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**St. Joseph County Parks and St. Joseph County SWCD  
Launch New Adult "Nature Guides" Program in South Bend**

**SOUTH BEND, Indiana:** Join us for this new program series designed for adults (18 years & up) to learn more about the natural environment. These hands-on sessions, taught by area specialists and educators, will include creating your own backyard wildlife habitat, the basics of bird watching, the importance of wetlands, plus much more! In addition to the evening classes, participants will be able to enjoy two off-site field trips. Classes will meet every Thursday evening at the Bendix Woods County Park Nature Center from May 5 through June 9 (6-8:30 p.m EST), with two Saturday field trips. The full list of topics for the new "Nature Guides" program is:

- May 5: Backyard Wildlife Habitats & Mammals of Indiana
- May 12: Soils & Geology
- May 19: Birding Basics
- May 21: Birding Field Trip (Saturday)
- May 26: Botany 101
- June 2: Water Quality & Macroinvertebrates
- June 4: Wetlands Field Trip (Saturday)
- June 9: Creepy Crawlies

Registration and payment (\$65/person) are required by April 22. To register call the **St. Joseph County Parks** at 574-654-3155. (Minimum class size: 10; maximum class size: 25)

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