



## OPRA Foundation Grant Final Report | Nature Adventure Day

Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation created a Nature Adventure Day on June 2, 2024 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Livingston House Park. This event educated the community on nature and green initiatives of participating agencies, created a free event for all to participate in, and provided experiences and activities free of charge for the public. We had about 150 people attend our event.

This event included participating agencies that educated the public on a variety of nature based activities and education such as:

- Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
  - Education on local wildlife
- Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Park Rangers
  - Education on park rules and nature education opportunities in our parks
- OSU Master Gardeners
  - Education and tips and tricks of a healthy garden
- Reynoldsburg Plant Library
  - Share information on how to get involved with the club and future plant events
- Bugman Education & Science Shows
  - Helping people understand, respect and appreciate the incredible world we live in with BUGS
- SWACO
  - Education on waste reduction, reuse and recycling
- Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Education on storm water, it's importance and how to keep it clean
- City of Reynoldsburg Code Enforcement
  - Education on new code requirements for pollinator gardens/yards
- Common Ground Tree Climbing
  - Recreational tree climbing to explore nature from a new perspective
- Pollinator Pathway of Licking County
  - Sharing information on native plant landscapes and connecting public parks and private land to create continuous corridor of pollinator-friendly habitat

All activities were available to participants at the event via traditional vendor table layout. The public could visit all activities on their own time during the event.



Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation does not currently offer a free nature education program. We offer nature programming through traditional pay to participate programs but not all community members can be involved in that format. This event allowed us to open doors for everyone to partake and learn something new. We are able to provide opportunities for direct conversations to the public on new code enforcement policies on pollinator yards and stormwater education. This falls in line with additional education the city is working on directly involving proper stormwater use and dumping.

This event was shared with the public via our brochure, The Heirloom, Parks and Recreation social media pages and bulk emails through our recreation software system. See examples below.

Success of the event was measured by the number of people who attended, participation in activities provided by partnered agencies and feedback from the public and partners. We had around 150 people attend the event and 53 youth who tree climbed. Partnered agencies enjoyed the event because they felt like there was enough space and time to really connect with people. Often times they feel like events are so busy they don't get the spend time really discussing topics with the community. One partner mentioned that they enjoyed talking to our community as its more diverse then some events they've been a part of. They were really able to talk to families about other nature opportunities in their area they can visit this summer.

Many people at the event shared how much they enjoyed the event. We received a lot of comments on how fun the tree climbing experience was for their children but also other comments on learning about other agencies in our area.

The grant amount of \$1,610 was used in the following ways:  
\$960 for Common Ground to provide tree climbing during the event  
\$450 to The Bugman to provide education on bugs

\*Costs of both programs covered travel, activity, supplies and staffing

\$200 for table activities

We purchased supplies for participants to plant their own wildflower pot to take home

Having had a successful event, we plan to do this event annually as the need continues for the community. We thank the OPRA Foundation again for your support and assistance in providing this event to our community.



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Sunday, June 2

1:00pm – 4:00pm

All Ages | Free Event

Livingston House – 1792 Graham Road

Additional Parking at Reynoldsburg Community Church

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- Licking County Pollinator Pathway
- Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation - Park Rangers
- ODNR State Parks & Watercraft
- And More!






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Nature Adventure Day - June 2

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## COSI BLOCK PARTY

Date: Thursday, May 2  
Ages: All ages

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Fee: FREE

Where: Senior Center Parking Lot  
1520 Davidson Drive

COSI and Parks and Recreation are coming together for an evening of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) fun! Explore local businesses and organizations to discover how science is everywhere. Stop by the Kona food truck to learn about the science behind shaved ice. It's sure to be an enlightening and delicious experience for all!

## ARTIST AND MAKER MARKET

Date: June 1

Time: 10:00am- 4:00pm

Where: Livingston House, 1792 Graham Road

A celebration of uniqueness, creativity, imagination, and wonder where artists, crafters, and like-minded sorts gather to offer their creations to the public. Artists are exhibiting work in painting, ceramics, jewelry, wearables, wood, photography, etc. in a lovely setting at the Livingston House.

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**Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department**

May 31 at 10:00AM · 🌐

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June 2 at 10:27 AM · 🌐

Don't let the rain scare you away. We're out here getting ready for you!

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TODAY | June 2

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Livingston House

Enjoy free tree climbing and learn all about nature. Plus, there will be plenty of goodies to take home. See you there! 🌿🐝🍪



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