

# School Fieldtrip Opportunities at Hawthorn Hollow

Unique Nature-based Learning Experiences for Students

For the 2011-2012 School Year

Hawthorn Hollow's mission is to cultivate appreciation, understanding and stewardship of our natural and local heritage through environmental education and sanctuary preservation.

## The Cornucopia of Fall!

Visit Hawthorn Hollow this fall for an extraordinary journey full of adventures and discoveries. This program focuses on the different ways plants grow through life stages and survive to produce new offspring. Students will make discoveries on seed dispersal strategies and the concept that fruit is a seed container. Visitors will classify seeds collected from a forest and a field. The program includes Native American traditions and celebration of the fall season. Students will visit a real Indian trail and make a traditional folklore toy to bring home. This program will also present the lore of Johnny Appleseed. Participants will then have a hands-on learning experience making apple cider using a traditional apple press. **Dates:** October - November 2011.



## It's Maple Sugarin' Time!



Come join us as we tap our sugar bush during the month of March. Visitors will take a journey back in time and discover the magic of maple sugaring. The Sugar Maple and history of maple sugaring is an important part of Wisconsin's heritage. Participants will experience through hands-on activities the arts and traditions of tapping a maple tree. The visit provides students with history of Native American traditions and techniques for capturing, collecting and cooking of maple syrup. Students will sample 100% pure maple syrup and will make their very own sumac spile to take home. **Dates:** March 2012.

## Spring Discovery!



Hawthorn Hollow is the place to be for spring discovery! Your visit will include learning about and uncovering the systems and cycles on which all living and non-living things depend on.

Students will explore the diversity of nature through a unique variety of hands-on activities.

Discovery activities will help students uncover the importance of structural, functional and behavioral adaptations in plants and animals. A variety of exploratory and sensory experiences will be utilized.

Students will visit a Native American trail and wigwam. The visit will include Native American traditions, and making a folklore toy. **Dates:** May 2012.

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Our programs are geared towards the K-5 grades and link with Wisconsin State Standards. These are 2-hour outdoor programs. Please be sure participants are dressed and prepared for outdoor activities. Each class size is limited to 10 - 30 students. We offer morning and afternoon sessions, Tuesdays - Fridays.

**Fees:** \$5/student    **Discounts:** \$4.50/student if booked before September 8, 2011.

Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum is a private, non-profit nature sanctuary and arboretum providing environmental education to all ages. The 40 acres of varied terrain offer two miles of trails winding through the woods of the Pike River Valley, prairies, gardens, and twelve-acre arboretum. The property is also home to two historic schools and the original Town of Somers Town Hall.

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