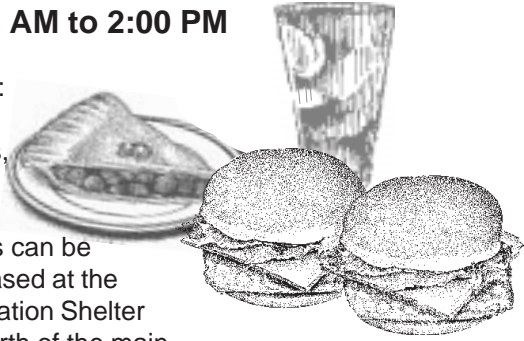


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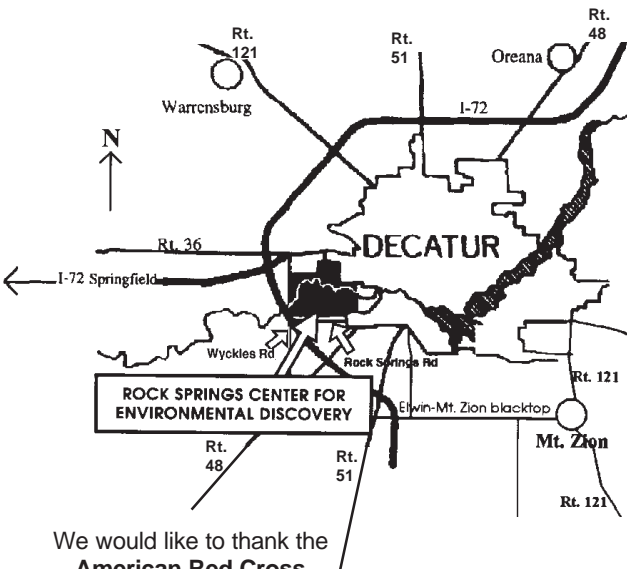
Sandwiches, drinks, and snacks can be purchased at the Information Shelter just north of the main parking lot, provided by Rock Springs Ground Squirrels Vintage Base Ball Club.



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**ROCK SPRINGS CENTER - APRIL 24, 2004**

# 22nd Annual Festival of Spring

Saturday, April 24, 2004

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM	CANOE TRIP	-	<i>Reservations required-see P.2</i>	
9:00 AM	BIRD & BLOSSOM HIKE			P.2
9:30 AM	SCOUT HIKE	-	<i>Reservations required-see P.2</i>	
All day	KITES GALORE	-	Charlie Davidson	P.2
10:00 AM-2:00 PM	EARTH WALK for kids			P.4
10:00 AM-4:00 PM	HOMESTEAD PRAIRIE FARM	-	Open House	P.2
10:00 AM-4:00 PM	ROCK BOX	-	Dept. of Natural Resources	P.5
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starts at 10:00 AM	PLANT EXCHANGE			P.3
10:00 AM-3:30 PM	MERIDIAN MIDDLE SCH.		Ecology Projects	P.3
10:15 AM	FLAG CEREMONIES			P.2
10:30 AM	CHAMPION TREES of Macon County		Honored	P.3
10:30 AM-Noon	FISHING DERBY (under age 16)			P.3
10:30 AM-4:00 PM	TICKETS TO TREASURES			P.3
11:00 AM	<i>Adventures of Lewis &amp; Clark</i>		Johns Hill Students	P.4
11:00 AM	STARRY NIGHT-		Decatur Area Astronomy Club	P.3
11:00 AM-3:00 PM	SCOVILL ZOO JUNIOR BIOLOGISTS			P.4
11:00 AM-3:00 PM	WAGON RIDES every 1/2 hour			P.4
11:00 AM-3:00 PM	FACE PAINTING			P.4
11:30 AM	COLIN McCOY	-	Musician	P.5
11:30 AM	READINGS FOR CHILDREN	-	P. Barr/M. Scott	P.4
11:30 AM	SCOUT HIKE	-	<i>Reservations required-see P.2</i>	
11:45 AM	World Bird Show —		RAPTOR AWARENESS	P.5
12:00 NOON	The Lewis & Clark Trail	-	Mindmeld Photography	P.5
12:30 PM	READINGS FOR CHILDREN	-	P. Barr/M. Scott	P.4
12:30 AM	LONG CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND			P.4
1:00 PM	CANOE TRIP	-	<i>Reservations required-see P.2</i>	
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1:00 PM	DULCIMER CLUB	-	Bluestem Theater	P.5
1:15 PM	STARRY NIGHT-		Decatur Area Astronomy Club	P.3
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1:30 PM	DISCOVERY HIKE			P.5
1:30 PM	READINGS FOR CHILDREN	-	P. Barr/M. Scott	P.4
1:30 PM	SCOUT HIKE	-	<i>Reservations required-see P.2</i>	
2:00 PM	LONG CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND			P.4
2:00 PM	OLD TIME MIRACLE MEDICINE SHOW			P.5
2:00 PM	The Lewis & Clark Trail	-	Mindmeld Photography	P.5
2:30 PM	READINGS FOR CHILDREN	-	P. Barr/M. Scott	P.4
2:45 PM	World Bird Show —		RAPTOR AWARENESS	P.5
3:00 PM	COLIN McCOY	-	Musician	P.5
3:15 PM	STARRY NIGHT-		Decatur Area Astronomy Club	P.3

Many other exhibits available throughout the day; see listing on page 6.

