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Spring Marches In... Lots Going on At Spring Valley!

Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting - Wednesday March 1st 2017, 7:00 pm

Dakotah Henn Presents, "Tortoises, Lizards and Snakes...OH MY!"

Dakotah is a senior at Huntley High School. His passion for reptiles and amphibians began when he was about 4 years old. He started collecting snake skin sheds from the neighbor's yard and received his first lizard at 4 years old. His passion about these animals has driven him to want to share his knowledge and to teach others about these animals through presentations and events throughout our community, schools, and scouting. He has been giving presentations since 2006.

He started the first Reptile and Amphibian Club at Huntley High School and we believe it's the only one of its kind in the area. He is the lead student sponsor of this club which he started almost 4 years ago, he also teaches a class to the Medical Academy at HHS about venomous snakes. His future goal is to continue his education and get a Bachelor's degree in Zoology and then continuing his education in Graduate School for his Masters and above in Herpetology.

Join us for an enlightening and entertaining program about the benefits of reptiles and amphibians in the environment. Dakotah plans to bring Crush his 50-lb. tortoise and several of his reptilian friends for us to meet! Bring your family and friends for an informative and entertaining evening!

Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting – Wednesday April 5th 2017, 7:00 pm

Donna Johnson presents, "What's Old is New, Rediscovering Heirloom Vegetables & Herbs"

Donna will show us the "new" varieties of Heirloom Vegetables and Herbs that will be featured at this year's Native Plant and Heirloom Vegetable Sale May 21st at Spring Valley Nature Center. This PowerPoint presentation will highlight the features of some of the most delicious and productive heirloom varieties of tomatoes, unique vegetables, and the full range of delectable herbs. There will be samples of some of the unusual varieties and there will be ideas for preparing them. She will also show the heirloom varieties available through Bakers Seed. View their catalog at www.rareseeds.com. You can place an order for early delivery of your seeds by ordering from Nature Club as soon as possible. When the seeds arrive at Spring Valley Center you will be notified.

Send your order for heirloom seeds to Spring Valley Nature Club 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60194, mark your envelope SEED ORDER ENCLOSED.

Questions? Contact Nature Club at; springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com or 847-985-2100

Spring Happenings at Spring Valley – March/April, 2017

Sugar Bush Fair – Saturday & Sunday, March 18 & 19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Celebrate winter's end at this popular annual event which features a delicious pancake breakfast with real maple syrup, demonstrations of maple sugaring, historic re-enactments, a kid's puppet show, and more. Admission is free; breakfast tickets cost \$5 for a half stack or \$7 for a full stack when purchased at the event. Discounted pre-purchased tickets – \$4 for a half stack or \$6 for a full stack – are available at the Nature Center until March 17.

Sunset Fire & Picnic on the Prairie – Saturday, April 1, 6-8:30 p.m.

The prairie wildfires that awed and frightened early settlers to Illinois were important factors in the prairie's survival. Learn about the importance of fire while enjoying an early spring picnic, then watch as trained staff conduct a controlled burn as the sun is setting. Space is limited to the first 400 paid attendees. Admission is \$3/person or \$12/family; kids 3 and under are free. Tickets can be pre-purchased at the Nature Center in early March. All activities take place near the Nature Center. Note: you may bring your own picnic dinner or purchase grilled food at the event. In the event of rain, the event will be postponed to April 8.

Chocolate Candy Drop-in Day – Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Visit the Heritage Farm to learn about the history of chocolate, and then create your own unique treat. Fee is \$2/person; no pre-registration required.

Bison's Bluff Grand Opening & Earth Day Celebration – Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

What better time to celebrate the opening of Schaumburg's newest attraction! This FREE family and kid-centered event will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony, lots of new play activities, birdhouse building, crafts, refreshments, prize raffles, and more. In addition, there will be information provided to parents on how to encourage and guide children into more outdoor play time and adventure.

Springtime on the Farm – Sunday, April 23, 12-4 p.m.

Spend a day on a busy working farm at this popular family event. Kids can help with farm chores in the kitchen garden, house cleaning – 19th century style, planting oats after the horses have prepared the field, butter churning, and more. In addition, there will be kid's games, crafts, and refreshments for purchase. Fee is \$4/person or \$16/family; kids 3 and under are free. Admission is paid at the gate.

