

**SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**  
Monday, June 21 6:00 – 8:0 P.M.

Celebrate the first day of summer and renew the spirit of warmth and connection generated at the center's study circles. Enjoy a potluck supper and a pond exploration for kids of all ages. All are welcome.

*Donation: a potluck dish with some local ingredients.*

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers to assist with children's programs office work.



**PLEASE REGISTER**

for all programs by calling:

**401-333-1341**

If the listed program donation is an impediment, give what you can!

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The New Dawn Earth Center invites everyone to learn from, honor and celebrate the interconnectedness of all life. As we become more aware of our place among the wider community of life, we seek to live ever more sustainably, maintaining a balance with local resources and natural cycles. We aim to create a space where humans can be in relationship with Earth and thereby nurture their own spirit. We commit ourselves to collaborate with those who share a similar vision.



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## **Programs Spring – Summer 2010**

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Educator & Garden Coordinator

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for more programs.**

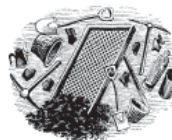
## For the FAMILY—

### INTRO TO BIRDING WALK

**Saturday, May 8 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

Enjoy the singing birds as we walk through various habitats: pond, fields, and wooded areas. Catch a glimpse of bluebirds, cardinals, orioles and more. Learn the basics of birding.

*Donation \$5.00 per person \$18.00 per family*



### GARDEN PREPARATION DAY

**Saturday, May 22**

**10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON.**

Come join us as we prepare the New Dawn Earth Center Community Garden beds for planting. We will truly get our hands dirty as we turn over raised beds and get the garden ready for a new season.

*Donation: Free*

### EXPLORE THE POND

**Saturday, May 29 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

Discover what lives in a pond: tadpoles, frogs, whirligig beetles and more! Learn how they are all interconnected.

*Donation: \$5 per person/ \$18 per family*



### POND EXPLORATION FOR PRESCHOOLERS

**Wednesday, June 16**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. OR 1:30 – 2:30 P.M.**

Parents and preschoolers discover what lives in a pond: tadpoles, frogs, whirligig beetles and more.

*Donation: \$5 per person/ \$18 per family*

### BATS AT TWILIGHT

**Tuesday, July 20 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

Sort out fact from fiction about our only flying mammal. Learn how bats locate their prey as we watch them swoop through the evening sky. You'll be amazed at their speed & appetite.

*Donation \$5.00 per person \$18.00 per family*

### THE MAGIC OF LIGHT AND SOUND

**Thursday, August 5 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

Fireflies, crickets, cicadas and katydids offer us beauty and symphony. Learn about these creatures and hike to the field to look at and listen to them.

*Donation \$5.00 per person \$18.00 per family*

## ADULT Programs—

### DRUM CIRCLES

**Fridays, May 28 and July 23,**

**7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.**

Enjoy a night of drumming around the fire, facilitated by Dave Curry from Drums for One and All, at the end of the evening hike up the hill to greet the rising full moon.

*Donation: \$7.00 per person*



### AWAKENING THE DREAMER, CHANGING THE DREAM SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday, April 17**

**9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

Using a process designed for bringing forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on the planet, participants led by Mary Pendergast, RSM and Nancy Audette, RSM will explore our culture using an inspiring video, up to the minute facts and dynamic group interaction.

*Donation: \$20.00 per person*

### GEOLOGY OF RI AND MA

**Sunday, April 25 2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Fr. Jim Skeehan, author of Roadside Geology of MA, CT and RI will present a PowerPoint describing the general geology of Rhode Island and adjacent Massachusetts. Emphasis will be on the types of rock formations and their ages, fossils and mineral deposits that have been discovered. Bring your samples of the area for identification.

*Donation: \$10/person. Call to register. Space is limited.*



### VERNAL POOL EXPLORATION

**Saturday, May 29**  
**10:00 A.M. – Noon**

Discover the wonders and fragility of a vernal pool ecosystem: a habitat for woods frogs and fairy shrimp. A short hike is involved to access the vernal pool area.

*Donation: \$8/person*

### A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE (OF PLANTS)

**Saturday, June 5 10:00 A.M. – NOON**

Wildflowers, under story cover, ferns, shrubs and trees vary according to the habitat. Explore woods, fields, edge of a vernal pool and pond with Kathy Barton to discover the beauty and variety of our native plants.

*Donation: \$8.00 per person*

## A HISTORICAL PLANT WALK

**Saturday, June 26 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON**

Join Bonnie Kavanagh RN nurse-herbalist as she hikes the property around the center identifying plants used by early settlers. Handouts on uses of plants will be given.

*Donation: \$8.00 per person*



### ECO-SPIRITUALITY AND INTUITIVE PAINTING

**Saturday, July 17**

**9:00a.m. – 12:00 NOON.**

Come be inspired by reflective readings on nature, earth, the cosmos. Under the guidance of Sister Eva Lallo, use line, form, and color through the medium of paint to express what is felt— how you are moved by the reflection. Limited to 6 participants

*Donation \$25.00 per person*

### PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

Programs will be canceled if enrollment is low.

## CHILDREN ONLY!

### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**Thursday April 22 9:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M.**  
**Grades 2-5**

Celebrate Earth and its wonders. Explore the vernal pool and plant potatoes in the garden. Learn what kids can do to help our home planet.

Pre-register by Monday, April 19th.

*Donation: \$40.00 per child.*

*Call us at 401-333-1341 to set up  
a program for your family, scout or civil group.*

### SPECIAL PARTNER PROGRAM

#### PRE-SOLSTICE FAMILY HIKE

**Thursday, June 17**

**6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Explore the New Dawn Earth Center trails with a Naturalist to observe nesting bluebirds and tree swallows, the wonders of local wildflowers, and try to catch a frog at the pond. *This program is in partnership with the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor's Thursday evening Walk About Summer Series for 2010.*

*Donation: FREE*