

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Saturdays
July 11 & August 1, 10am-12pm
See reverse side for more details

Summer Trail Run
July 23, 6:30pm
A FREE 5K trail run sponsored by Playmakers as part of the Subway Summer Trail Series

SAVE THE DATE

American Heritage Festival
September 26, 10am-5pm
Woldumar's annual celebration of mid-Michigan culture. Now searching for vendors, sponsors, entertainers, and volunteers!

Camp Discovery is Here!

Weekly sessions in June, July, August



After a long, cold winter, summer is here! The mountains of snow have melted to make way for budding flowers, the animals have come out of hibernation to sunbathe in the lagoon, and the chirping of new life can be heard all throughout the forest. The school year has come to a close, and it is time to celebrate summer.

If you have been out for a walk at Woldumar, you know first-hand that immersing yourself in nature can have positive effects on your overall well-being. Studies show that connecting with nature in this way can help with behavioral and mental issues such as anxiety and depression, and it can also result in increased levels of creativity and productivity. These findings, in combination with values such as teamwork, physical activity, scientific exploration, and environmental stewardship, have been the inspiration for our Camp Discovery summer program.

Camp Discovery provides opportunities for children to experience guided exploration of Woldumar's many diverse ecosystems through weekly themed lessons. Children will leave Camp Discovery with a sense of connection to the world around them, a heightened interest in the scientific process, and memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information about Camp Discovery and to register your child for camp, please visit woldumar.org.

Spring Volunteer Highlights

This spring, groups from all over the greater Lansing area came to Woldumar to participate in volunteer activities. Lansing Catholic High School chose Woldumar as a site for their annual Work-a-Thon, and students from Lansing Christian High School spent 3 days at Woldumar during their Service Week. Companies such as Emergent Bio Solutions and ADT brought employees to Woldumar to take part in environmental stewardship and beautification service projects. We greatly appreciate the help of these groups as well as the dozens of individuals who have sacrificed their free time to provide a safe, organized, and aesthetically pleasing space for Woldumar's environmental education efforts. Without the help of volunteers, Woldumar would not be the place we know and love today.



Michelle Tatroe Photography

Turn the page over to find out more about upcoming volunteer opportunities!

Thank you to our volunteer superstars!

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| Susan Edminster - <i>computer support</i> | Dave Briggs - <i>electrician extraordinaire</i> |
| Joanne Kivela - <i>website development</i> | Julia VanAcker - <i>gardens</i> |
| Jeremy Harder - <i>website development</i> | Rhonda Jacobs - <i>gardens</i> |
| Cindy Shinevar - <i>office and gardens</i> | Michelle Tatroe - <i>photography</i> |
| Kevin Feldpausch - <i>grounds & maintenance</i> | Kaitlin Shawgo - <i>event planning</i> |
| Art Kyler - <i>grounds & maintenance</i> | Sue & Dave Murray - <i>painting, maintenance</i> |

Meet Our New Camp Director!



After searching far and wide for someone with the energy, enthusiasm,

and educational background to run Camp Discovery, we finally found the perfect candidate. Please join us in welcoming Brittney Cox to the Woldumar team!

Brittney's experience in teaching and love of the outdoors make her an excellent fit for this position. She graduated with a degree from Western Michigan University's College of Education and Human Development, and in her free time she likes to play softball, hike, camp, and hang out with her loveable dog Brady.

As Camp Director, Brittney will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the camp and for assuring the care, safety, and protection of all campers. She is excited to share the beauty of nature with people of all ages and backgrounds, and we are excited to spend this summer with her! You can reach Brittney at camp@woldumar.org.

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New Membership Levels



Woldumar has changed its membership levels to better accommodate our constituents. Please support our mission to educate people about the natural environment by choosing one of the following membership options:

Level	Annual Dues	Benefits
Trail Sponsor	\$30	Annual parking pass, newsletter
Student/Senior	\$35	+ Discounts on gift shop items and select programs
Individual	\$40	Same as student/senior
Household	\$50	+ Camp discount
Lifetime	\$1,000 to endowment	+ Never have to renew!

Annual memberships are valid for 12 months starting on the date of payment.



Now you can support Woldumar every time you use your Kroger Plus Card. Visit the Community Rewards section of kroger.com to find out how!

Volunteer With Us!

Join a Committee

Woldumar's special events and maintenance projects require the assistance and leadership of volunteers like you!

Event Planning Committees

Coordinate volunteers, create promotional strategies, work with vendors, and more! Help plan large-scale events such as the American Heritage Festival and Run-a-Munk Trail Run.

Grounds and Facilities Committee

Discuss Woldumar's maintenance needs and orchestrate the completion of projects such as landscaping, restoration, trail building, and construction.

Volunteer Saturdays

Join us once a month from 10am - 12pm on a Saturday to engage in environmental stewardship activities around Woldumar. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, do something good for the community, and enjoy our beautiful Michigan summer. Coffee and snacks will be provided - just bring your work gloves and a positive attitude!



Thank you to these volunteers for making our May 2nd Volunteer Saturday a huge success!

Upcoming Volunteer Saturdays:
July 11
August 1

Call 517-322-0030 or e-mail katie@woldumar.org to find out how you can get involved!