awe when observing the marvels of Nature. Whether you're interested in sketching a feather in your field notes or identifying the fungi on a fallen branch, soar over to the **Aullwood Nature Center and Gift Shop** before your hike. You will discover a diverse collection of species identification guides from Peterson Field Guides classics to vibrantly illustrated books on Ohio's flora and fauna. Whether you are in need of a sustainable coffee mug, a waterproof notebook, or a walking stick for the dewy mornings, we have you covered! Before we can care for the preservation of Earth, we must first form a connection with it; this is why all of the proceeds from the Aullwood Nature Store & Gift Shop support Aullwood's Educational Programs to help foster this appreciation in our youth.

Looking for something a little more personal this **Mother's and Father's Day**? Turn off the gift card autopilot and browse our eclectic selection of products that will ignite your gift-giving imagination. From gardening gloves blooming out of cheerful pots, wooden pollinator habitats to be painted by the grandkids, photography or art with a love note on the back, to simply a big jar of local honey to sweeten a favorite cup of tea . . . the possibilities are endless with a little heart and help from the Aullwood Nature Store and Gift Shop.



*Mother's or Father's Day mugs*

**Earth Day:  
April 22**  
*Help us  
celebrate!*



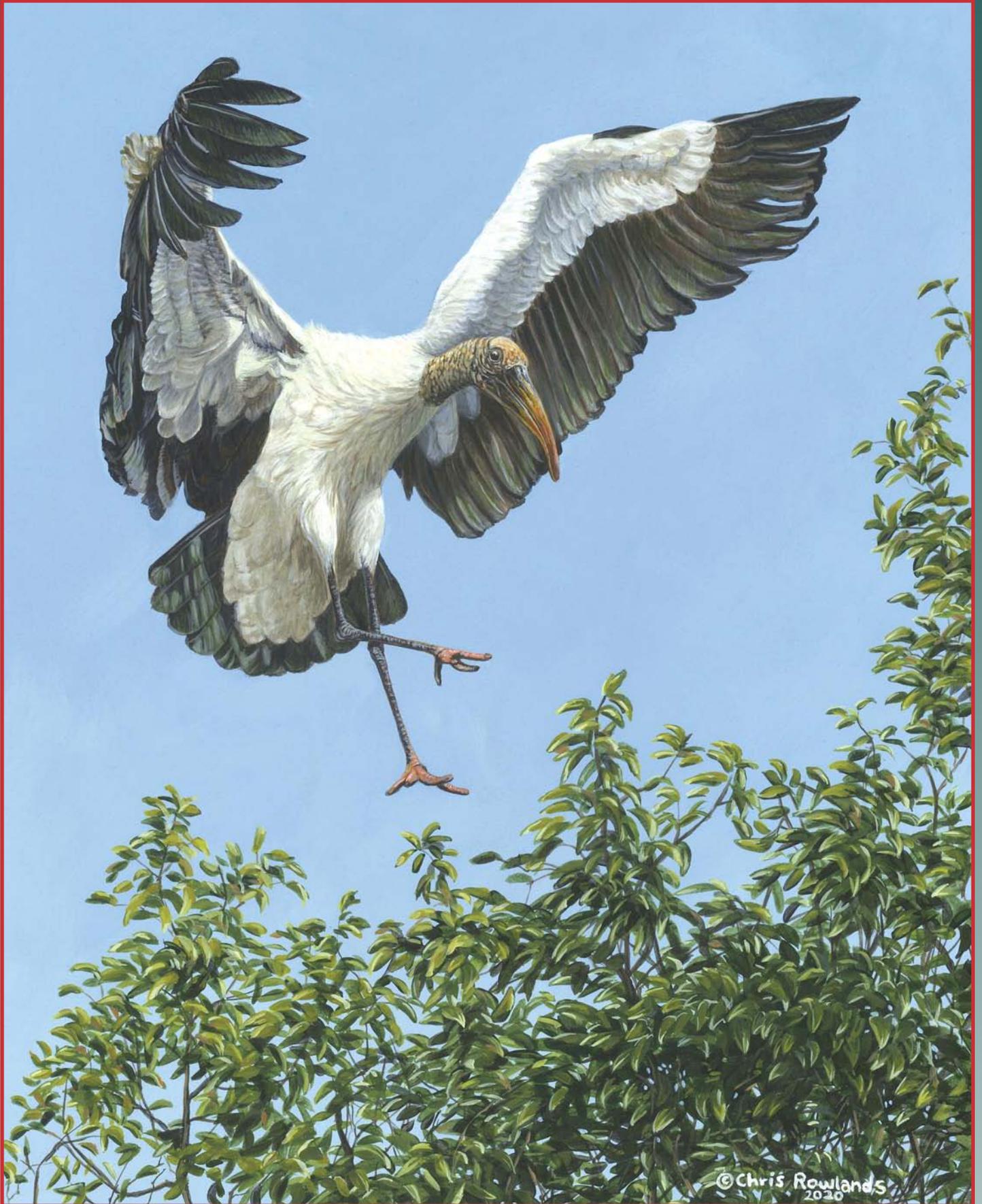
*Products from Aullwood*



**The Summer Solstice** occurs on **June 20th at 5:44 p.m. EDT**. Also known as Midsummer, this is when the Earth's North Pole is at its maximum tilt facing the sun resulting in the longest day of the year. Many cultures honor this day across the world from Europe to Asia. For many, it is a celebration of Earth's bounty and harvest. We celebrate the Earth's bounty with Aullwood honey, homemade jam, apple butter and Smithsonian certified bird-friendly coffee that is shade-grown, organic and ethically sourced. At Aullwood Farm, we feature pork and grass-fed beef from End of the Ridge Farms and our delicious eggs. No matter if it's a grill-out or an evening on the porch, we at Aullwood wish you a Happy Summer Solstice.



*Earth Day products*



## You've Goat to be Kidding Me!

By Mindy Lloyd  
Veterinary Technician

