

7th Annual Allerton Family Campout Tentative Schedule:

Saturday, October 14th 2023

- 11a -1p Arrive/ set up campsite (lunch available for purchase at Allerton's **Blue Dragonfly Cafe**)
*Volunteers will help shuttle your gear into the meadow between 11am and 1pm. Please check in at the registration table in the **Meadow** between 11am and 1pm.*
- 1-3p Wildlife and fish survey of Allerton Mansion Pond – IL Dept Natural Resources –
Mansion Pond
- Archeology display table and Atlatl spear throw! IL State Archeological Survey –
Meadow
- Land Conservation Foundation Table – *Learn about local land conservation and the Annual Mudpuppy Festival!* – **Meadow**
- Upper Sangamon River Conservancy – *Learn about the Sangamon River and how we monitor its health.* **Meadow**
- 3-5p River Exploring and Mussels of the Sangamon River – Illinois Natural History Survey –
*Display and information will be in the **Meadow**, if the river is low enough for a hands-on survey the hike will leave from the **Tent**.*
- Insect Petting Zoo – University of Illinois Entomology Graduate Student Association –
See and touch a variety of live insects! **Tent**
- 4:30-6:30p Dinner: Local Food Truck, Blue Dragonfly Cafe or bring your own. – **Meadow**
- 6:00p Owl Calling Contest – *Give us your best owl hoot or scream!* - **Tent**
- 6:30p Live wildlife show – Bob Tarter (Natural History Educational Company) **Tent**
<https://nhecm.wordpress.com/>
- 6:30-10p Cash Bar – *Sometimes you need an adult beverage before sleeping on the ground!* **Fire Pits**
- 8:30-11p Campfires – S'mores, Stories and Singalong! **Meadow, Fire Pits**
- 9-10p Night Hike – *Hike the river trail and talk to the owls!* Leaving from the **Tent**
- 9-11p Astronomy Hike/Star gazing –University of IL Astronomy Dept. and CU Astronomical Society – **South Meadow Hilltop**

Sunday, October 15th 2023

- 7-9a Breakfast, campers own expense - **Blue Moon Coffee Truck, Blue Dragonfly Cafe**
- 7-9a Mist-netting for Birds – Illinois Natural History Survey - *see how biologist capture and study birds – Meadow*
- 7-10a Allerton Park Bird Club – *learn about the bird club, check out binoculars and more! – Meadow*
- 9-10a Live Birds of Prey – Illinois Raptor Center – <https://www.illinoisraptorcenter.org/> *See live birds and learn about birds of prey! Meadow*
- 11a Breakdown/clean up campsite – *Volunteers will be available from 10:30-11:30 to help transport your gear back to your vehicle.*

