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LIVING HISTORY: A WALK THROUGH TIME

Program to focus on The Nature Institute and Riverbend history

Learn about The Nature Institute's (TNI) past from those that know it the best; John M. Olin, Aune Nelson, James John Audubon and more. Dozens of local historians will be at TNI, located at 2213 South Levis Lane in Godfrey, Ill, for their "Living History: A Walk through Time" on Saturday, Nov. 21 starting at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10 per person. All money acquired through this event will go to assist in TNI's mission of preservation, restoration and education.

Some speakers will be in full costume with in-period artifacts by their side. Guests will be allowed to move along the eight historical stops of the trail at their leisure (map will be provided).

Historical stops include: Larry Reid, *WBGZ's Outdoors with Larry Reid*, as John M. Olin; Brad Winn, *Lewis and Clark State Historic Site #1*, as an expedition re-enactor with the full size keel boat replica; story teller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis as John James Audubon and Prince Maximillian, and Eric Robinson, *Underground Railroad Tours*, talking about the property and its important role in the road to freedom.

WHERE: The Nature Institute
2213 South Levis Lane, Godfrey, Ill

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.

WHO: Larry Reid, *WBGZ's Outdoors with Larry Reid*, as John M. Olin
Brad Winn, *Lewis & Clark State Historic Site*, as expedition re-enactor
Brian "Fox" Ellis, *author and story teller*, as John James Audubon and Prince Maximillian
Steve Bollini, *Bollini's Taxidermy*, as a French fur trader in the late 1700s
Patricia Brown, *Education Director*, as Aune Nelson, benefactor of Discovery Day Camp
Ramona Puskar, *Education Assistant*, as a Lincoln-Douglas debate spectator
Eric Roberts, *Underground Railroad Tours*, speaking about the struggle to freedom
Jim and John Hall, *sons of the late Mark Hall*, to share father's effort in founding TNI
Vern LeClaire, *first TNI Discovery Day Camp Director*, to talk about TNI's history
Alton Museum of Art and History volunteers will be available to assist visitors throughout the program and be on hand to talk about the history of Godfrey and Alton.

For more information on TNI, please call at (618) 466-9930, email info@thenatureinstitute.org or visit www.TheNatureInstitute.org.

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