Spring is here! For most farms this means baby season as well. At Aullwood Farm we anticipate the birth of Nigerian Dwarf goat kids. This goat breed originated in Africa and probably traveled to the United States on ships as food for zoo animals. Their sweet temperament and great milking ability quickly made them a popular breed for small family farms. Does (female goats) can produce 2 quarts of milk per day! Their milk is also very high in butterfat which makes a great cheese. Does typically produce 2-5 kids per litter. We do not currently milk our goats but allow the goat kids to stay with their moms until they are weaned.

Besides delicious milk and cheese why would people want goats? Goats were some of the first animals to be domesticated about 10,000 years ago. They provided meat, milk, horns and hides for clothing. Today there are

around 200 breeds of domesticated goats around the world. The breeds can be broken down into three classes: meat, dairy and fiber. Meat goats are popular 4-H projects and a favorite cuisine around the world. Dairy goats produce milk that is more nutritious than cow's milk and naturally lower in cholesterol. Fiber goats provide us with the familiar fibers known as cashmere and mohair.

Besides being very cute the goats at Aullwood provide a valuable service of invasive species control. Goats love to browse and some of their favorite plants are honeysuckle and autumn olive. If you're looking for a new addition to your farm, goats have a small carbon footprint and make great companion animals. Come and visit our goats who are always ready for some fun!



For more information, contact Mindy Lloyd, Veterinary Technician, at 937-890-7360, extension 204 or [mlloyd@audubon.org](mailto:mlloyd@audubon.org)



Chelsea Allen



Mindy Lloyd

Magic and Catch playing

Buttercup



Goat doeling



Mindy Lloyd

Marty

# Naturally Curious

## Crayfish Tales

By Nicole Conrad  
Education Manager

Crayfish, crawfish or crawdads, are all common names for the small lobster-like aquatic arthropods that are found around water habitats in Ohio. Crayfish are closely related to lobsters, though crayfish live in fresh water and lobsters live in salt water. There are 21 species of crayfish that live in Ohio.

Crayfish are usually one to five inches long and can come in a variety of bright or muted colors including brown, orange, yellow, green, white, pink or blue. They have two pairs of antennae that they use to help them feel and sense the world and two large compound eyes. Crayfish have ten legs — one pair of claws and four pairs of smaller walking legs which have small pinchers. Their two large claws are used to help them grab prey or for defending themselves. If a claw or leg is broken off, the limb will regenerate but it often grows back smaller. They have a fan-shaped tail that they use to help them swim backwards.

