ELKHORN CREEK BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 28th, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun, informative family friendly afternoon as we explore the Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve for the many butterflies that are found there. From 1-5 p.m. participants may join guided butterfly tours or look on their own for those winged beauties. Tours will begin at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. “Illinois Butterflies and Moths” pocket guides will be distributed at no charge while supplies last. We’ll have a shady rest area with chairs, as well as a restroom, cold beverages, snacks and information about pollinators.

If the weather is questionable, call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204 before 10 a.m. on July 28. Explorers at previous Butterfly Festivals have found 31 species of butterflies and skippers, among them Buckeye, Red-spotted Purple, Painted Lady, Giant Swallowtail, Great Spangled Fritillary, Silver-spotted Skipper and Monarch. The preserve is located about 3 miles southwest of Forreston in the southeast corner of West Grove and Freeport Rds. The parking lot is off of West Grove Rd. This event is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!