Walpurgis Night Bonfire – Friday, April 28, 6-8 p.m.

Learn about the unique German custom of Walpurgis while enjoying a bonfire, hot dog and marshmallow roast, horse-drawn wagon rides, and lantern lit visits to the farmhouse. Fee is \$7/person – admission is paid at the gate. Parking is available at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, adjacent to the Heritage Farm.

Meet the Turtles – Saturday, April 29, 1-3 p.m.

Stop by to meet and learn about the Nature Center's resident turtles and then create a cool turtle craft to take home. Free admission – no registration required!

COMING IN MAY & JUNE!

Backyards for Nature Fair & Native Plant Sale – Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This event features an extensive native plant sale sponsored by the Schaumburg Community Garden Club, heirloom herb and vegetable sale sponsored by Spring Valley Nature Club, information on attracting birds sponsored by the Prairie Woods Audubon Society, information on home composting, and more. Admission is free! Note that pre-ordering of plants is recommended order forms for heirloom vegetables and herbs are available at www.springvalleynatureclub.org and for native plant ordering at www.schaumburggardenclub.org.

Bargain Bulb & Plant Sale – Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Schaumburg Community Garden Club, this event not only offers discounted tulip bulbs of many varieties, but potted perennials, native plants, shrubs, etc.

Spring Valley Country Fair – Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11, 12-4 p.m.

Experience the magic of a community farm fair as this event transports you into the rural Schaumburg of the 1880s. Visit the livestock tent, domestic arts tent, watch the poultry judging, engage in games and contests, enjoy refreshments, and listen to a travelling medicine man hawk his wares.

Nature

So, Spring is arriving with a whisper, timidly softening the earth, gently pushing up daffodils and tulips, reaching into the maples and stirring the sap, tentative, and shy, offering a fickle promise of warm sun, mild winds, and soft rain. Spring is a temperamental lover, with fits of stormy rage and days of cold, icy moods.

Robins are the traditional harbingers of spring and begin to arrive in numbers towards the end of March. They are driven by the need to establish breeding territories and they chance late blizzards and ice storms by arriving early. Those birds that delay may miss more than the bad weather, as prime territories will already be taken and mates will be hard to find. Their trait for tardiness will not be passed to future robin generations.

The males arrive first, followed a week or so later by the females and the adolescent birds. Areas to defend must be staked out first, before courtship and breeding begin, as the males would be hard pressed to do both at once.

Property rights are very important to robins, and the male's territory means more to him than who his mate is. Just as the female's nesting site is more important than her choice of breeding partner. The romanticism of spring robins has been reduced to a real estate transaction.

Another early sign of spring was brought to me by my daughter, Beth, when she was a little girl. Beth had scooped water from the pond at the edge of the woods and brought back beautiful, diaphanous creatures, less than an inch long, that swam on their backs, gills rippling and feet rowing through the water.

They were fairy shrimp, crustaceans, and a common and early dweller in spring ponds and puddles. Even with snow on the ground and ice rimming the water's edge, fairy shrimp can appear by the thousands. They feed on microscopic protozoans and diatoms and their lives are short. As the water begins to warm they die, after laying eggs that settle to the bottom of the pool. There, under the mud and leaf litter, the pond can dry down and still they'll survive. Ten years can pass without water, and then, when melting snows or early spring rains fill the pool, the eggs hatch and once again fairy shrimp appear.

So, spring's message, whispered and softly stated, is heard with a sigh. But soon the murmuring voices will build to a chorus and then resound with a shout, awakening the sleepers, stirring the dreamers, and cloaking the earth with a new mantle of green.

Al Larson

Create an Edible Garden For You & Butterflies Too!

Where are all the butterflies? Seeing less of our favorite garden visitors than the year before? We need to create a place that butterflies like to visit! We need plants that provide nectar from flowers for adults and larval food from leaves for the young caterpillars as well. You can plant milkweed plants to attract and feed Monarch butterflies. The Native Plant & Heirloom Vegetable Sale is a great place to find at least two milkweed varieties and hundreds of vegetable and herb plants for sale to feed yourself and the butterflies.

