



Programs and Events Spring 2026

RCAS programs are usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, October through June, and are held at the Ball State University Nature Lab at 2500 West University Avenue on the BSU campus. Parking is available in front of the greenhouse and is free after 5 pm. The building is handicap accessible. Programs are open to all—please join us!

March 18, 7 pm to 9 pm: BSU Nature Lab, 2500 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN

The White River Freshwater Mussel Propagation Facility: A Novel Approach in the Bureau of Water Quality's Ongoing Efforts to Improve Water Quality

Laura Bowley, Muncie Bureau Of Water Quality surveillance supervisor/stormwater coordinator and propagation program leader at White River Freshwater Mussel Propagation Facility, will tell us about the fascinating life history of our native freshwater mussels, historical impacts on their once thriving communities, essential roles they play in our local waterways, and what goes into the bureau's efforts to restore local native populations.

Attend in person or register in advance for the webcast at:

<https://bsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/oqcf0LecQ1eWrdQY-nerKw>

April 15, 7 pm to 9 pm: BSU Nature Lab, 2500 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN

Good Genes or Good Parenting: What's Preferred in a Bird's Mate?

Dr. Kelly Miller, assistant professor of biology at Ball State University, will give our April program. Is it better to choose a mate that will pass good genes on to offspring or one that will be a good parent and help care for the offspring? Come and find out what her Prothonotary Warbler studies have shown.

Attend in person or join the webcast by Zoom at:

<https://bsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/A2E9r9wTQ30UmoLeFVweew>

May 20, 7 pm to 9 pm: BSU Nature Lab, 2500 W. University Ave., Muncie, IN

A Link to the Past: The Civilian Conservation Corps

Liz Marthaler, assistant property manager at Mounds State Park, will present a program on the Civilian Conservation Corps and its impact on national, state, and local park systems, including those of Indiana. This program was originally scheduled for June of 2025 but was postponed due to threatening weather.

<https://bsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/9CgOPQERHqddm-HnINBzg>

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