



Sanderling Tracks

Newsletter of the Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park



SPRING 2018

President's Notes:

By **Jim Mohr;**

The Fall & Winter Friends newsletters were not published due of the passing of our treasurer, Charmaine Mohr, who was also my wife, on September 11th. I had many issues to deal with after she passed and the newsletter had to wait. It was a tragic loss for me and a loss for the Friends of Kohler-Andrae. Charmaine was very dedicated to her job as treasurer.

There have been several changes to the board. June Platz resigned late last summer and Ted Bergstrom resigned this past fall plus the passing of Charmaine in September. Mary Kultgen and John Multer have been appointed to the board. Joe Brunnbauer has accepted the appointment as our new treasurer. I think Joe will do a good job in his new position. Jo Ann Brunnbauer has agreed to be the membership chairperson. She will keep the membership list up to date and notify people that are not current in their dues.

When I was leaving the park in September, after my hosting was over, I was going through the campground, pulling my camper, when I cut a corner too short and caught the axle on a tree which tore two of the axle brackets from the frame of the camper. Nobody would attempt to repair it because of liability issues so the insurance company considered it a total loss. I now have to decide, at my age, if I want to buy another camper. Without a camper, my campground hosting is over. I will still be a Nature Center Host in July. I will drive to the park each day.

Doris Kultgen has been busy setting up programs for the upcoming season. We've already had a Bluebird house workshop. She has scheduled Wildlife of Wisconsin for our friends and volunteers spring pot luck on Friday, April 27th at the Sanderling Nature Center and there is a spring candlelight hike on Saturday, April 28th. There are also many other programs already scheduled for the season. Thank You Doris for all you do.

The friends have purchased a Purple Martin House. It will be installed just east of the office Parking lot. It will be monitored by several of the Master Naturalists with nesting reports being submitted to the Wisconsin Purple Martin Association. We should receive a report on our Purple Martin House at our Fall Potluck.

The Friends have been selling fire starters for many years. We had a large supply of them which is now running low. We have volunteers to make more of them for us. We need the supplies to make them such as used candles and cardboard egg cartons. If you have any old candles at home, even those in glass containers, you may drop them off at the park office.

While things are quiet at the park, the conservation team has been busy this winter repairing picnic tables, painting, building shelves, assembling the Purple Martin house and whatever other projects Carolyn and Ed can come up with. Thank You to the conservation team.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Pot Luck on Friday, April 26th at the Sanderling Nature Center. Remember that Membership dues are payable on

May first. Our membership chairperson will be at the pot luck and available for anyone wanting to pay their dues.

Our Park is a beautiful place to visit at anytime of the year and always remember, the best time to visit is whenever you get the chance.

Superintendent's Notes

By Carolyn Morgen:

There is evidence of spring is in the air; the wind has changed, the sun is high, and the migratory birds have returned. The birds are paired up and nesting. If you've been watching Lake Michigan this winter, the ice has been in and out more than I can remember. I'm certain, the ice is gone until the end of the year. Recently, we've had some beautiful days, teasing us of what is to come.

The Departments' alignment process, within the Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management (PRM), is well underway. As of January 1, 2018, our Rangers are no longer sworn police officers. The law enforcement coverage will now be provided by the Bureau of Law Enforcement (BLE) Conservation Wardens. Parks staff will now focus on Park & Recreation management. I ask for your continued patience as the both the BLE and PRM staff work through this transition process. I want to reassure you that excellent customer service and safety will continue to be our priority. Our primary focus will continue to be people; external customers as well as our own staff satisfaction.

Speaking of staff; we have quite a few new faces at Kohler-Andrae State Park. New Full-Time Employees (FTE) Park Rangers Cody Las & Chanice Pitzke have joined our FTE team. You may also notice that our uniforms have changed, this is all part of the alignment process. In addition, we have hired quite a few new Limited Term Employees (LTE). We've also been busy filling the volunteer Campground and Nature Center Host positions. As of this writing, there is still a Nature Center Host vacancy for the month of August. If you, or someone you know, is interested, contact the park office. We are always seeking enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, make sure that you are signed up. Very soon, I'll be scheduling the spring cleaning

dates for both the Sanderling Nature Center, and the Accessible Cabin. The Work Play Earth Day (WPED) event is right around the corner. WPED will occur on April 21, 2017, 9 AM – Noon. As always, lunch will be provided by the Friends of Kohler-Andrae. If you would like to become more involved, make sure to update your volunteer interest list.