Many people do not realize that most herb, many vegetable plants, and their flowers provide for our graceful visitors. Dill, parsley, chervil, celeriac, and fennel provide both nectar for adults and food for juveniles of the Swallowtail Butterflies. Flowers of sage, verbena, basil and rosemary feed butterflies and hummingbirds as well! Myriads of small butterflies will sip nectar of mint, oregano, thyme and various vegetable flowers.

Don't forget the pollinators! They love the flowers of all the vegetable and herb plants; Borage in particular!

Getting Your Garden Started

Choose an area in your garden where it is well drained (has no standing water or marshy spots) and receives at least 6 or more hours of sun every day. An optional soil analysis can be helpful in determining the concentration of nutrients and pH of your soil. You can purchase a home garden soil test kit at the hardware store or plant nursery. Clay soils, though dense and heavy, are rich in nutrients and need humus to lighten the soil and make it more permeable and able for your plant roots to enter deeply within the loam and make use of the nutrients stored deep within its depths. You can achieve this by incorporating at least 2 or more inches of humus or sphagnum moss into the top 6" of soil, till to remove large clumps then fertilize with an organic fertilizer or compost according to package directions. Vegetable plants are heavy feeders and require a continuous supply of nutrients and moisture to achieve optimum results. Do not use too much nitrogen on tomatoes; it tends to grow more plant than fruit.

Most hot weather crops (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant & squash) need to be planted after danger of spring frosts which is usually around May 15th. Cool weather crops such as lettuce, fennel, Swiss chard and most herbs (except basil) are not usually bothered by cold weather.

Container Gardening

Do not have the energy to dig up a garden plot? Not enough sun in your backyard? Find an area on a deck or patio or even in between shrubs or foundation plantings that has an ideal exposure. Many a Giant Brandywine tomato has grown in a well-tended container, giving the gardener many delicious salad additions! Pepper plants, eggplants, lettuce, endive, Swiss chard, etc., have graced containers and even had a few floral roommates to share its space. I always grow tomatoes and peppers on my deck and adorn the container with petunias or marigolds.

With containers, you need a good soilless mix (Miracle Grow, Schultz's, etc.) and enhance it with bone meal, compost, organic fertilizer, etc. according to package instructions. Remember to water daily in dry weather and fertilize weekly, weakly with an organic liquid fertilizer or fish emulsion. You will find that even though you water almost daily, the water consumption is much less than watering in the open ground.

Seed Starting with Baker Creek Seeds

Want to include vegetables not on this year's order sheet? Nature Club has partnered with Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds of Mansfield Missouri. They are a premiere source for unique vegetable seed. Visit their website, www.rareseeds.com choose your seeds, quantity, catalog number, description and price on a separate sheet of paper and include it with your Heirloom Vegetable order, by May 8th 2017.

Make checks payable to "Spring Valley Nature Club" 1111 E Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg IL 60194

Sale and order pickup dates are Saturday May 20th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and Sunday May 21st from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

View images and descriptions of all plants at www.springvalleynatureclub.org

Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E Schaumburg Road (847) 985-2100

Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 10:00AM – 2:00PM -- Order Form. Page 1

