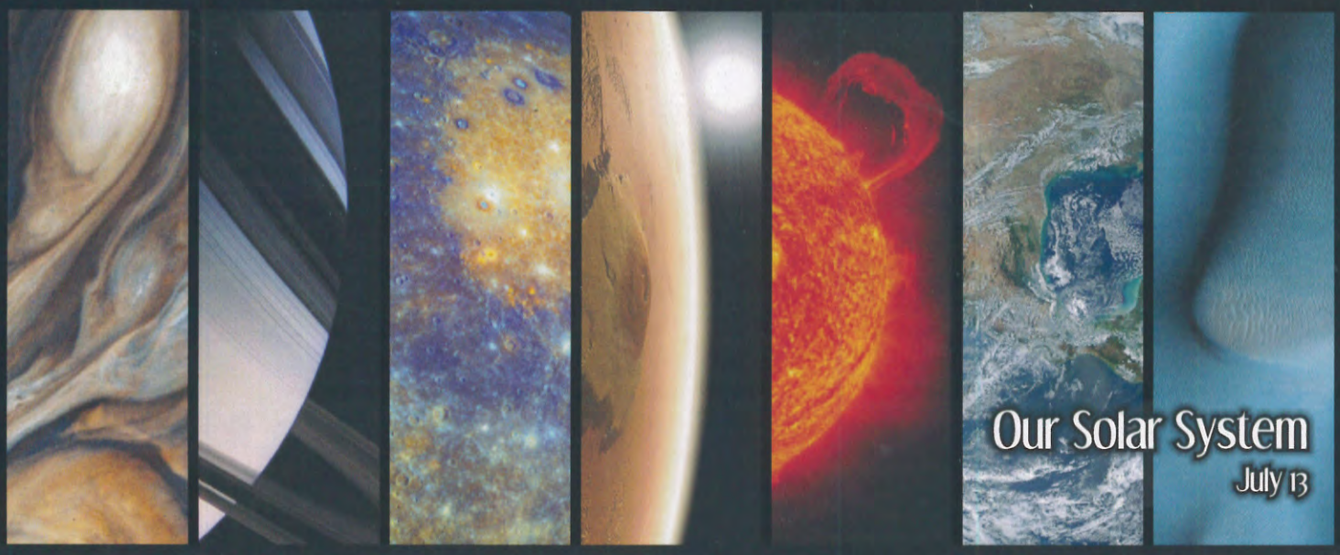

2013 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERIES at Rend Lake

May 25 The Reptile Experience (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

Everyone's favorite wildlife expert, Serengeti Steve, will amaze you with a variety of snakes, lizards, and much more. Steve's unique presentation style lets you get up close and personal with some amazing animals.

June 1 Backyard Campout (8:00 – 10:00 PM)

Let's have some outdoor fun! Try your hand at putting up a tent, building a fire, cooking some outdoor treats, and singing around the campfire. This ranger-led evening program runs from 8–10:00 p.m.

June 8 Beach Blast (Noon – 4:00 PM)

The Rend Lake Beach Blast will be held at the South Sandusky Beach from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. This event is an afternoon of family fun in the sun. Join us for games and activities.

June 15 Whooo Knows about Owls? (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

See predators of the night - up close and personal as Bev Shofstall, from the Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, introduces you to some of the owls that currently reside at the center. Bev will disclose why they came to live at the rehab center.

June 22 Take a "Walk" on the Moon (8:00 PM – 10:00 PM)

Ever wondered about Earth's nearest neighbor - the Moon? Professor Greg Hollmann, from Rend Lake College, will explore the moon's eight major phases - using Oreo cookies. After dark we will use binoculars and a telescope to tour the moon's surface.

June 29 Rend Lake Fireworks Festival (4:00 PM – 11:00 PM)

Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce and the Corps of Engineers will once again host the Rend Lake FIREWORKS Festival. The fireworks will be shot from the Spillway Event area beginning approximately 9:30 p.m. Kids' activities, music, and food vendors will be available at the Spillway Event Area from 4:00 till 11:00 p.m.

July 6 Adventures with Outback Ed & Julius Squeezer (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

Snakes, lizards and frogs – OH MY! Drop by for a hands-on, show-and-tell session with Outback Ed and his friends - featuring Julius Squeezer, the 9' boa constrictor, and other animals from around the world.

July 13 Our Solar System (8:00 – 10:00 PM)

Discover the planets of our solar system with Rend Lake College instructor, Greg Hollmann. Participants will view Saturn and its majestic rings as they look through Rend Lake College's telescope. Learn about NASA missions to other planets and the reasons for Pluto's new status as a dwarf planet. The entire solar system will be brought down to scale as we take a short half mile walk around the Visitor Center grounds.

July 1 - July 13 Photo Contest Entries Accepted (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

July 20 Photo Contest Winners Announced (2:00 p.m.)

Have you taken some interesting, eye catching, or unusual photos at Rend Lake in the past year? Enter your photo into the first Rend Lake Photo Contest. Your photo may be selected to be featured in one of Rend Lake's brochures, framed and displayed in the Rend Lake Visitor Center, or placed on the Corps' web site. Photo entries will be accepted July 1 through July 13, 2013. Winners will be announced at a 2:00 p.m. presentation on Saturday, July 20. Contact the Rend Lake Project Office/Visitor Center for complete list of contest rules.

August 3 Birds of Prey (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

You will be able to see an eagle, red tailed hawk, turkey vulture, or a kestrel up close as Bev Shofstall from Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation shows off a few of the fascinating birds of prey that reside at the rehabilitation center. Bev will share the story of why they now live at the rehab center and some helpful hints we can use to keep more of their species from getting injured.

August 10 Nature Craft Day (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

Let's do some crafting using items from nature. Take your creations home with you when you are finished. Fun for all! This program is designed for participants over 3 years of age. Adult supervision is required.

August 17 Wow! Science Show (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

Be prepared to be "Wow"ed as you watch a series of tricks that aren't magic - but science! Feel the force of the air cannon; be amazed by an egg; and see The Science Center of Southern Illinois' famous hovercraft in action in the Visitor Center!

August 24 Journey South – The Monarch's Story (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

The monarch butterflies' fall migration back to Mexico begins at the end of August. Park Ranger Kim Hammel from Carlyle Lake will illustrate the miracle of the metamorphosis and the amazing lifecycle of the monarch butterfly.

August 31 NHECM's Nocturnal Animals Greatest Hits Tour (11:00 AM & 2:00 PM)

In nature some animals are just getting up for the day when you are going to bed. This program features some of the Natural History Education Company's most popular nocturnal animals such as a BeeBop the bobcat, a raccoon, and others.

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All Environmental Science Series presented in the 2013 season are free and family friendly. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Unless otherwise stated, the presentations will be held at the Rend Lake Project Office & Visitor Center, located west of the Rend Lake main dam. For more information, call the Rend Lake Visitor Center at 618-724-2493. Visit our website at www.CorpsLakes.us/Rend or "like" our Facebook page at Rend Lake Project Office/Visitor Center.