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“Time Flies” Exhibit and Watershed Programs Celebrate Fly-Fishing Heritage at Creek Bend Nature Center

GENEVA, IL — In celebration of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County’s 100th anniversary, Creek Bend Nature Center will open a special exhibit highlighting the heritage of the sport and art of fly-fishing. The “Time Flies: A Centennial Celebration” exhibit will be on display from **April 8 to June 8, 2025**, and will showcase the evolution of fly-fishing during the formative years of the Forest Preserve District. Explore this customized collection of historical fly fishing rods, reels, flies, artwork and videos curated by the American Museum of Fly Fishing. This free, family-friendly exhibit is open during regular Nature Center hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

In addition to the exhibit, the Forest Preserve District is offering a variety of engaging programs that connect visitors to the history and ecological significance of fly-fishing in the Fox River area. From hands-on workshops to creek explorations, there’s something for everyone interested in the art and sport of fly fishing, as well as watershed exploration and conservation.

Upcoming Watershed Ecology Programs:

Beginner Fly-Tying Workshops

Learn the art and science of fly-tying with instructors from Oak Brook Trout Unlimited. These free workshops will teach you how to create the perfect fly for your next fishing adventure. All materials and equipment will be provided. Ages 16 and above. Free. Registration required.

Dates: Thursday, April 17; Thursday, April 24; Thursday, May 1 & Thursday, May 22

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Creek Bend Nature Center, 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

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Creek Exploration

Dip your toes in the water and join a naturalist for a guided exploration of Ferson Creek. You'll discover local wildlife including fish, frogs, and water striders. Ages 5 and above (adults must accompany children in the water). Free. Registration required.

Date: Friday, May 9

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

Amphibian Adventure

Explore the pond and creek to find amphibians that thrive in both water and on land. A naturalist will guide you through the fascinating world of frogs, toads, and salamanders. Free. Registration required.

Date: Friday, May 16

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

Welcome to Your Watershed

Join a naturalist for a creek exploration walk and learn about the Fox River Watershed, the vital waterway that supports local wildlife and communities. Wear shorts and bring an extra pair of shoes for wading. Ages 5 and above (adults must accompany children in the water). Free. Registration required.

Date: Sunday, May 18

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

Fishing in the Fox River - Learn from the Experts

Tom Stewart, a third-generation fisherman with over 30 years of experience working with the Forest Preserve District, will share tips and techniques for fishing the Fox River. Learn about conservation ethics, tackle essentials, and the best fishing locations. Fee: \$10/person. Registration required.

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Creek Bend Nature Center, 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles

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The “Time Flies: A Centennial Celebration” exhibit and these hands-on programs provide a unique opportunity to engage with the heritage of fly-fishing, and experience the natural beauty of the Fox River Watershed. Don’t miss the chance to connect with nature and learn about the importance of conservation in the region.

For more information on the Fly-Fishing Exhibit and programs, call 630-444-3190, visit www.kaneforest.com, or find the Forest Preserve District of Kane County on social media by searching @forestpreserve.

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