<u>Tomatoes</u>	Price	Qty	Total
1000- Aunt Ruby's German Green – Heirloom very sweet 1-2lb pale green 85 days	\$4.00	_____	_____
1001-Belgium Giant – Heirloom sweet mild 1-2lb fruits dark pink 85 days	4.00	_____	_____
1005-Big Rainbow – Heirloom very juicy 1-2lb gold bi-colored fruits 82 days	4.00	_____	_____
1010-Black Cherry – Heirloom sweet robust flavor 65 day burgundy colored 65 days	4.00	_____	_____
1012-Box Car Willie – Heirloom reddish-orange very prolific old fashioned flavor 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1015-Brandywine Pink - Heirloom connoisseurs favorite 1lb fruit 85 days	4.00	_____	_____
1020-Brandywine Red – Heirloom rich deep flavored juicy fruits 1 ½ + lb 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
1022-Carnival – Hybrid impressive early ripening beefsteak type prolific 68 days	4.00	_____	_____
1025-Cherokee Purple - Heirloom dusky purple pink superb flavor very large fruit 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1030-Great White - Heirloom white very large 1lb unique very sweet taste 83 days	4.00	_____	_____
1035-German Johnson–Heirloom large 1lb pinkish red very few seeds 76 days	4.00	_____	_____
1037-Indigo Rose-Hybrid deep purple highest in antioxidant of any tomato 55 days	4.00	_____	_____
1040-Kellogg's Breakfast - Heirloom very flavorful superbly sweet yellow low acid 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1045-Mortgage Lifter-Heirloom sweet rich flavored pink large 1lb crack free 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1050-Moskvich- Heirloom cold hardy Siberian early maturing 6 oz red fruit 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1055-Orange Oxheart- Heirloom orange heart shaped delicious 1 lb low acid 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
1060-Patio–Hybrid dwarf 2' tall no staking 4oz fruit great in containers 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
1063-Persimmon-Heirloom orange low acid tender skinned juicy & flavorful 8oz 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
1064-Pinapple-Heirloom yellow /red streaked flesh super sweet 2lb 78 days	4.00	_____	_____
1065-San Marzano-Heirloom Italy's famous best tomato for sauces & cooking 65 days	4.00	_____	_____
1070-Sun Sugar – New Introduction extra sweet yellow cherry good in containers 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1072-Sugary-Hybrid super sweet grape large yields good for containers 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1074-Sweet 100-Hybrid very productive bearing long trusses of small sweet cherries 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1075-Tumbling Tom -Hybrid cherry great in containers & hanging baskets 55 days	4.00	_____	_____
<u>Vegetables</u>			
2001-Asparagus – Heirloom Mary Washington tender green spears spring harvest Perennial	\$5.00	_____	_____
2002-Celeriac-Heirloom hardy large root has sweet crisps celery flavor good keeper 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
2003-Cucumber-Hybrid bush type short vines full sized cukes can grow in containers 57 days	4.00	_____	_____
2005-Eggplant – Fairy Tale Japanese type 5" x 1" Striped delicious pale lavender 50 days	4.00	_____	_____
2008-Fennel Heirloom – Florence bulbing type delicious raw or cooked 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
2010-Endive Belgian – Heirloom gourmet compact elongated heads excellent winter crop	4.00	_____	_____
2015-Kale Lacinato – Heirloom Tuscan cold tolerant salads & cooked greens	4.00	_____	_____
2020-Kale Red Russian- Cold tolerant tender & refined attractive in containers	4.00	_____	_____
2021-Kale White Russian-Cold tolerant green salads, cooked or smoothies	4.00	_____	_____
2025-Lettuce Heirloom – Drunken Women frieze red tinged butter head 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
2030-Leeks – Sweet & mild gourmet onion family for stew, soup, egg dishes 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
2034-Parsley Root-Heirloom tops used as parsley, roots used in soups & stews	4.00	_____	_____
2040-Pepper- Big Bertha mild bell fruit size 7" x 4" matures red 72 day	4.00	_____	_____
2045-Pepper – Chocolate Beauty sweet bell great color & flavor 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
2050-Pepper – Holy Mole hot 8" long dark green mature brown 2007 AAS	4.00	_____	_____
2055-Pepper- Lady Bell Red Sweet uniform shape very prolific 71 days	4.00	_____	_____
2060-Pepper Heirloom– Sweet Banana mild yellow turn red 6" 72 days	4.00	_____	_____
2065-Pepper – Thai Hot Very hot Asian pepper	4.00	_____	_____
2070-Pepper – Valencia Orange Sweet bright color intense full flavor 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
2073-Rhubarb Heirloom original "pie plant" stalks cooked for jam or baked in pies. Perennial	5.00	_____	_____
2080-Swiss Chard – Bright Lights multicolored stems delicious steamed	4.00	_____	_____
2085-Tomatillo- Rio Verde Mexican husk tomato for salsa verde 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
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Spring Valley Nature Club's Heirloom & Herb Order Form. Page 2

