

2010 GSC Calendar of Events

January 9: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm workshops, speakers, field trips, everyone is welcome
January 10: Annual & general membership meeting 1pm
February 13: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 12:45 Field trip, meet at Rite Aid parking lot-Canastota
February 20: Birds n Bagels 10:30-11:30 Fred Zufelt will winter ID birds at GSC feeders, answer bird questions, bird feeding tips, enjoy coffee, hot cocoa, bagels. Receive a free GSC birding checklist, listen to the GSC Songbirds of CNY/Birds in the Backyard CD. Informal drop in, donations welcome.
February 27: Winter Hibernation Festival 3-7pm Bonfire (roast marshmallows), snowshoeing, X-country ski lessons & rental, ski under the full moon! Suggested donation \$3/adult, \$1/child
March 6: Explore Great Blue Heron Rookery 10am Winter walk/close up of this majestic bird-nesting area. ¼ mile x-country ski, snowshoe or walk in. Weather permitting
March 13: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm workshops, speakers, field trips, everyone is welcome.
March 27: All About Bluebirds and More!!! 1-2:30 Bluebird Specialist, John Rogers will give a power point presentation on our state bird. Afterward, you may build your own bluebird box (optional). Open to all ages, pre registration required by Thursday at noon same week. Suggested donation to build box \$10.
April 2: Easter Egg Adventure 11am Sharp! Come early to enjoy games and bunny petting zoo. Four age categories, 1 grand prize for each age group for finding the Golden Egg. Suggested donation \$1/child
April 5: Joint Board & general membership meeting 5pm
April 10: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm
April 17: The Timberdoodle 10am Program about the American Woodcock. Find out about its habitat, migration, mating, and song.
April 22: Earth Day Tree Planting Celebration 1pm Help GSC celebrate Earth Days 40th anniversary by a special tree planting ceremony at our Nature Center.
April 24: Wetland Plants with Don Leopold, Ph.D. 10am Author, ESF Professor of Dendrology Find out the importance, ID wetland plants
April 30: National Arbor Day 1-3pm Tree planting program to celebrate Arbor Day at Canastota Elementary Schools
May 1 & 2: Spring Migration Nature, Art, Craft & Children's Festival. 10-4 Our 12th annual Spring Migration Festival will feature acclaimed wildlife artist, environmental displays, "Talons" Birds of Prey, music, children's activities, crafts, food, and more!! Suggested donation: \$3/adult, \$1/child
May 8: Coyotes in Your Backyard 10am DEC program-learn about this animal, its behavior, habitat and status in central NY.
June 7: Joint Board & general membership meeting 5pm After meeting walk the new trails with GSC Board
June 12: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm
July 9 & 10: GSC Community Garage Sale 9-4p Families are invited to set up their own booth for a donation of

\$5. Donated items needed, simply drop off clean, usable items at the barn between 9am-4pm.

July 10: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm

July 17: Jean Well's Day Celebration 11am Wide brimmed hats & checkered tablecloths, bring a dish to pass.

July 24: GSC at Canastota Bi-Centennial 10-6 Display and game booth

August 12: Astronomy - Dark to Midnight Watch the Perseid Meteor Shower at the GSC Weather permitting, free event!

August 14: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm Workshops, speakers, field trips, everyone is welcome

August 14: Seashells and Oceanography 10am by Oceanographer Deb Louis. She will explain the wonders of seashells. View shells thousands of years old found here and from US beaches. Children will make an "Ocean in a Bottle" following program. Suggested donation \$3/child. Bring your own sea shells for show.

August 15: Chicken BBQ 11am until gone Continue this annual tradition and bring the family to the best chicken barbeque around. Picnic on the grounds or take out. Suggested donation \$8/dinner.

August 21: Swamp Creature Day 11-2pm Guest speaker to be announced.

September 11: Madison Co. Bridges "Walk for Recovery" Walk our trails for individuals and families to celebrate recovery from addiction. Enjoy the peacefulness of nature.

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September 18 & 19: Fall Migration Antique Show & Kids Konservation Days 10-4. Environmental displays, animals, food, music, and outdoor fun. Suggested donation \$2/adult, \$1/ child.

October 2: DEC "Project Wet" Certification 10am-2pm Environmental education program for teachers by a DEC Official. Call for reservation, **class** limited to 25.

October 9: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm

October 10: Tour of the Swamps 6pm Listen and observe as to what takes place in the GSC wetlands. Limit to 25, please call for reservations. Weather permitting.

October 24: Great Halloween Fun Festival 11-4 A non-scary, fun filled day especially for children. Includes Halloween displays, crafts, games, piñatas, story telling, and food. Costumes are encouraged for this great day of kid's events. Suggested donation \$3/children 12 and under, adults no fee.

November 13: "Swamp Snappers" Camera Club 1pm Club displays photographs at Canastota Public Library

December 4: Natural Christmas Ornament Workshop 11-12:30 Children make 4 different unique ornaments with the help of Nature as gifts for the birds and family. Ages 5-13 Suggested donation \$8/child. Call for reservations 1 week in advance.

December 4 & 5: Christmas Tree Sale 10-4pm Plan on getting your fresh cut Christmas tree at the GSC this year. You may pre-order your tree to ensure supply.