Crayfish have an exoskeleton (hard outer shell) that protects them. As they grow, they shed their exoskeleton. When a crayfish sheds, its new exoskeleton is soft for a short time which makes it more vulnerable to predators. During this time crayfish often hide and are less active but they may venture out to eat their old exoskeleton.

Some crayfish hide under rocks and leaves in aquatic habitats while others dig an extensive system of burrows and tunnels under the ground near their water source. When crayfish dig their burrows they pile up the mud around the entrance forming a mud chimney. Some species of crayfish dig burrows that are one to five feet deep!

Crayfish usually lay eggs in the spring. The female releases the eggs out of her vent and attaches each egg to the underside of her abdomen. A female can lay as few as



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Louisiana crawfish boil



Crayfish chimney



Crayfish in his burrow



Child with crayfish



Crayfish



Common Goldeneye eating crayfish

20 eggs or as many as 700 eggs! Once the female attaches the eggs to her abdomen she carries the eggs around for two to ten months depending on the species of crayfish. The eggs look like a bunch of small berries. After hatching the crayfish remain attached to their mother for 2 weeks to 4 months. Once they detach from their mother they must be careful as mother crayfish do not distinguish their young from food so they could be eaten by their own mother!

Crayfish are an important component of aquatic ecosystems and food webs. Since they live in water, and are sensitive to pollution, they are important indicators of water quality. Their lifespan in the wild is usually two to four years, though some can live much longer. They are omnivores with a varied diet including plants, worms, snails, tadpoles, small fish, carrion and insects. They are a popular food for many animals and in North America there are over 240 species that eat crayfish! Predators include fish, turtles, birds (herons, owls, and many others), snakes, fox, raccoons and humans!

# Summer Earth Adventures 2020

June-Aug

## Into the Waters

Summer Earth Adventures heads *Into the Waters* this year at Aullwood, offering fun nature-based experiences in an engaging outdoor environment at both the Nature Center and Farm.

**Summer Earth Adventures** is a time for children to explore, create and discover; a time for them to make new friends and to reconnect with old ones. We aren't afraid to let kids get dirty while learning new skills, trying new things, and expanding their abilities. Whether looking for tadpoles, creating nature-inspired art, planting a garden, floating boats, or meeting one of our many animals from goats to toads, campers are encouraged to be curious and play in creative, nature-inspired ways. Each week, we offer something new and exciting that allows kids to become immersed in a unique learning environment, keeping the adventurer in them satisfied week after week. Each day is filled with an array of activities and discoveries sure to excite.

Have you aged out of Summer Earth Adventures classes but still want to be involved in the program? Aullwood is seeking volunteer assistants (ages 14 and up) to help with Summer Earth Adventures. Volunteer assistants lend a hand with a variety of tasks to help the teacher provide an exciting class for the youngsters attending.

Please contact Sam Romeo at [sromeo@audubon.org](mailto:sromeo@audubon.org) or call 937-890-7360 ext. 223 if you are interested in helping out this year.



Helping with farm chores



Finding fossils



Exploring Wiles Creek

### The 2020 Summer Earth Adventure classes will be held the following weeks:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Session 1: June 8-12  | Session 5: July 13-17 |
| Session 2: June 15-18 | Session 6: July 20-24 |
| Session 3: June 22-26 | Session 7: July 27-31 |
| Session 4: July 6-10  | Session 8: August 3-7 |

Watch the mail for your Summer Earth Adventure brochure.

Register by phone at 937-890-7360. Don't wait. Many classes fill quickly!



## Chipmunk Adventures

### Classes for Preschool Children

April 8 / May 6 / June 3, 2020

The Chipmunks are on the move! Our mini explorers are growing in their sense of wonder, totally engaged and delighting in nature throughout each season. Join us this spring for both cognitive and hands-on learning experiences. Every session includes a story, songs, art work and a hike in our beautiful woods and around the farm. Please dress for the weather conditions. We will be outside for part of each session unless severe weather threatens. April and June classes will be held at the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center, and the May class at the Marie S. Aull Education Center.