Herbs	Price	Qty	Total
3000-Basil Genovese-Heirloom favorite "sweet basil" bold full flavor Annual	\$4.50	_____	_____
3001-Basil Red Rubin- Intense deep purple leaves holds its color all season Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3003-Basil Perpetuo – Intense basil aroma & flavor decorative variegated leaves Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3005-Basil Thai Siam Queen- Decorative and delicious anise flavor Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3015-Borage- Cucumber flavored leaves blue flowers used as edible garnish Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3020-Chives Garlic-Asian herb snip leaves for salads & garnish clump forming Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3022-Chamomile-Soothing aromatic, for tea,potpoutti & spa use Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3025-Chervil- Licorice flavor great on potatoes, fish & chicken Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3027-Cilantro flavor favorite for salsa & Asian cuisine Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3031-Dill Fern Leaf delightful pickle herb great on fish & cooked beets & potatoes Annuals	4.50	_____	_____
3035-Fennel – Bronze ornamental & delicious anise flavor on fish & vegetables Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3040-Horseradish – Heirloom zesty hot root for condiment young leaves for salad Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3045-Lavender Provence – Use in sachets & potpourri, ingredient in "herbs de Provence"	4.50	_____	_____
3050-Lemon Grass – Lemon flavoring essential in Thai cooking Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3051-Lemon Verbena-Intense lemon flavor for tea & drinks, fragrance for potpourri Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3055-Lovage- Celery & anise flavored leaves entire plant edible Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3060-Marjoram Sweet – Delicate oregano like flavor great on fresh tomatoes Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3065-Mint Corsican- Low growing great fragrance flavoring of Crème de menthe Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3070-Mint Mojito- Delightful warm mint flavor great for mulling in drinks Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3074-Oregano Greek-The original flavor for Italian & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3075-Oregano Hot & Spicy - Intense flavor for pizza & spaghetti sauce Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3076-Oregano Variegated-Beautiful addition to herb garden lovely cream edge Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3080-Parsley Italian flat leaf - Leaves for garnish & tempura frying Biennial	4.50	_____	_____
3082-Rosemary-Spicy woody herb great for chicken & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3083-Sage-Savory herb used in stuffing soups & Mediterranean dishes Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3084-Pineapple Sage- Fruity addition to teas, fruit garnish hummingbird magnet Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3085-Savory Winter- Ingredient in "herbs de Provence" for meat & bean dishes Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3090-Sorrel- Red Veined tart flavor great accent in soups and salads very ornamental Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3093-Stevia – Sugar plant non caloric sweetener use fresh or dried Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3095-Sweet Annie- Fragrant and attractive used in wreaths, potpourri, and sachets. Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3101-Sweet Woodruff- Fragrant flowers for potpourri and room freshener Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3102-Thyme English-Most familiar thyme used in soups stews & roasts Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3105-Thyme Silver Edge- Ornamental use in "Bouquet Garni"& "herbs de Provence" Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3110-Thyme Spicy – Orange flavor great with chicken, fish, salads and tea. Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3111-Thyme Variegated Lemon-Very decorative rich lemon flavor Perennial	4.50	_____	_____

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds - Order Sheet www.rareseeds.com

Use this line for your seed order total ----->		\$ _____
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Checks payable: Spring Valley Nature Club:
 Mail to Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E. Schaumburg Road Schaumburg, IL 60194
 Mark Envelope Nature Club Order Enclosed
 Preorder cutoff May 8, 2017 ---- Order Pick Up is Sunday May 21, 2017
 Quantities limited to avoid disappointment order early to assure availability.
 Questions? Contact Spring Valley Nature Club: springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com
Thank you for your support of the Spring Valley Nature Club

1974 And Beyond

Spring Valley began as a dream by one of the founders of the Village of Schaumburg, Ellsworth Meineke. Early on he referred to it as “The Spring Valley Dream.” It was he who convinced the Schaumburg Park District and the Village of Schaumburg to work together to acquire and preserve land for Spring Valley. Ellsworth founded the Spring Valley Nature Club in 1974 as a not-for-profit service organization which provides volunteer and financial support for Spring Valley and promotes conservation, nature and environmental education. The Club sponsors nature programs and teacher field trips, and members volunteer at festivals and fund raisers. We have been working hard since 1974. Won’t you join us?

These words reflect the dedication that the founders felt for the purpose of the Club and the love of the natural world around us. Since the Schaumburg Park District assumed the responsibility of recruiting volunteers, Nature Club’s purpose has evolved to share its love of Spring Valley by offering timely programs that reinforce a more wholesome lifestyle. We have initiated monthly educational programs that instill a comprehension of our ability to lessen our carbon footprint by reducing waste, recycling and reusing our valuable resources. Our monthly programs enlighten us to appreciate our environment and respect its fragile beauty.

