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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October Programs in Anoka County Parks

There is a chill to the air, and the leaves are changing colors! It is a great time to be outdoors in Minnesota! Take the time to enjoy an Anoka County Parks and Recreation program. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com. For more information, please call 763-757-3920.

Minnesota to Alaska Linked Together: Eyewitness to Eagles

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a slide show of some of the awesome scenery and animals of Alaska as you learn how the animals of Minnesota and Alaska link together. Hot beverages and snacks provided. This program is geared for ages 12 and up. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$5/person. Thursday, October 1; 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids.

Bird Walk Series

Join an experienced birder on an exploration of Anoka County's Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Enjoy seeing and/or hearing 20-60 species of birds. A checklist of Minnesota birds and a map of each area will be provided. All ages and birding abilities are welcome. For more information, please call 763-757-4700. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$5/person. Saturday, October 3; 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids.

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Raptor Program

There are more than 30 types of birds of prey in Minnesota. Sixteen of those species have been seen around the Coon Rapids Dam. Some are general hunters and some have very special needs. A live hawk will be on hand to teach about identification, anatomy, and eating habits. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$4/person. Saturday, October 3; 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids.

Voyageur Fall Rum River Run

A 30-foot voyageur canoe, fall colors, and the beautiful Rum River. What more can you ask for? Participants will experience the majestic Rum River in all its fall beauty while paddling this 30-foot canoe. Space is limited to 20 participants so don't delay. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$7/adult, \$5/child (15 and under). Sunday, October 4; 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (or) 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Rum River South County Park, Anoka.

Apple Cider Festival-Pioneer Style

Experience the fun of one of the most beloved fall fruit -- apples! All beverages pale in comparison to fresh apple cider. Feel free to bring an apple or two to add to the brew. We will learn a little about this versatile fruit, play some pioneer games, take a hike, and then crank the cider press to make one of the most delicious beverages you've ever tasted! Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$5/person. Sunday, October 11; 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes.

Fall Colors Kayak Trip

This is a fun and exciting way to enjoy the beautiful fall colors along the Mississippi River. We will be paddling from Mississippi West Regional Park in Ramsey to Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Coon Rapids. A limited number of kayaks are available for rent. For more information call Wargo Nature Center at 651-429-8007. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$7/adult, \$5/child, \$20/kayak. Saturday, October 17; 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids.

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Go Batty with a Naturalist

We're going batty for bats! Why do they fly at night? What do they eat? Will they get stuck in your hair? We'll be outside exploring and making a fun bat craft. This program is geared for preschoolers ages 4 & 5 years old. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$4/child. Wednesday, October 21; 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes.

Late Fall Migrants in Carlos Avery

We will drive through Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge, Anoka County's premiere birding spot, looking for waterfowl and late migrants. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$4/person. Saturday, October 24; 8:00-10:30 a.m. at Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes.

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