You may have heard in the news that in February 2018, the WI State Park System has moved to demand based pricing.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=4417>
Several properties have had camping fee increases, Kohler-Andrae's electrical camping fees increased. Several properties had camping fee decreases. Kohler-Andrae's winter and shoulder season, non-electrical camping rates decreased. There were only three properties (Devils' Lake, Peninsula & Willow River) with day pass fee increases. There weren't any changes to daily fees at more than 70 properties, annual or senior citizen admission fees. The adjusted fee structure will likely steer people from some of the busiest properties, toward some of the less utilized places. This will help to distribute the park user pressure, and make visiting WI State Parks more enjoyable for all.

As usual, Doris has been busy scheduling interpretive and musical programs. If you haven't checked it out yet, check the 2018 interpretive calendar. There are many magnificent events planned. Check the following Links:

- WI Department of Natural Resources Calendar of Events
<http://dnr.wi.gov/calendar/events/parks/>
- Friends of Kohler-Andrea website
<http://www.friendsofkoehler-andrae.com/>

- Friends of Kohler-Andrae Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfKohlerAndraeStatePark/>

I am very hopeful for the upcoming season. With all the dedicated staff and volunteers, we will gladly be here to serve you, and your family. Stop in to say, “Hi.” Life is always better at the Lake.

Officers and Board Members

Jim Mohr (President)	452-6550
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Mary Kultgen	467-4409
John Multer	458-3860

Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:00 PM at the Park office. Guests are welcome. *Only board members can make a motion or vote at board meetings.*

E Newsletter

You can receive the newsletter via e mail instead of by snail mail. It would save the Friends group the money spent on printing and postage. The e newsletter arrives 3-4 days sooner than snail mail. If you are interested, send me an e mail at:

jimohr@aol.com. Be sure to put **e newsletter** in the subject line so it gets past my spam filter

VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

May 5 – June 16, 2018

Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park
Sanderling Nature Center

The Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park is partnering with the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program to offer a training opportunity for new and current volunteers.

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a statewide effort to promote awareness, understanding, and

stewardship of the state's natural resources. Its goal is to develop a corps of informed volunteers dedicated to education and service within their Wisconsin communities. Course participants receive 40 hours of training in natural history, interpretation, and conservation stewardship. Classes combine classroom instruction with field experiences. Once trained, a Master Naturalist provides volunteer service in one of three areas: education/interpretation, stewardship, or citizen science. To maintain certification, a volunteer must complete 40 hours of service each year and 8 hours of advanced training. Information about the Program and classes is available at:

wimasternaturalist.org

Details about this Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course are listed at the right. Part of your class time will be spent completing a capstone project. The project provides an opportunity to practice some of the skills needed for volunteer work. The projects can be completed in groups and involve up to 3 hours of out of class time. Field trips sessions will include the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine, Maywood Environmental Center and other sites.

Class sessions will cover these basic topics:

- Geology/landscapes
- Ecology
- Plant Communities
- Wildlife ID
- Interpretation
- Aquatic life
- Human impacts
- Citizen Science
- Water Surveys



Volunteer Training Course

Where: Sanderling Nature Center
Kohler-Andrae State Park,
Sheboygan

When: Class sessions – Saturdays,
May 5-June 16, 2018 from 8 a.m.-
3:30 p.m. (No Class on May 26th)

Fee: \$250

To register online:

<http://wimasternaturalist.org/KohlerAndraeSpring2018>

Registration ends: April 21, 2018

Questions? Contact either:

Jim Buchholz

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Drew Morris



Intro to Birding

- Invasive Species

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Sheboygan, WI 53081

PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE FRIENDS OF KOHLER-ANDRAE ASSOCIATION

Name _____

*Please check

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

____ Family Membership \$15.00

I would like to receive the newsletter via Email _____

____ Life Membership \$250.00

____ Donation \$ _____

Telephone __ (____) _____

E mail _____

Amount of check \$ _____ payable to the Friends of Kohler-Andrae

____ Renewal ____ New Membership Your cashed check will serve as your receipt

Membership Year is from May 1 thru April 30

Mail to: Friends of Kohler-Andrae, Treasurer, 230 Huenink Ave. Cedar Grove, WI 53015