We have lessened our impact on landfill waste by eliminating the mailing of our bimonthly News Leaf. We are encouraging members to attend educational programs which teach us the importance of the wildlife around us, the art of using our natural resources wisely and being more self-reliant by advising how to live a more wholesome lifestyle, grow and live more organically and become more self-sufficient.

With the kind donations and assistance from local merchants and organizations, we can exist more ecologically by shopping locally. Some of the wonderful supporters and contributors to the club have been, Roselle Ace Hardware for their support in offering a discount coupon for purchases at their location; Schaumburg Park District for the 1-day Fitness Pass; Platt Hill Nursery for their support and discount coupon at their garden centers; Holistic Art Studio for their discount coupon; Bon Ton Stores for their coupon book for discounts throughout the store. The Bon Ton coupon books are valid for their other stores that are located throughout the US. A listing of their stores is on the membership dues page.

Our wonderful supporters have given us a way to lessen our footsteps by offering valued products and services at discounted prices while saving our energy dollars by reducing the number of miles we travel. Please support our supporters. With their help, we have been successful in raising additional funds to sponsor educational programming for our Club members, Spring Valley Volunteers, and school children and teachers from our community. We have supplied funds for books for Spring Valley’s Library and have sponsored various free to the public programs and events that the Center has offered.

Thanks to you all, and especially our valued Members and Supporters of Spring Valley Nature Club!

Please take time to review all the wonderful benefits we are offering to our members with their Nature Club membership. Won’t you join us?

Spring Valley Nature Club is a 501(c3) organization and contributions may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.

Spring Valley Nature Club 2017 Membership Rates

To show our appreciation for our members' loyalty, we have come up with special benefits for all members.

"Discount Coupon Packet" This packet will include certificates and coupons for various merchants, i.e. Holistic Health Studio (massage discount), Schaumburg Park District (1 day Fitness Pass), Roselle Ace Hardware (discount on purchase), Platt Hill Nursery (discount on purchase), Chick-Fil-A (Free Sandwich - Schaumburg Stores only), Back In Line Chiropractic (Discount on Services) Bon-Ton Stores Seasonal Discount Coupon Book (Carson's, Younkers, Herberger's, Bergner's, Elder-Beerman, Boston Store, etc., estimated value up to \$500.00

A special benefit is an invitation to the Spring Valley Volunteer/Meineke Award Picnic on the first Friday in August. A postcard will be sent to current members in good standing by mid-July asking for an RSVP.

Free Entry to the Nature Club Programs: Allows you to attend any or all of the ten Spring Valley Nature Club monthly meetings and educational programs from February through November where you can enjoy some refreshments and camaraderie with fellow supporters of the Nature Club and the Spring Valley Volunteers.

Membership Card: Identifies you as a supporter of the Nature Club's efforts.

****All current Life Members** are eligible to receive the **"Discount Coupon Pack"** for just \$10.00 a year

Life Membership: In addition to the above items, this membership includes a Nature Club Commemorative Fleece Throw (\$35.00 value); this fleece throw is for **New Life Memberships Only**.

Family Fun Membership: In addition to all of the standard items above, this membership category includes a Spring Valley Annual Family Pass (\$120.00 value) to be used for a 15% discount on most Spring Valley Programs; 10% Discount on Summer Camps and Birthday Parties; 15% discount on Honey & Gift Shop purchases at Spring Valley and free admission to all Spring Valley events including the Pancake Breakfast. (The discounts do not apply to the Solstice Hop & Vine or the Haunting in the Valley.)

Your Membership Packet needs to be picked up in person at the Spring Valley Nature Center 9:00 – 5:00 daily.

Yearly Memberships Begin February 1st through January 31st

Your dues are now payable for the year 2017

Individual		\$15.00
Family		\$25.00
Supporting		\$35.00
Senior		\$10.00
Family Fun		\$120.00
Life	**	\$150.00
Sponsor		\$1000.00

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Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Spring Valley Nature Club - 1111 East Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194