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## International Paper Foundation Grant

An International Paper Foundation (IPF) grant funded the creation of a new, freestanding educational exhibit that illustrates how camouflage is used in nature. Two bioactive enclosures (right photo) will feature native tree frogs, praying mantises and stick insects. Thank you, International Paper Foundation.



## Xcel Energy Foundation Grant

An Xcel Energy Foundation grant provided program enhancements including GPS devices (left photo), waterproof neoprene boots and snowshoes suitable for educational experiences in nature during winter weather conditions. Thank you, Xcel Energy Foundation.

## Opportunities

- 1) To learn about the Nature Center at [springbrooknaturecenter.org](http://springbrooknaturecenter.org) hover About, then select
- 2) For Nature Center Upcoming Events hover Programs & Events, then select
- 3) To Plan Your Event (rentals) hover Programs & Events, then select
- 4) To learn about the Foundation at [springbrookfoundation.org](http://springbrookfoundation.org) hover About, then select



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### Spring Spree

Date TBD

Place TBD

Format TBD

We are considering alternative event formats. Please watch for details.

To receive Foundation news by email, go to [springbrookfoundation.org](http://springbrookfoundation.org) then click on *Communications*, then click on *Sign Up* to complete the form.

### BOARD OPENINGS

The Springbrook Nature Center Foundation Board of Directors is recruiting Board candidates. Go to [springbrookfoundation.org](http://springbrookfoundation.org) click *Board Openings*, then call or email to inquire.

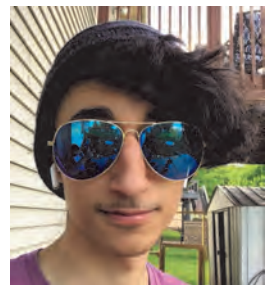
## We Will Resume

This fall 2020 Springbrook Nature Center Foundation (SNCF) newsletter is unique. We usually feature articles regarding **marching** in community festival parades, **funding Summer Concerts**, **hosting the Autumn Sampler** event, **servicing** food at the *Pumpkin Night in the Park* event and **providing** camper scholarships. Such articles are not in this fall issue. Just as the Springbrook Nature Center (SNC) followed the Covid-19 restrictions, the Foundation followed the same restrictions – including canceling most activities. We will resume these activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

## Thank You, Ammar



Thank you and congratulations to Boy Scout, **Ammar Ishtaiwi** (Troop 714, Spring Lake Park). Ammar (photo) and friends replaced a deteriorated bridge along the high traffic Forest Trail this summer. Amazingly, Ammar is the sixth scout from his troop to complete an Eagle Scout project at Springbrook since 2013. The beautification and safety of our trails has been enhanced. It is a great way to contribute to the community.



## Paper or Email?

The SNCF would like to provide this bi-annual newsletter via email in the future and eliminate the delivery of a paper newsletter. The email version is less expensive and environmentally friendly.

### PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER:

- 1) by leaving a phone mail message at 800-675-4317 or
- 2) by sending an email to [info@springbrookfoundation.org](mailto:info@springbrookfoundation.org) or
- 3) using the enclosed return envelope or
- 4) via SurveyMonkey QR code





### Pavilion Activity Center Completed

The SNCF, the SNC staff, and City of Fridley officials have been partnering to fund, design, and construct a new multipurpose Pavilion Activity Center (PAC). Now complete, the attractive PAC includes an enclosed activities space, two restrooms, a concessions area and a picnic shelter, all adding significantly to SNC programming activities. The



date for the formal Grand Opening celebration with recognition of donors will be publicized. The PAC is the final piece of the over decade long SPRING (Sanctuary Protection and Renewal Into the Next Generation) Project, an attractive, renewed seven acre gateway area of the Springbrook Nature Center.

### High Impact Projects

There are always very worthwhile capabilities that the Nature Center gets by without, but would dearly love to have. This list of High Impact Projects are highly desired and if funded, the Nature Center would make good use of the related capabilities.

- School partnerships
- Digital media creation system
- Events display package
- Pavilion Activity Center digital monitor
- Summer Camp scholarships
- Exhibit additions
- Pavilion Activity Center fireplace
- Nature Play Area enhancements



To donate, please clearly complete the form below and include it in the donation envelope. Alternatively, if you have donated (or plan to donate) at giveMN, thank you.

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Gift Amount Enclosed:  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1,000  \$2,500  Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment Method:  Credit Card (Visa, Master Card, AMEX, Discover)  Check Enclosed (Payable to "Springbrook Nature Center Foundation")  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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 My gift is eligible for a match by my employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matching Gift form enclosed  Form to be sent to Springbrook Nature Center Foundation

### Welcome Aboard

We recently welcomed these new members to the SNCF Board of Directors: Allison Egan, Ross Meisner, Kim Tillberry, Richard Walch, Mary Wright and Jan Wright. These members were chosen from a longer list during a three month Covid-19 restricted vetting process this past summer. Congratulations to these six Fridley residents and thank you for serving.



### Contact Info

Springbrook's internet website presence has evolved into two fine, working websites, a Nature Center (SNC) website ([springbrooknaturecenter.org](http://springbrooknaturecenter.org)) (763) 572-3588 and a Foundation (SNCF) website ([springbrookfoundation.org](http://springbrookfoundation.org)) (800) 675-4317

The first site focuses on Nature Center business and the second on Foundation business.

### Feeling Generous?

Go to [giveMN.org](http://giveMN.org)  
Type Springbrook  
Click DONATE  
THANK YOU!  
Give to the Max please.



### Family Fun

On chairs and blankets, socially distanced families enjoyed three Friday Night by Firelight (FNBF) shows in September. This free, educational entertainment series, funded by the SNCF, featured "Wolves, Coyotes, and Foxes", "Will Hale and the



Tadpole Parade" and "Teddy Roosevelt - The Wilderness Warrior" (photo) shows on successive Fridays. If you enjoy a family fun atmosphere, plan to attend FNBF next September.

### Thank You, Delta Dental of Minnesota



Two family groups of Delta Dental of Minnesota employees dug swales, filled holes, trimmed trees, upgraded and detailed the bird feeders, weeded and performed garbage cleanup - all

while following the Covid-19 safety protocol.

Thank you, Delta Dental of Minnesota!

### Thank You, Xcel Energy

On a September Friday, 3 groups of 10 Xcel Energy employees (including some children) spread wood chips on trails, tidied up the nature-based play area, picked up trash, and widened trails (for proper social distancing of park visitors). Thank you, Xcel Energy!

