

# Celebrating a Quarter Century of Conservation

**Autumn on the Prairie 2011**

**Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

*To join a Walking, Truck, or Van Tour, please meet at the Tours Table a few minutes before the departure time.*

*Sturdy shoes and long pants are recommended for the Walking Tours.*

*All tour length times are approximate.*

All Day at the AOTP Site **Self-Guided Walking Tour with Plant Description Signs; Atlatl Spear Throwing; Children's Tent Activities; Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education; Books on First; Artists; Kettlecorn by Farming Heritage, Inc.; Barnhart's Stone Corner Organic Farm Market; and Pizzo Native Plant Nursery**

10:00 **Walking Tour** – Mike Crowe; savanna and prairie; moderate to strenuous; 1.5 hours

10:20 **Walking Tour** – Mike Adolph; Thistle Hill and Prairie Potholes; moderate; 1.25 hours

10:40 **Walking Tour** – Jan Grainger; Sandstone Bluffs at Tellabs; easy to moderate; 1 hour

11:00 **Face Painting** – Children's Tent (until 12 p.m.)

11:00 **Van Tour** – Becky and Hank Hartman; Prairie Overview; easy; 1.5 hours

11:00 **"Pizza on the Prairie"** Food Service Begins (in the Dining Tent until 3 p.m.)

11:00 **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** Begin (15 minutes) through the Prairie (until 2 p.m.)

11:05 **Barn Tour (Nachusa Headquarters)** – Ron Ingraham; easy; 40 minutes

11:10 **Truck Tour** – Bob Shone; Preserve Loop; easy; 1 hour

11:20 **Walking Tour** – Mike Saxton; Clear Creek Knolls Plantings; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours

11:40 **Walking Tour** – Al and Mary Meier; Doug's Knob prairie remnant and Dot and Doug Wade Prairie restorations; moderate with inclines; 1.25 hours

12:00 **Walking Tour** – Dean Weidman; remnants and plantings; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours

12:00 **Sláinte and Friends** – Irish Traditional Music (until 3 p.m.)

12:30 **Walking Tour** – Dave Derwent; main knobs and wet areas; strenuous; 1.5 hours

1:00 **Walking Tour** – John Schmadeke to several of the best vistas on the preserve; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours

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- 1:15 **Prescribed Fire Presentation** – John Heneghan and David Crites; on-site; 45 minutes
- 1:20 **Walking Tour** – Kevin Kaltenbach to Fen Unit sand boils; strenuous; 1.5 hours
- 1:30 **Kids' Butterfly Hike** – Marna Towne; easy; 30 minutes
- 1:40 **Van Tour** – Becky and Hank Hartman; Prairie Overview; easy; 1.5 hours
- 2:00 **Walking Tour** – Damian Considine; hunting and native plants; moderate; 1.5 hours
- 2:00 **Face Painting** – Children's Tent (until 3 p.m.)
- 2:00 **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** End
- 2:15 **Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides** Begin (15 minutes) through the Prairie (until 4 p.m.)
- 2:20 **Walking Tour** – Bernie Buchholz to Gobbler Ridge restoration; moderate; 1.25 hours
- 2:40 **Walking Tour** – Josh Clark to Bennett Savanna; easy; 1 hour
- 3:00 **Walking Tour** – Austin Webb to remnants and plantings; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours
- 3:00 **Kids' Butterfly Hike** – Jan Grainger; easy; 30 minutes
- 3:00 **Food Service Ends**
- 3:05 **Barn Tour (Nachusa Headquarters)** – Ron Ingraham; easy; 40 minutes
- 3:10 **Truck Tour** – Tom Mitchell; Preserve Loop; easy; 1 hour
- 3:20 **Walking Tour** – Bob Piros to Schafer Knob remnant; moderate with inclines; 45 minutes
- 3:40 **Walking Tour** – Keith Anderson to Tellabs woodlands; easy to moderate; 1.25 hour
- 4:00 **Walking Tour** – Mike Saxton to Gobbler Ridge restorations; easy 1 hour