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Just as ripples spread when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching impact. *The Ripple* is a special newsletter created by Cincinnati Nature Center for people who want ideas, insights, and inspiration to act in support of nature and the environment.

Don't Miss the Next Common Good Gathering!

Wednesday, September 21, 6:30-8:30 pm

Want to know what the buzz is about? Then don't miss the next Common Good Gathering. This facilitated experience connects you to others who want to take action for conservation. The best way forward, as our facilitator and guide Peter Block says, may be through relationship-based action at a local level. Come see what that means and discuss what matters most to YOU. **The next gathering is Wednesday, September 21, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Groesbeck Lodge.** <u>Click here to RSVP.</u> In total there will be six gatherings, and you can join at any time.

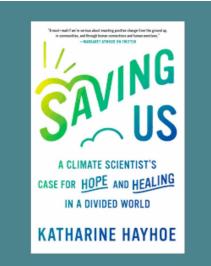
Click Here to See Notes from the First Two Meetings

Learn More to Do More

Have you ever played Cranky Uncle? It's a game to help you identify logical fallacies. <u>Check it out here</u>.

Don't be fooled by disinformation. Learn how to inoculate yourself and your communities against it with this **article from the Union of Concerned Scientists**.







Book Discussion Group

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World by Katharine Hayhoe

The group will meet 10-11:30 am Tuesdays on November 1, 8, 15, 29, and December 6 and 13 at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods. Participation is free, though you need to provide your own copy of the book. Space is limited to 10 people. To participate, contact Connie O'Connor at **coconnor@cincynature.org**.

Conservation Changemakers Speaker Series (Online) FREE!

Get ready to think about conservation in new and different ways! Be inspired as you hear from compelling speakers who are changing the conversation about our environment, making an impact in their communities, and thinking about how to make nature more accessible and equitable for all.

To learn more and to register, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Actions You Can Take

Faith Communities Go Green partners with religious communities to create a more sustainable and equitable future. Learn how you can help your congregation go green by <u>clicking here</u>.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cincinnati Nature Center offers many opportunities for volunteerism. <u>Click here to</u> <u>learn more about volunteering at Cincinnati</u> <u>Nature Center</u>.

Civic Garden Center:

Volunteer facilitators are needed for Compost Kids field trips for students in grades K–6. **Field trips are once a week in September and October on Tuesday mornings.** Contact Ellie Falk, Youth Education Coordinator, at <u>efalk@civicgardencenter.org</u>.



Ohio River Foundation - Habitat Restoration

September 11, October 2, October 9, November 5, November 12 Volunteers needed to remove harmful invasive honeysuckle and Callery pear at various locations by using handsaws/trimmers on small plants and trees. For more information, email Jessica Tegge at <u>jtegge@ohioriverfdn.org</u> or call/text (513) 289-6884.

Cincinnati Parks

September 11, September 24, October 22

Volunteers needed to use handsaws and loppers to cut honeysuckle bushes and porcelain vine. Volunteers will also work behind chainsaw operators to drag cut honeysuckle to a chipper or to lay on the forest floor. For more details or questions, contact Christyl at <u>christyl.johnson-roberts@cincinnati-</u> <u>oh.gov</u>, or text or call (513) 240-5735. To register, <u>click here</u>.

Hamilton County Conservation District

Saturday, September 17, 9 am-12 pm

Each year, many partners and hundreds of volunteers come together to clean up the Great Miami River at sites from the Ohio River to Indian Lake north of Dayton. **Volunteers are needed Saturday, September 17, 9 am-12 pm at Heritage Park**. For more information and to register, click <u>click here</u>.

Cincinnati Museum Center

Ann Wegman, Live Animal Exhibits Manager, needs volunteers to help with feeding animals, cleaning enclosures, and performing animal demos. Flexible

with times and days. Contact Ann at awegman@cincymuseum.org.

MetroParks of Butler County

Thursdays, September 15, October 20, November 17, 9 am-11:30 am Each third Thursday of the month, volunteers can support MetroParks staff at Voice of America MetroPark by assisting with weeding, mulching, picking up litter, and more. To register, <u>click here</u> or contact Volunteer Manager Elise Moeller at <u>emoeller@yourmetroparks.net</u>.

Cincinnati Recycle and Reuse Hub

Sunday, September 18, 11 am-2 pm

Volunteers needed for a wide variety of tasks. To sign up, <u>click here</u>. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

Warren County Park District Fall Festival Saturday, October 1, 11 am-5 pm

Warren County Park District is looking for Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists to help with events during the Fall Festival at Hisey Park in Waynesville. If interested, email **mothernaturesclassroom@gmail.com** by September 29.

Clermont County Parks

Saturday, October 22, 9 am-12 pm

Make a Difference Day at Shor Park. Volunteers will be giving the existing rain garden a tune up; please bring garden gloves and shovels if you have them. More details can be found on the <u>Clermont County Parks Facebook Page</u>.

Are You Social Media Savvy?

Cincinnati Nature Center is looking for an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist to help with its OCVN Facebook page. If you're interested, email Connie O'Connor at **coconnor@cincynature.org**.

News from Your Peers

Learn how other Nature Center members are making a difference, overcoming obstacles, and forming connections through service. If you would like to tell your story about an environmental issue, action, or cause in which you are working to make a difference, you may submit your blog for consideration to Connie O'Connor at <u>coconnor@cincynature.org</u>. Keep it short and send photos. Maybe we will use your piece next time!

Give Us Your Feedback

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