



May

2026

Programs & Events

~ at the Elkhart Environmental Center ~



Spring Foraging Workshop with Tim Frost, Hoosier Forager

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM & 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Come along as Hoosier Forager, Tim Frost, discusses the basics and ethics of foraging, how to identify some common edible mushrooms and plants, what parts are edible, and the best time to harvest each one. Then, Tim will guide participants on a hike around the EEC to locate and ID some wild edibles. You might even get to try some! We are offering two sessions on Sunday, May 3rd: one session is from 1 PM - 3 PM and the other is from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. **Cost: \$10 per person; advance registration required by April 26th. Ages 12+.**



A Walk in the Woods

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join us in a BRAND NEW program series where we take a walk in the woods at the EEC! An EEC staff member will lead an informal, easy hike on a trail around the EEC with a different theme/topic in mind. These FREE hikes will take place the first Wednesday of every month (April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd). **Cost: FREE; advance registration recommended. All ages.**



Nature Story Hour for Littles

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Our Nature Story Hour for Littles is back for 2026! Join us at the Elkhart Environmental Center the first Wednesday of every month (March-August) from 10 AM to 11 AM for a program designed especially for little ones! Each hour-long session will include a nature-themed story followed by a related craft/activity. The topic for our May session will be hummingbirds and their amazing lives! **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by May 4th. Ages 2-5.**



Hummingbird Yard Art Workshop

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us in the return of a popular program from last year, our Hummingbird Yard Art Workshop! Attendees will create a mosaic garden stepping stone featuring this beloved bird using upcycled tiles and ceramics. Stepping stones are about 8 inches in diameter and will make a beautiful addition to anyone's garden. Two sessions are being offered: Session #1 is from 3 PM - 5 PM, and Session #2 is from 6 PM - 8 PM. **Cost: \$10 per person (limit one stepping stone per household); advance registration required by May 1st. Ages 12+.**



Trees for the Hart Plantings

May 16th | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & May 28th | 5:30 PM - TBD

Trees for the Hart is BACK! The City's tree-planting program aims to plant 2,000 trees all across the city by 2028, and we need your help to do it! Join us for our May plantings to kick off the spring season; snacks, tools, and gloves will be provided! Family and friends are welcome to volunteer together. **Cost: FREE. For details about times and locations, and to sign up to volunteer, check out our volunteer website at elkhart.galaxydigital.com. All ages.**



Rain Barrel Workshop with Elkhart County SWCD

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Join Elkhart County SWCD at the EEC on Friday, May 29th, from 3 PM - 6 PM, to learn how YOU can install and maintain rain gardens & rain barrels in your own backyard to help conserve water. ECSWCD will be leading a presentation about the benefits of rain barrels and rain gardens from 3 PM - 4 PM. Then, we will be giving out rain barrel kits to those that have purchased them from 4 PM - 6 PM. This workshop is a requirement for the Rain Garden & Rain Barrel Reimbursement program through the ECSWCD; it is open to the public as well. **For additional details, please visit cityofelkhartin.gov/eec**

Program Registration

To see a full list of events and to register for programs, please visit <https://www.eventeny.com/company/?c=433406> or scan the QR code below.



We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities!



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