## CANOE THE SANGAMON

9:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Reservations are required to join this Sangamon River canoe trip. All equipment is provided (fee: \$10/person). Co-sponsored by the Tippicanoe Club and the Macon Co. Conservation Dist. Reservations required by April 15th. Call 423-7708.



## BIRD AND BLOSSOM HIKE

9:00 AM (about one hour — meet on the west deck)

Spring is the time when bird songs fill the air and flowers fill the woodlands! Join a naturalist on a refreshing early morning hike to see and hear some lovely feathered friends and beautiful blossoms. Binoculars and field guides will be helpful.

## SCOUT HIKES

(meet on the west deck)

9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Guided hikes lasting about an hour are offered to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Various habitats will be visited and help will be offered on Conservation, Nature, Bird Study, Reptile and Amphibian Study and other badges. For reservations contact Conservation District Headquarters at 423-7708 no later than April 15th.

## KITES GALORE - Charlie Davidson

Picnic Area — All Day

Charlie Davidson will be flying some incredible kites all day. Join in the fun!

## HOMESTEAD PRAIRIE FARM OPEN HOUSE

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Visit the Trobaugh family and learn from interpreters in period clothing how people lived in the earlier days of Macon County.

## ELBERT BONN — THE BIRDHOUSE MAN

Visitor Center Lobby

10:00 AM to ? (while birdhouses last)

A popular attraction, Mr. Bonn will answer bird questions and give away handmade birdhouses (while they last). Please, just one birdhouse to a family. Free birdseed, compliments of Garver Feeds.

## FLAG CEREMONIES

Visitor Center to Flag Pole at Parking Lot Information Shelter  
10:15 AM

Join the parade as we raise the Earth Day flag and the Audubon flag to kick off the 21st Annual Festival of Spring!

## MERIDIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ECOLOGY PROJECTS

Conference Room

10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

The 8th grade science students from Meridian Middle School displays models and posters on a variety of environmental topics. Each project educates in a colorful and easy-to-understand way. Stop by to learn from these young educators.

## PLANT EXCHANGE

Visitor Center Lobby

10:00 AM to ? (until plants are gone)

Bring some plants you can spare and trade them for others. Feed the 'kitty' if you want to take more plants than you brought. It's fun, it's easy, and the more who participate, the better the chance that everyone will take home many new plants to nurture.

## THE LEGACY OF TREES

Celebrating Macon County's Largest Trees  
Information Shelter near parking lot

10:30 AM

Trees have always been a part of the heritage of our nation, state and county. It seems only fitting to recognize the biggest trees in Macon County and their importance as a natural, renewable resource. Join us as we celebrate these big, old trees and we recognize the keepers of these champions.

## STARRY NIGHT

### Decatur Area Astronomy Club

Orientation Room

11:00 AM, 1:15 PM and 3:15 PM

Enjoy learning what can be seen in the night skies of central Illinois as you view a Power Point program. Celebrate Astronomy Day with knowledgeable sky-watchers.



## FISHING DERBY

Cattail Pond

10:30 AM TO 12 Noon



Children age 16 and under may try their luck at fishing. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for largest, smallest and most fish.

## TICKETS TO TREASURES

10:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Kids ages 12 and under are invited to collect tickets while visiting various events throughout the day and be awarded prizes for collecting the tickets. Tickets are free and are available at many events. (More information will be available on site.)

## WAGON RIDES

Meet at the Visitor Center south door

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Wagon rides will be available every half hour starting at 11:00 AM and continuing until 3:00 PM.

## SCOVILL ZOO JUNIOR BIOLOGISTS

Children's Awareness Room

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Join Chuck Hirst and the Scovill Junior Biologists as they share with you their worm bins, and their exploration of composting, recycling, and the raising of food for zoo animals. These students raise animals, conduct experiments and get involved in a variety of activities.

## EARTH WALK FOR KIDS

Pavilion No. 1

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Similar to an old-fashioned cake walk, but with a new twist. Participants will receive prizes and have a lot of fun. Sponsored by the Community Environmental Council and the Millikin Ecology Club.



## FACE PAINTING

Pavilion

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Kids are invited to have a nature image painted on their face. \$1 per child.

