

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline September 21, 2007

Space is limited so be sure to register early!

Course Fees: \$50 or \$15 per session and will cover refreshments and all course materials.

Backyard Habitat Expo (October 30) is free.

_____ Backyard Habitat Series \$50.00
(all sessions)

To register for sessions separately (please check):

_____ The Basics: Part 1 \$15.00

_____ The Basics: Part 2 * \$15.00

_____ Habitats for all Places ++ \$15.00

_____ Sustainable Landscape ++ \$15.00

*Note: session 1 is required

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Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

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Please make checks payable to:

Van Buren Conservation District

Detach form and mail to:

1035 E. Michigan Ave

Paw Paw, MI 49079

Questions??

Please contact:

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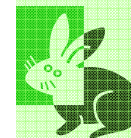
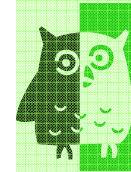
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BACKYARD HABITAT SERIES

Tuesdays
October 2-30, 2007
6-9pm

Lake Michigan College
South Haven Campus

Presented by:

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Backyard Habitats

Backyard Habitat Series At Lake Michigan College



The Allegan and Van Buren Conservation Districts are hosting a Backyard Habitat Series, part of Lake Michigan College's Community Education: Exploration for Lifelong Learning.



The series will be comprised of four classroom sessions and a Backyard Habitat Expo. The purpose of this series is to bring an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the need for wildlife habitats in our backyards along with the discovery of just how fun gardening for wildlife can be. Not to mention healthy for yourself, your family and the environment!

Each session will feature guest speakers along with Conservation District Staff.

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The Basics: Part 1

October 2, 2007 (6-9pm)

Backyard Habitat series kick-off! This session will define a backyard habitat and cover the most basic elements of a backyard habitat such as providing food, water, cover and places to raise young.

The Basics: Part 2

October 9, 2007 (6-9pm)

Learn about native Michigan plant communities and how to utilize native plants in your garden, as well as identification, control and ecology of Invasive Species and the "Michigan's Most Un-Wanted" list of invasives.

Habitats for All Places Big and Small

October 16, 2007 (6-9pm)

Find space for a habitat in any size space! We will discuss ideas for backyard habitats in rural and urban settings. Habitats at the workplace, school or place of worship as well as public demonstration habitats and community wildlife habitats. See real world examples of habitats from their creators first hand.

Resource Conservation Elements for Sustainable Landscape

October 23, 2007 (6-9pm)

How we manage our gardens and landscapes can have an effect on the health of the soil, air, water and habitat for wildlife as well as the human community. Learn techniques to conserve resources such as reducing pesticide usage, conserving water, reducing lawn size and fertilizing without fertilizers.

Backyard Habitat Expo

October 30, 2007 (7-9pm)

Want to get going on your backyard habitat? We will bring in experts and vendors from around the area to answer your questions and help you get started. Community expo is free and open to all, so bring your friends!

Why Create A Backyard Habitat?



It's fun! You'll attract beautiful songbirds, butterflies and other interesting wildlife to your yard. Watching wildlife can be fun and educational for the whole family.

It's relaxing! The natural environment of your habitat will provide a peaceful place to relieve stress and unwind, day or night.

It makes your yard more attractive! Replacing barren lawn with beautiful wildflowers and other native plants will increase the appeal of your property and provide a nurturing place for wildlife.

It nurtures and supports wildlife all year! Habitat restoration is critical for wildlife where commercial and residential development has eliminated natural areas.

It benefits the Environment! Gardening practices that help wildlife, like reducing chemicals and conserving water, also help to improve air, water and soil quality.

