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Learn about the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee at June 17 nature program

GENEVA, IL — Discover the life history of the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee during a “Learn from the Experts” nature program on Sunday, June 17, from 1-2:30 p.m. at Creek Bend Nature Center.

In 2017, the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee became the first bumble bee to be listed as federally endangered. Learn about this important pollinator species and learn about the recovery efforts that are underway in Illinois. Presenter Fayette Aurelia Nichols is active in the restoration of habitat for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee and will share her extensive knowledge of the bee’s habitat requirements, challenges in management of natural areas for the species, and how to recognize potential habitat for species recovery.

We’ll head out into the prairie to find native pollinators and observe the differences between the European honeybee and several species of native bumble bees.

Learn From the Experts programs are for ages 18 and above. Advance registration is required. Registration fee is \$10 per person. Call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com to register.

Creek Bend Nature Center is located within LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve at 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles.

Learn from the Experts programs are taught by experts in their respective fields and offer in-depth learning opportunities about our local ecology. The programs are offered through a partnership by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, St. Charles Park District and Geneva Park District.

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