

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Great Outdoors Month
- Save the Dates...
- Great American Campout
- Pitch a Tent
- Stargazing
- What's Happening in June?

### May Highlights

\* Project GO received a grant from the Community Education Citizens Advisory Council in Rochester to fund themed Activity Kits in Olmsted County. The first kits have been placed in the Rochester Minnesota Children's Museum, be sure to check them out!



\* Kids loved learning how to grow plants at the Project GO gardening event at the Crookston Public Library.

### Try Stargazing



<http://www.bendsource.com/bend/stargazing-in-the-high-desert-worth-the-chill/Content?oid=2178232>

For this activity you may want to get to the outskirts of the city. Cities, with their sky scrapers and large number of lights, block out the sky and the stars. It is amazing how bright the stars actually do shine when there isn't any light pollution for them to compete with! Check out weekly stargazing tips at <http://stardate.org/nightsky>. If you have a device with apps, consider downloading "The Night Sky". It is a fantastic resource!

# Ready, Set, Go!



JUNE 2015

## June is GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

The beginning of summer is just around the corner! Schools are getting out, the weather is FINALLY warming up for more than a few days at a time and the kids are looking for things to do. Let's work together to get these kids outside and to keep them there all summer long! There is no better time than NOW, during the GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH, to help kids and their families discover the great outdoors!

### Save the Dates . . . Here are a few important dates to remember

**June 6-14:** National Fishing & Boating Week

**June 6:** National Trails Day

**June 13:** National Get Outdoors Day - Grab some

friends and head outside for a day of fun and adventure!

**June 19:** Great Outdoors

Month National Day of Service

**June 21:** Summer Begins

**June 27:** Great American Campout



## It's time to campout!



On June 27th, people around the nation will be camping out, in parks, neighborhoods and backyards! National Wildlife Federation's Great American Campout is a summer-long celebration of camping as a way to connect with nature and wildlife. This year, top NWF supporters have agreed to donate \$1 for every person who participates in the Great American Campout - up to \$100,000! These donations will support our ongoing efforts to protect the great outdoors for all Americans. Visit <http://www.nwf.org/Great-American-Campout.aspx> for camping resources, camping activities and more information on the Great American Campout!



### Pitch a Tent

Have no fear, if you don't have a tent to pitch with your kids, a simple bed sheet and a few accessories will do!

1. Grab a non-fitted standard bed sheet.
2. Use the clothesline or tie a rope between two trees.
3. Throw the sheet over the line or rope.
4. Stake down the corners of the sheet.
5. And Voila! you have a great tent to 'campout' in with the kids!

<http://lifeasmama.com/10-awesome-fort-ideas-to-build-with-your-kids/>

We would love to see your tents and camp set ups - share your pictures with us on [facebook!](#)

## What's Happening in June?

### Metro Area:

After the Birds Taught Me to Fly June 6 and 7 at 11am & 2 pm both days. Held at the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Urban Birding Festival June 5-7, multiple events happening throughout the weekend at several locations.

### Southern MN:

Oronoco Project GO June 17 & 24, from 11-12:30. Meets at

Oronoco Estates.

PGO Partners with Book Bike June 9 & 16 from 12-2pm at the Hawthorne Learning Center. Story time followed by outdoor activities.

Walk/Bike to the Honkers Game June 14, game starts at 1:00pm.

Bikers and walkers get a free ticket

### Northwest MN:

White Earth Math and Science Academy June 15-19 and 22-26 begins at 8:30am each morning.

Held at White Earth Tribal College

**Other:**

Go for a walk or take a hike at your nearest park or on any trails near your home. To find your nearest park or trail, visit your County's Parks and Trails website.

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St. Paul  
Minneapolis  
Polk County

For more information on Project Get Outdoors please visit us at [mnprojectgo.org/](http://mnprojectgo.org/). You can also check out all our wonderful partners on our [Partners Page](#).

