

# NEW HAVEN LAND TRUST

## Let's See What We Can Do Together

### *Summer 2015 Educational Opportunities*

#### GETTING YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE OUTDOORS

**June through August**, the Land Trust is looking to partner with New Haven organizations that engage youth. Whether your organization has an environmental focus or you would just like to find a way to get some kids outdoors for a few hours, we'd like to talk to you!

**There are no obligations, financial or otherwise.** We only ask that groups be accompanied by the appropriate number of chaperones depending on the size of the group and that groups are able to come prepared with their own water, sunscreen, bug repellent, and other items as necessary.

**Groups can be large or small and include kids that are anywhere from 9 to 18 years old.**

**Events could include a one-time outing to a preserve, involve a particular project in a preserve, or happen over a series of weeks.**

*The Land Trust is offering to partner in the formulation, organization, and scheduling of educational events in conjunction with interested organizations or neighborhood groups as well as provide expertise and some materials.*

*The Land Trust is **NOT** offering transportation to preserves or funding or reimbursement for events done by outside organizations in the preserves.*



#### EXAMPLES OF EVENTS

Events will take place in one of several Land Trust Preserves (visit our website for more information about each of our preserves). Events could include:

- **Bio-Scavenger Hunt** - *Go on a quest to find flowers, bugs, and birds that frequent the area!*
- **Scats and Tracks** - *Learn about the evidence wildlife leaves behind and make a mold of animal prints!*
- **Young Orienteers Camp** - *Learn how to use a compass and map, then use your new skills to find a surprise!*
- **Bird and Bat Box Building Party!** - *Help us make homes for bird and bats in our preserves! (This is an involved project for a dedicated group)*

See additional pages for sample itineraries of above events.



Interested? Call or email to discuss!  
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**SAMPLE ITINERARIES FOR EVENTS:**

**For all events:** Everybody should come prepared with water, sunscreen, bug repellent, closed-toed shoes, and be ready to learn!

**Chaperones need to be aware of and inform the event coordinator of anybody with bee or other severe allergies or other issues such as asthma.**

**BIO-SCAVENGER HUNT****DETAILS**

An activity for youth of any age (9 and up) to explore one of our preserves and learn at the same time. You will be on a mission to find plants, bugs, and birds! See how many you can find!

**MATERIALS**

- Scavenger Hunt Lists

**SCHEDULE**

10 am – 10:15 am Ice-breaker

10:15 am – 10:30 am Brief intro to life in the preserve

10:30 am – 11:30 am On the Hunt!!

11:30 am – 12 pm Wrap-up activities

**SCATS AND TRACKS****DETAILS:**

~Two hour activity for youth (age range 9 and up) to learn about the signs animals leave behind. We will explore the preserve and then learn about how wildlife uses the preserve. We'll be able to look at tracks and other animal signs and maybe even catch a glimpse of some crabs or other creepy crawlies.

**MATERIALS:**

- Laminated copies of Track Guide
- Mold-making materials – plaster mix (plaster of paris), water, cardboard for dam, mixing rod, bowl to mix in

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### SCHEDULE:

10 am – 10:15 am Ice-breaker

10:15 am – 10:45 am Intro to animal signs – tracks and scat

10:45 am – 11 am Find track(s) to demonstrate making molds

11 am – 11:30 am Let mold dry and practice identifying tracks and scat

11:30 am – 12 pm Recover mold and wrap-up

## YOUNG ORIENTEERS CAMP

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### DETAILS:

This ‘camp’ will be about 3 hours long and will introduce a few basic orienteering skills that the group will get to practice by playing games. We will get to explore the preserve and learn how to read a map and use a compass. Youth from 12 years to 18 years of age welcome.

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### MATERIALS:

- Compasses
- Flagging
- Maps
- A Surprise!

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### SCHEDULE:

10 am – 10:15 am Ice-breaker

10:15 am – 10:30 am Intro to maps – with fun exercise

10:30 am – 10:45 am Intro to using the compass

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Orienteering course

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Lunch/snacks

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Wrap-up