## **Community Connects Creek Series**



Join your Neighbors in July for these exciting FREE family friendly programs that connect you to the Minnehaha Creek! Program - 6:30 to 7:30pm, Social & Refreshments - 7:30 to 8:00pm

Pre-registration requested but not required at <u>www.minneapolisparks.org</u> or call 612-370-4914 Programs will be held at **Lynnhurst Community Center right by 51**<sup>st</sup> and Minnehaha Creek

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>-** <u>*Naturalist Event*</u> - MPRB Naturalist Department will be bringing animals such as a turtle, a snake, toads and Madagascar cockroaches, along with mini golf, where they can educate the audience about water quality and how to take care of our streams, creeks, rivers and lakes.

**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>-** <u>*History Walking Tour*</u> - Local historian Tom Balcom will be leading a tour along the creek from Lynnhurst Community Center to Lyndale Ave. and back. There will be some stops on the way to discuss historical and environmental features along the creek and in the Lynnhurst neighborhood. We will also have a <u>Paws</u> <u>in the Park</u> component put on by the **Animal Humane Society** to educate about waste pick up and have treats and activities for our 4 legged friends.

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>-** <u>*Minneapolis Institute of Art -*</u> Inspired by Vietnamese water puppetry and fish found in art from around the world, come play *in the water with us.* Artists Mark Safford and Willis Bowman will bring puppets to show and tell, along with materials to make your own family fish.

**Thursday, July 31st** - <u>Geocaching</u> - Come experience the fun new sport of Geocaching, the Internet-based hide-and-seek game that is growing by leaps and bounds across the country! REI Outdoor School Geocaching instructors will share how to use your GPS unit and astute powers of observation to find hidden caches around Minnehaha creek area. Learn strategies for locating cleverly hidden caches, how to use online "geo-tools", and Geocaching etiquette. Along the way, we will also teach basic GPS skills, including creating waypoints, plotting a course and transferring route information from a map to a GPS. We will provide GPS units and maps for your use as we discover locally hidden caches, or you are welcome to bring your own.





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