

**Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary**  
**Home School Programs**  
**Fall 2008 Schedule**

To register for KinderNats or any of the home school programs please call Dan at 617-489-5050 x.206. Full payment is due at the time of registration. These programs are filled on a first come basis. Parents may only register their own children.

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**KinderNats**

For children age 5 by January, 2009

*Julie King*

**Dates:** 10 Tuesdays, Sep. 30-Dec. 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$200M/\$250NM

This class is designed for children being home schooled and those whose kindergarten schedule allows them to attend. During the fall this class will go outside and experience the seasonal changes. **Please note the change in age for this program.** Class will not meet November 25.

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**Home School Naturalists**

Autumn offers wonderful seasonal events to experience. Habitat will be our outdoor classroom as we witness the Sanctuary's plants and animals in this special season. Each week time will be spent outdoors whatever the weather. *Classes will not meet the week of November 24-28.*

**Session 1:** (For children ages 6-7 by September, 2008)

*Jane Higgins*

**Dates:** 10 Wednesdays, Oct. 1-Dec. 10, 10:00-noon

**Fee:** \$200M/\$250NM

**Session 2:** (For children ages 8-9 by September, 2008)

*Ann Wynne*

**Dates:** 10 Tuesdays, Sep. 30-Dec. 9, 10:00-noon

**Fee:** \$200M/\$250NM

**Session 3:** (For children ages 10-11 by September, 2008)

*Boot Boutwell*

**Dates:** 10 Thursdays, Oct. 2-Dec. 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$200M/\$250NM

*Please note that one of Boot's classes may be a special evening program. Date to be determined.*

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**Home School @ Habitat**

For children ages 12-13 by September, 2008

This program is a series of 3 week units on a variety of topics throughout the year. Each two hour class we'll spend time inside and out exploring the natural world. Some homework will be required. *Each unit must be signed up for separately.*

### **Mushrooms and Mold**

*Dan McCullough*

**Dates:** 3 Fridays, Sept. 19, 26, and Oct. 3, 10:00-noon

**Fee:** \$60M/\$75NM

It's a great time of the year to explore the strange world of fungi. We'll put our observation skills to the test by finding what is out on the property, before examining them under microscopes and learning some basic ID techniques.

### **H2O for H2Ome Sch2Ool**

*Dan McCullough*

**Dates:** 3 Fridays, Oct. 24, 31, and Nov. 7, 10:00-noon

**Fee:** \$60M/\$75NM

Come explore the wet and sometimes wild water at Habitat. From ponds to brooks to our rainwater retention system, water abounds! We'll run some tests, do some comparisons and generally get wet.

### **Bookbinding and Journaling**

*Ann Wynne and Dan McCullough*

**Dates:** 3 Fridays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 10:00-noon

**Fee:** \$60M/\$75NM

Come learn a set of simple bookbinding techniques and make a series of small versatile books. We'll use one or more of these books as a nature journal- a personal place to record observations about the natural world, using the Habitat grounds as inspiration.

### **Latin Down the Hatches**

*Dan McCullough*

**Dates:** 3 Fridays, Jan. 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 10:00-noon

**Fee:** \$60M/\$75NM

We'll start by looking at the taxonomical classifications of living things. From here we'll look at the Latin names given to many of the ones found at Habitat. The study of a word's etymology can turn up a lot of interesting information. You may know more than you think you do!

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### **Home School 1/2 Day Workshops**

For children ages 14-15 by September, 2008

Please bring a water bottle, appropriate clothing, and a bag lunch (No nut-based products or candy please.)

### **The Seedy Side of Habitat**

*Barbara Tarrh and Dan McCullough*

**Date:** Wednesday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$35M/\$44NM

Discover the means by which seeds get around. We'll explore Habitat collecting specimens to use in making display boxes to keep or allow Habitat to use in future programs.

### **Western Greenway Hike**

*Dan McCullough*

**Date:** Friday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$25M/\$32NM

Habitat, Rock Meadow, Beaver Brook... who knows how far we'll get on our adventure along the Western Greenway. We'll start inside orienting ourselves before we head out.

## **About our Teachers:**

**Roland “Boot” Boutwell** earned a Certificate in Native Plant Studies from the New England Wild Flower Society in 2000. He teaches and leads guided walks for a variety of nature and conservation organizations including NEWFS, Appalachian Mountain Club, Friends of Middlesex Fells, and Mass Audubon. He has been a teacher/naturalist with Habitat since 1997. He is also been seen on many an occasion leading his groups in a song on his guitar.

**Jane Higgins** joined the Habitat staff as the Camp Director/Teacher/Naturalist in September, 2000. She is originally from Ohio where she received a BA in Biology from Wittenberg University. Following graduation, she spent 4 years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa. Before Habitat, Jane worked with Nature’s Classroom, a residential environmental education program. Jane lives in Westwood, with her husband, Jay, her daughter, Lily and her cat, Alfie.

**Julie King** has been a mainstay at Habitat since 1999, teaching the Nursery School Naturalists program as well as many of the midday parent/child programs. She has a BA from Brown University and Masters degrees from the University of Connecticut and Salem State College. For recreation, Julie enjoys attending musical and theatrical events, and her favorite pastime is playing, walking and training with Della, her miniature poodle.

**Dan McCullough** is Education Coordinator for onsite programs at Habitat. He graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a Bachelor of Science in education. When not teaching he can often be found scouring the Habitat property for mushrooms and slime molds. A published poet, he brings a love for both words and wildlife to his home school units. He has been with Habitat since 2001.

**Ann Wynne** majored in philosophy at the University of Toronto before going on to learn from the masters of original thought - children. She teaches art classes to school age children in her own studio and in the Arlington Public Schools as a volunteer. She has a special interest in the connections between natural history and art, and loves to bind books and nature journals. She has been with Habitat since 2003.