

Sue Herrmann's program Science & Nature Games, was a huge success! Sue planned it just right with games for the littlest toddlers to the college-bound students. She had three stations in the 'cool' nature center and many games and activities for everyone. Even some of the seasoned college graduates seemed to enjoy the diversity of games; Fred took on the high school and college bound young adults while Sue, Linda and I mingled with the elementary and intermediate school children. I had the opportunity to mentor a young boy build a rather complex scarlet macaw puzzle. He proudly hung up the macaw in the LNC library after its completion. I was soooooo close to winning the Dinosaur Bingo, losing out to a very bright young third grader. The children that I played with had a great time (okay, so did I); they each told me they "really love nature" (my kind of kids!). At one point I counted twenty-two children and adults, but once I stated gaming, I did not do a recount. The fathers of the boys I had challenged to games (such as nature dominoes and dinosaur bingo) were very impressed with the nature center and Drexel Woods. They spoke with Sue and Linda about the center and the future programs, each walking out with LNC literature.

I overheard the Dads talking about the trail system and their desire to come early next week to take a hike. As they were heading out, I offered to show them the trailhead at the meadow. As we talked at the intersection of the Blue and White trails, the enthusiasm of the two families grew; how could they wait another week? In an impromptu decision, the eight of us headed into the darkening forest and did the full trail system. We got back just after sunset, everyone thrilled that we squeezed in the bonus evening hike!