

2023 Town of New Glarus Park's Workshops

Prairie Education and Management

Saturday, Feb 25th 2023

2 PM – 4 PM @ Tofflers Pub – New Glarus

Please join us as we gather at Toffler's Pub upstairs to hear three different speakers on the topic of prairie management and learn about both native and invasive species. Come learn about why restoring and maintaining these types of landscapes is important and worthwhile. There will be discussion on the different types of native plants that conservationists like Fil, Jason and Matt are trying to educate residents to promote. They will also talk about strategies for controlling invasive plants that can reduce diversity by overwhelming the ecosystem. **Refreshments will be provided!**



Presenting at the workshop

Fil Sanna – Spring Valley Tract Project

Fil Sanna is a volunteer site steward supporting a new project to restore over 300 acres of land owned by the Driftless Area Land Conservancy just north of New Glarus. Fil is a student of the ecology and history of the site and is now immersed in field work.

Jason Granberg – Conservation Biologist, Wisc. DNR

Jason's work focuses on combatting invasive species here in Wisconsin. In particular, he has been working on coordinating data and reporting efforts and with residents to work holistically and across communities.

Matt Wallrath –Upper Sugar River Watershed Assn.

As the invasive species coordinator for the USRWA, Matt travels as a field educator and organizes invasive removal efforts across south-central Wisconsin. He also is a founding member of SCIP, a partnership organization seeking to unite communities in these efforts.

River Tripping Workshop

Saturday, April 15th 2023

2 PM – 4 PM Town Hall – New Glarus

Everything you need to know about planning your Wisconsin river trip! Andrew and Ethan will cover a range of topics during this workshop that include the following and more. **Refreshments will be provided!**

- Navigating River Trips
- Finding planning tools and resources
- Expecting the "unexpected"!
- Choosing your location
- Planning routes
- Water temperature considerations
- Where to camp
- Emergency Kits
- What to pack
- Gear / Food and Water Needs
- How to handle quickly changing weather
- What to do in an emergency happens

Presenting at the workshop

Father and son **Andrew and Ethan Elkins** have been canoe, kayak, and paddleboard camping all their lives. Andrew began his outdoor adventures in the Boundary Waters at age 5 and Ethan at age 3. Andrew and Ethan are happiest when exploring and surrounding themselves in nature.

Both have been involved in Boy Scouts. Andrew was a Scoutmaster and Ethan earned the honor of Eagle Scout. They enjoy giving speaking events on advanced outdoor skills for Scouting groups, REI and at Canoeconia. In 2016 they crossed 200 miles and 45 portages through the Boundary Waters using the Border Route on paddleboards. In the summer of 2019, they paddle boarded from Stevens Point, WI to the Mississippi on the Wisconsin River.