Bev Holland, Environmental Educator, will be the teacher for this spring season. Spring into action and join us! To register call 937-890-7360. See you soon!



Making natural craft



Playing in the dirt

**Chipmunk Adventures** is for 2-5 year olds (with an adult). The themes and dates are:

<b>Rainbows Make Me Happy</b>	April 8	12:30-2:00 p.m.
<b>Feathers for Lunch</b>	May 6	12:30-2:00 p.m.
<b>Build-a-Pond with Me</b>	June 3	12:30-2:00 p.m.
		Farm
		Nature Center
		Farm

Individual classes: \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members. Class limit: 10 (5 minimum)



# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## April 2020 Programs

April is the perfect month to visit Aullwood! Beautiful and colorful spring wildflowers appear in the woodlands and leaves start emerging from trees. General admission is \$10.00/adult and \$7.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Please note that programs begin promptly at their scheduled start time. Aullwood

**April 18**  
Native Plant Sale  
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Farm)

**April 19**  
Earth Day Celebration Activity  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (Center)

**April 25**  
Habitat Healer Day  
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)  
See Volunteer Corner for more Information about this event

**Long-term Butterfly Monitoring**  
Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Join us for this community science count as we look for butterflies around Aullwood. Note: Call the day of the program, 937-890-7360, to make sure monitoring is taking place as this program is weather dependent. (Center)



Nicole Conrad

**ALL APRIL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED**  
**CHECK WWW.AULLWOOD.ORG FOR UPDATES**

**April 10, 17, 24, 31**  
Chipmunk Adventure  
Make Me Happy  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Full)  
12:30-2:00 p.m. (Farm)

**April 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Adult Discovery Walk  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

**April 11, 25**  
Spring Wildflower Walks  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (Center)

**April 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Long-term Butterfly Monitoring  
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center)

**April 12, 26**  
Family Fun Hour  
2:00-3:00 p.m. (Center)

(Center)



Nicole Conrad

Virginia Bluebells

**Spring Wildflower Walks**  
Saturdays, April 11, 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Discover blooming treasures with us on a spring walk at Aullwood! Look for trillium, Virginia bluebells, celandine poppies and more on a colorful trek through the woodlands. (Center)

outdoor



Nicole Conrad

Wiles Creek in Spring

**Earth Day Celebration Activity**  
Sunday, April 19 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day a little early with some earth-friendly activities! Join us for an interactive and fun recycling activity and learn how recycling is good for the earth. Make a special Earth Day craft out of materials we reuse and recycle (all supplies will be provided). (Center)

**April 17**  
Native Plant Sale Pre-order Pick-up  
2:00-6:00 p.m. (Farm)

# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## May 2020 Programs

Look for baby animals frolicking at the Farm this month! General admission is \$10.00/adult and \$7.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Please note that programs begin promptly at their scheduled start time. Aullwood walks are weather dependent and are cancelled if there is thunder, lightning or heavy rain. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

### May 2

Habitat Healer Day (Rain Date)  
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)  
See Volunteer Corner for more Information about this event

### May 3, 10, 24

Family Fun Hour  
2:00-3:00 p.m. (Center)

### May 5, 6

Aullwood Birdathon (Center)

### May 6

Chipmunk Adventures –  
Feathers for Lunch  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Full)  
12:30-2:00 p.m. (Farm)

### May 7, 14, 21, 28

Adult Discovery Walk  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### May 7, 14, 21, 28

Long-term Butterfly Monitoring  
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center)

### May 9

Farm Adventures Walk  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (Farm)

### May 15

Aull Society Event  
5:00-8:00 p.m. (Farm)

### May 16 & 17

Farm Babies Fest  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Farm)  
Nature Center Closed

### May 18

Aullwood Closed –  
Post Farm Babies Fest

### May 23

World Turtle Day Activity  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (Center)

### May 25

Aullwood Closed – Memorial Day

### May 30

Nature Scavenger Hunt  
2:30-3:30 p.m.

