

## Join the Partnership

The Spencerport Nature Center, owned and operated by the Spencerport Central School District, is both an outdoor classroom and an environmental resource for the entire community. It encompasses approximately 30 acres of land with trails. The diverse terrain is inhabited by a variety of wildlife. The area abounds with many species of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. The Nature Center is a unique community asset, developed through generous contributions of time, materials, labor, and financial donations from groups and individuals.



Our strategic plan for our school district embraces the process of developing meaningful partnerships to reach our goals. The SNC has been developed with partnerships and we will continue to use this strategy to enhance this area. In the past, over 12 site development projects have been completed by local Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops! Projects range from a Butterfly Habitat Garden by a Girl Scout troop to a 2017 Eagle Scout project that resulted in the building of an Instructional Pavilion at the Nature Center.

We invite you to join us if you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about our mission, needs and future projects. Please send all inquiries to the following email address:

[Naturecenter@spencerportschools.org](mailto:Naturecenter@spencerportschools.org)

## Our Mission

The Spencerport Nature Center Committee is dedicated to providing guidance for a high quality outdoor educational classroom to benefit the Spencerport Central School District and the Spencerport Community. We are committed to developing the procedures, guidelines, resources, and regulations needed to preserve the Nature Center as a safe and accessible instructional option. Our goal is to maintain and sustain the Nature Center in its natural setting by promoting environmental stewardship.



Visit our website to learn more about our Nature Center

<http://www.spencerportschools.org>  
Link to Nature Center website is found under the Parent & Community menu

*Learning For Tomorrow - Today*

# Spencerport Nature Center



## Public Hours of Operation

School Days: 4:00 pm—Dusk  
Weekends: Sunrise to Dusk



Use this QR Code to access Nature Center Trail Map on your cell phone

## Nature Center History

The Spencerport Nature Center (SNC) is a near 30-acre preserve located on the Southeast corridor of our district campus. Bordered by Spencerport Road on the North and Route 31 on the South, the nature center provides our school district and the Spencerport community with a venue for learning, exploring and enjoying the outdoors. Located in the Village of Spencerport and on the Spencerport Central School District Campus, we invite you to enjoy this area.



The SNC has heritage connected back to the early 1800 with settlers like J.T. Trowbridge who writes about this area when reflecting on his youth. Over the last several decades, this area has been occasionally used by teachers in our school district for instructional purposes.

In 2003, a vision blossomed to expand and maintain the area as a functional outdoor classroom. In 2010, the newly formed Nature Center Committee developed its mission to ensure the continued growth and integrity of this environment area. In 2017, an addition of an Instructional Pavilion, as the result of an Eagle Scout project, has furthered the functional use of the Nature Center as an outdoor classroom.

The Nature Center was dedicated on September 17, 2011. The Spencerport Nature Center Committee looks forward to a long history of educational experiences, recreational activities and special events hosted at the nature center.



## Why Visit the Nature Center?

There is a lot to do at the Nature Center! The Nature Center holds a variety of habitats and ecosystems that are home to a variety of wildlife, from aquatic organisms in its pond to white-tailed deer and tiny field mice. The Nature Center contains many different types of species of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. It is an excellent area for nature photography. Please join us on the first



Saturday in March for *Maple SugarFest* as we boil down sap from our own Swamp Maples.

Other Activities offered at the Nature Center include: Tree Identification Trail, Butterfly Garden, Geocaching, and Walking Trails.



## Parking for the Nature Center

Parking for the Nature Center is located in the east parking lot of the high school. Access the parking lot from Spencerport Road.



## Nature Center Rules



Thank you in advance for reviewing and following our basic rules designed to preserve our Nature Center.

*Please support the following regulations:*

- ◆ Please stay on designated trails, docks, paths
- ◆ Carry in—Carry out with all waste
- ◆ Dogs allowed on leashes only. Please clean up after your dog

*The following are not permitted.*

- ◆ Bikes & motorized vehicles
- ◆ Building any structures, paths or passage devices
- ◆ Removal or destruction of vegetation/wildlife is
- ◆ Introduction of any vegetation, wildlife, etc.
- ◆ Firearms, hunting, baiting, fishing and fires
- ◆ Use of any tobacco product or alcoholic beverage

## Reserving The Nature Center

There is no need to reserve the Nature Center for recreational use within the designated hours of operation. For any public or educational requests involving small to large groups wishing to use the Nature Center and its Instructional Pavilion, we request that you follow our School District procedures for facility use. Please use the web site link listed below for more information.

<http://www.spencerportschools.org/community.cfm?subpage=2548>

If you have any questions, please call 349-5681.