## The ADVENTURES of LEWIS AND CLARK

by Roger Emerson and John Jacobsen

Lower Level Multi-purpose Room

11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Students from Johns Hill Magnet School 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will sing and dance to the songs of this musical as they represent explorers, Native Americans and even a dog! It covers the expedition from the purchase of the Louisiana Territory to their arrival at the Pacific Ocean. The students will have journals, artifacts and projects based on the expedition.

## THE LONG CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND

Pavilion No. 2

12:30 PM and 2:00 PM

Listen to some good old-fashioned bluegrass music. A delight for young and old!

## READINGS FOR CHILDREN

Patty Barr and Michelle Scott - RSC North Exhibit Hall

11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM

Join Patty and Michelle in the North Exhibit Hall for wonderful stories about the natural world and the animals and plants that we find there. Stories will take about 15 minutes. There will also be books, games, puzzles, coloring, etc. for the children to enjoy.

## DULCIMER CLUB

1:00 PM - Bluestem Theater

Come listen to the lilting, joyful sounds of this old-time instrument. — Guaranteed to perk you up!

## WORLD BIRD SHOWS —RAPTOR AWARENESS—

RSC Visitor Center Auditorium

11:45 AM, 1:15 PM, 2:45 PM

WORLD BIRD SHOWS brings this program to us from the World Bird Sanctuary near St. Louis. They carry on a noted rehabilitation program. All ages will enjoy this opportunity to see and learn about these unusual live birds.



## MUSICIAN & HISTORIAN

**Colin McCoy**

The Stage at Homestead Prairie Farm

11:30 AM and 3:00 PM

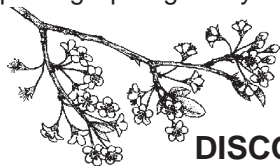
Colin McCoy, three-time Illinois State Fiddle Champion, performs traditional music of Illinois and the Midwest on fiddle, banjo, guitar and musical saw. His repertoire includes ballads, humorous songs and dance tunes.

## FOLLOWING THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL IN ILLINOIS TO MONTANA

Orientation Room

12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM

Join Don Chamberlain of Mindmeld Photography as he presents a slide show of the many sites from Illinois to Montana where Lewis and Clark camped with their corps. Don has spent many hours researching the subject and photographing many of the historic sites.



## DISCOVERY HIKE

Lasts about one hour—meet on the west deck

1:30 PM

Singing birds and frogs, sunning turtles, emerging leaves and flowers everywhere herald the wondrous awakening of spring. Naturalists will interpret nature's unfolding delights for those who participate.



## OLD TIME MIRACLE MEDICINE SHOW

2:00 pm — The stage at Homestead Prairie Farm

Enjoy this entertaining living history portrayal of an Old Time Medicine Show. You may be tempted to buy some of the cure-all elixir — and who knows, it might really make you feel better!

## ROCK BOX

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM — Near Parking Lot Information Shelter  
The Dept. of Natural Resources Rock Box interactive learning center and display inspires all ages to learn more about our Earth. Stop by and take a look!

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Visitor Center lobby and wings

**DECATUR AUDUBON SOCIETY:** Co-sponsor of the annual Festival of Spring. Find out more about this organization.

**DECATUR AUDUBON SOCIETY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENT:** Learn about their project:

**Johns Hill Magnet School**, Decatur — Nola Wilkinson, other teachers and students

**THE SANGAMON VALLEY VOLUNTEERS OF THE VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP NETWORK:** The Sangamon Valley Volunteers work to preserve and restore natural lands.

**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL:** Learn more about this consortium of agencies and organizations.

**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL SECTORS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, *Nature As My Neighbor*:** Stop by the North Hall and look at these beautiful photographs taken by middle and high school students in Macon County. Vote for your favorite in each category, and for Best of Show. Winning photos will be published in the Decatur Magazine.

**MACON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:** You can make a difference! Practice the 3 Rs: *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*. Kristan Sedum, Educational Director.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:** Master Gardeners can help you plan your vegetable and flower gardens.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: KEEP DECATUR / MACON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL** Jo Caulkins, Director. Information on keeping the city and county looking great.

**NATURE TRACKERS:** A special group of environmentally minded people from 7th grade through adult. Call 423-7708 to join this group.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** Stop by to learn all about the Dept. of Natural Resources Rock Box. This display and interactive learning center will inspire all ages to learn more about our Earth. Display is near the Information Center at the parking lot.

**MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION:** Discover the District's Foundation and how you can be involved. Brochures, information and Conservation Foundation directors will be available to answer your questions.

**MACON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** Learn how we can all help conserve and protect Macon County's water supplies and rich soils!

**AGRICULTURAL WATERSHED INSTITUTE:** Steve John, Acting Director. Learn the importance of protecting our watershed and natural water systems.

**HEART OF THE SANGAMON ECOSYSTEM PARTNER-SHIP:** Learn about the different groups that make up this valuable organization and what activities they undertake.

Photography and artwork by Delores Rice Logue will be displayed in the South Hall during the Festival.