### Family Fun Hour

Sundays, May 3, 10, 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Enjoy nature-themed activities and fun adventures with your family! Each session has a different theme and includes entertaining games, crafts and outdoor exploration. (Center)

### Adult Discovery Walk

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 8:00-9:30 a.m. Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center, then enjoy a hike searching for birds and other nature discoveries. Bring binoculars! (Center)

### Long-term Butterfly Monitoring

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Help us count butterflies and contribute to the science world! Note: Call the day of the program, 937-890-7360, to make sure monitoring is taking place as this program is weather dependent. (Center)

### Farm Adventures Walk

Saturday, May 9 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Join us for a discovery walk around the farm. Visit the barn and meet the animals, wander through the garden and see what is growing and journey to the spring house to cool off. (Farm)



### Please join us Aull Society Members!

*It is an honor to recognize our Aull Society Members. We have an event planned just for you!*

Get up close and personal with our new farm babies! On **Friday, May 15, 2020** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Aullwood Farm, we welcome our Aull Society members to enjoy a “Preview” featuring all of our new farm babies! We will have a special program planned just for you with wine, cheese, and delectable treats to enjoy!

Please call **937-890-7360** to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!

### World Turtle Day Activity

Saturday, May 23 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. May 23 is world turtle day! Celebrate turtles with us by learning and interacting with our turtle friends. Join us for a brief presentation about turtles, then meet some of the turtles that live in the Nature Center. (Center)



Painted turtle

Mike Mushala

### Nature Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, May 30 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Journey with us on a guided tour through different habitats at Aullwood as we appreciate and enjoy nature on a fun scavenger hunt! There will be a small prize for those who find everything on the list. (Center)

# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## June 2020 Programs

Summer is here and it is the perfect time to explore Aullwood! General admission is \$10.00/adult and \$7.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Please note that programs begin promptly at their scheduled start time and Aullwood walks are weather dependent and are cancelled if there is thunder, lightning or heavy rain. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

### June 3

Chipmunk Adventures –  
Build-a-Pond with Me  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Full)  
12:30-2:00 p.m. (Farm)

### June 4, 11, 18, 25

Adult Discovery Walks  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### June 4, 11, 18, 25

Long-term Butterfly Monitoring  
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center)

### June 6

Aullwood's Breeding Bird  
Census 7:30-11:30 a.m.  
(Center/Farm)

### June 6

Read with Animals Program  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

### June 7

Free Admission Day

### June 8 – August 7

Summer Earth Adventures Classes  
(Center and Farm)

### June 14, 21, 28

Family Fun Hour  
2:00-3:00 p.m. (Center)

### June 20

Nature Center and Farm Closed  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Adult Discovery Walks

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25,  
8:00-9:30 a.m. Search for birds,  
plants and nature delights as we  
hike the trails looking for new  
discoveries. Bring binoculars and  
meet us in the lobby of the Nature  
Center. (Center)

### Long-term Butterfly Monitoring

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25,  
2:30-4:00 p.m. Learn your butterflies  
as we monitor the trails for these  
fluttering beauties. Note: Call the day  
of the program, 937-890-7360, to  
make sure monitoring is taking  
place as this program is weather  
dependent. (Center)



Monarch butterfly

### Aullwood's Breeding Bird Census

Saturday, June 6, 7:30-11:30 a.m. Help  
us conduct a census of the breeding  
birds found in our sanctuary. Starting  
early in the morning we listen, watch  
and count the different species and  
discover how many birds live here.  
(Center)



Goats at farm



Great horned owl (immature)

### Read with the Animals Program

Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m.-12:00  
p.m. Enjoy a story read by an  
Aullwood Naturalist, then read one  
of your favorite books to some of  
Aullwood's farm animals! Bring a  
book (or a few), find a seat in the  
barn and have fun reading! Our  
animals can't wait to hear your  
wonderful stories! (Farm)



Common Yellowthroat (male)



Spicebush Caterpillar

### Family Fun Hour

Sundays, June 14, 21, 28, 2:00-3:00  
p.m. Bring your family and enjoy  
playing games, doing crafts and going  
on an outdoor adventure with an  
Aullwood Naturalist. Each session  
has a different fun-filled nature  
theme. (Center)

# BIRDATHON 2020

## Good Fun, Good Friends, Good Birding!

May 6

Wednesday, May 6 is the date for Birdathon 2020. The goal is for teams to identify at least 125 different species of birds in a 24-hour period and raise \$8,000 to support Aullwood!

