



Grand Traverse Conservation District // October 2009 eNewsletter

An Evening to Celebrate YOU!

This year's Conservation Celebration was a lot of fun. The sun was shining bright as many of you strolled up to the entrance of the Boardman River Nature Center. It was a wonderful evening filled with great music, heart-felt speeches and good conversation. [Click here](#) to see some pictures and read a little more about how the night went!

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New Healthy River Life Exhibit at the Nature Center!

Stop in to check out the new River Life exhibit at the Boardman River Nature Center! The whole family can get a close up view of what organisms and animals live in a healthy river. As always, free admission. [Click here](#) for details and a sneak peak.

Halloween Spook-tacular is Creeping Back!

The Spook-tacular is back again this year Wed, October 28, 6p-8p. Come join us at the Nature Center for an evening of ghoulish games, creepy crawly activities, fun nature crafts and a haunted trail. Wear your costume and prepare to have a "spook-tacular" time! There will be free popcorn, vampire juice and goodies for all. [Click here](#) for the list of activities and details. Want to help us haunt the Nature Center? See the Volunteer Opportunities below for details.

October Evening & Weekend Programs

Fall is in the air! Adopt a stream, journal about nature, or discover fall mushrooms, at the Nature Center. Teens can enjoy the Listening to the River Program for only \$15! October means Halloween too. Come on in the day of Halloween for some fun crafts. [Click here](#) for a program schedule.

Spring Photo Contest Winner!!

Join us in congratulating Sam Bodjack on winning the Spring Digital Photo Contest! Her photo entitled "Loon and Friends" received the most votes from the community and will be displayed behind the Nature Center welcome desk next Spring! [Click here](#) to view the winning photo and learn how to get involved with the fall contest!

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R.W. Summers Fly Rod Raffle Winner!

This is the 13th Annual R.W. (Bob) Summers fly rod raffle to support Boardman River restoration. Bob is world renowned for his split bamboo fly rods and is a passionate steward of the Boardman. The money raised is critical to enabling the GTCD to implement vital stewardship projects on the Boardman. This year's fly rod was a Model 735 (7'3" #5 line) valued at \$2,215. [Read on](#) to find out who won!

Riparian Buffers Planted at Mayfield Pond & Arbutus Lake!

The LMS team installed two riparian buffers this week at Arbutus Lake #5 Park and Mayfield Pond Park. They are part of a project that began in 2008 and will wrap up this spring with the installation of interpretive signs. [Click here](#) to read more and see some pictures!

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We Want to Hear from YOU!

We have not heard from a lot of you since the Grand Opening of the Boardman River Nature Center. How are we doing? Do you like the programs being offered? Is there anything different that you would like to see? Is there anything different you would like to see?

If you are as excited as we are about the new programs at the Boardman River Nature Center, please consider [making a gift online](#) to support this work, and all the programs of the GTCD.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Help Needed: Get your Spook on!

The Nature Center will be getting a little spooky on the evening of Wednesday, October 28 and we need your help! We need people

dressed up in their Halloween best (or worst) to put the “haunt” in our haunted trail. We plan to have two sections of it, one for younger kids and one for slightly older kids. So we need costumed volunteers of varying degrees of spookiness! We also need a few people to help with the indoor games and crafts. If you are interested, please call or email Jon at 941-0960 or jprins@gtcd.org.

Help Needed: Bioneers Booth Attendant

The GTCD will have a display booth at next weekend’s Bioneers Conference. We are looking for a passionate volunteer to attend our booth and promote the GTCD and our upcoming programs from 11:45am – 1:30pm on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18. If you would like to help us out for either time slot, please contact Jon Prins by email, jprins@gtcd.org or call 231-941-0960.

Help Needed: Thursday mornings in the Nature Center

An awesome Nature Center docent of ours will be going on maternity leave soon. While we are super happy for her, we need to find someone to fill her shoes. The Thursday morning shift is from 10am-1pm. Please let us know if you’d like to greet our visitors and help out around the Nature Center during that time.

Volunteer Orientation

Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the Grand Traverse Conservation District and Boardman River Nature Center? Join us for Volunteer Orientation Session on Tuesday October 20th from 3:00-4:30pm. RSVP to Colleen Masterson at 231.941.0960 or cmasterson@gtcd.org. Volunteer Orientation Sessions will be offered monthly.

Support Us, Local Business and Your Sweet Tooth!

If your sweet tooth is calling, you can stop by **Firefly** (downtown TC) to enjoy a tasty dessert. Firefly gives \$1 to GTCD for each dessert sold...Yum!

To keep these exciting programs up and running, we count on support from friends like you. Please click [here](#) to "answer the call" and help us nurture the community's connection to nature.



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