### • Team Warbler

participants donate \$200.00, meet at the Nature Center at 6:00 a.m. on May 6, and travel to area birding hotspots with Nicole Conrad and Nenita Lapitan. Lunch at the Center is included and this birding adventure ends at 4:30 p.m.

• **Team Tanager** participants donate \$300.00, meet at the Nature Center at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 and travel to key birding sites in Ohio with Sam Romeo. Hotel and meals are at your expense and the group returns at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6.

Unable to join a team? Donations of all amounts and per species pledges are welcome! Your support helps Aullwood's environmental education programs! To join a team or make a donation contact Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 ext. 216 or [laurie.cothran@audubon.org](mailto:laurie.cothran@audubon.org).



Members of Riverdale Optimist Club



Ruby-throated hummingbird

Ruhikant Meeter

Donations to Birdathon last year helped Aullwood purchase new scopes for education programs!

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### Friends of Aullwood gift memberships are always available!

A Friends of Aullwood gift membership is perfect for any occasion and at any time of the year. Along with your purchase, you will receive a gift card to announce your gift. You may choose the size (family, individual, individual plus one, student, senior, senior plus one or grandparent) and be assured of a great fit!

It's a gift that will be used year-round and is ideal for that hard to shop for person. Call **937-890-7360** for more information.

## Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

All of these partnerships support Aullwood's high quality educational programs for children. Help Aullwood by registering today!

### Kroger Community Rewards Program



You can shop till you drop and support Aullwood at the same time with only a few easy steps!

- Visit . . . [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)
- Sign in or Login to your account.
- Make Aullwood Audubon your charity of choice. Aullwood's Charity ID Number is YN601.
- Shop at Kroger as normal and a portion of your sale will support all of Aullwood's programs for local children!
- You will know you are giving to Aullwood when you see at the bottom of your receipt: "At your request, Kroger is donating to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm."

### Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program



It's easy to join the DLM Good Neighbor Program and support Aullwood!

- Visit: [www.DorothyLane.com](http://www.DorothyLane.com).
  - Click "Club DLM" in the bar across the top.
  - Click on "Good Neighbor Program".
  - Type in your First & Last Name, Email and Club Card Number.
  - Select Aullwood Audubon as your charity and click "Enroll Now."
- Please keep in mind you must re-enroll each year for the good Neighbor Program.

### AmazonSmile



Support Aullwood when you shop at Amazon!

- Visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and login to Amazon as normal.
  - Type in Friends of Aullwood, Inc. as your Charitable Organization.
  - Aullwood will receive 0.5% on the price of eligible items purchased!
- It's simple and easy and makes a big difference for Aullwood!

Call Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 ext. 216 for more details.

# Volunteer Corner

## Volunteerism Facts

*Because of volunteers, Aullwood is able to fulfill our mission and achieve our goals!*

## National Volunteer Week – April 19-25 Celebrate Service!

*National Volunteer Week, established in 1974 and powered by Points of Light, is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service. Volunteers help their neighbors, provide their expertise, and serve their communities. No matter what kind of volunteer service they provide, their contributions are invaluable.*

*Our volunteers are key to Aullwood's success. In 2019, nearly 800 volunteers shared their passion, energy and talents with us by supporting Aullwood's operations, special events and festivals, which translated to 13,783 hours with a value of \$350,502.*



Birdseed volunteers



Karen Offenbacher, LTBM volunteer



Habitat healers from WSU



Lexis-Nexis employees tidying the farm

## Habitat Healer Day

*Looking for something to do to celebrate community service? Grab a friend (or three) and join us in building an outdoor accessible classroom on April 25 for Habitat Healer Day: Create the Chatitat! See page 17 for more information.*



Megumi Aita



Paul Broerman & Pat Turnbull at Beer & Brewing 2020

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## Spring into Summer Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

For more information about these opportunities, please call Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer and Rental Services at 937-890-7360, ext. 214 or email her at [lapitan@audubon.org](mailto:lapitan@audubon.org).

### Summer Earth Adventures: Adults and Youth Assistants

If you are 14 or older, consider sharing your enthusiasm and passion for the outdoors as a Summer Earth Adventures Assistant! This is a unique opportunity for youth to complete school, honor society or organizational volunteer service requirements or for anyone looking for resume building skill sets and experience! Summer Earth Adventures begin on June 8 and ends August 7. Volunteer commitment is one week from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You pick the week that works best with your schedule! Special SEA teacher/assistant training on June 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Nature Center.



Jenn Thein and guest making discoveries at Farm Babies Fest



Sarah Todd and Mike Kloeters at Breakfast with Woodland Santa

## VOLUNTEER FOR OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

### Native Plant Sale – April 15-18 (Farm)

Wednesday, April 15: Set-up from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, April 16: Set-up from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.

Friday, April 17: Complete set up and presale orders; assist with pre-sale order pickup.

Two shifts: 12-3 p.m. or 3-6 p.m. Saturday, April 18: There are many ways you can assist — look for details in the Native Plant Sale Volunteer Recruitment flier.

Three shifts: 8:30-11:15 a.m.; 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. or 1:30-4 p.m. or go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native1>.

### Habitat Healer Day: Create the Chatitat April 25 (Farm)

Saturday, April 25: 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

(RAIN DATE: May 2-9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Help create "The Chatitat", an accessible space for people to learn about bird habitat, watch birds, enjoy nature, or read a book from our Little Library. Volunteers will plant native trees and shrubs and assist with other activities in the construction of this specialized area for birds who love brushy, woodland habitats. You might even hear or see a Northern Bobwhite! This is a great activity for people of all abilities and ages. Plants, gloves and tools provided. Complimentary lunch and every family will receive a native plant to take home.

Plants, gloves and trowels provided. After lunch, you are welcome to explore Aullwood by yourself or with friends or family — your admission fee will be waived. To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-habitat2>

### Farm Babies Fest May 15-17 (Farm)

Friday, May 15 — Set up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17 — Festival shift times:

9 a.m.-12 p.m., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. OR 2:00-5:15 p.m.

Farm Babies is back and better than ever. We're expecting all sorts of baby animals this spring plus brand-new activities for all ages. There are many places where you can help this year. Volunteers will get a 2020 Chris Rowlands designed Farm Babies Fest t-shirt (while supplies last!).

The Volunteer Recruitment Flier for Farm Babies Fest will be mailed in early April so I can get t-shirt orders in on time. No online signup for this event, please email Nenita directly at [nenita.lapitan@audubon.org](mailto:nenita.lapitan@audubon.org) if you want to help.

### Save these Dates:

- NATIVE PLANT SALE: April 15-18
- HABITAT HEALER DAY: April 25
- FARM BABIES FEST: May 15-17

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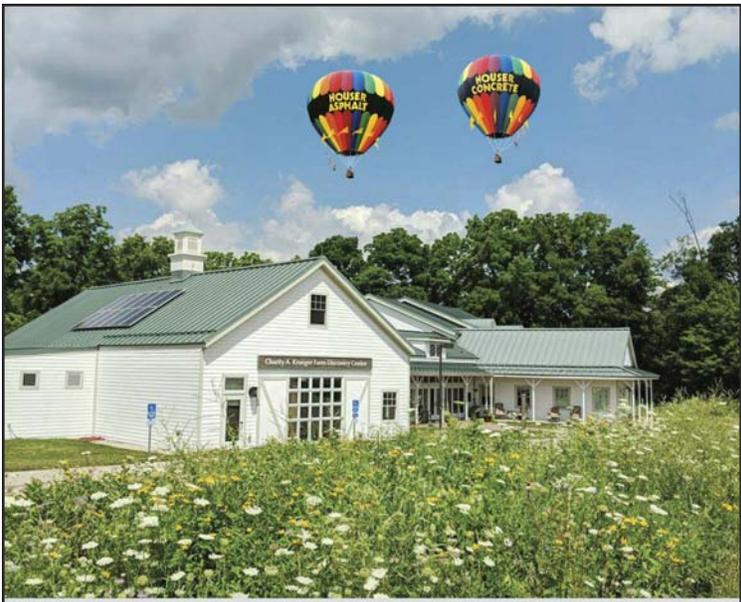


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