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**Kids! “Discover Nature in Your Yard” at McDonald Farm**

*The Conservation Foundation, Naperville, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12*

**NAPERVILLE, Ill. (March 28, 2008)** – Kids! Grab your boots and get ready to “Discover Nature in Your Yard” at a Family Discovery Days Program sponsored by The Conservation Foundation, from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12, on grounds at McDonald Farm, 10S404 Knoch Knolls Road in Naperville.

Look for signs of life on the 60-acre working farm in the middle of Naperville’s subdivisions. Rain or shine, explore a restored wetland; see plants coming to life in the prairie gardens and hike through fields in early spring. Record your discoveries in a nature journal.

The workshop is sponsored by The Conservation Foundation as part of “Leave No Child Inside,” a Chicago Wilderness initiative to reconnect kids and nature. The Conservation Foundation is holding this workshop and others in its Family Discovery Days Program with the goal of improving kids’ health and conserving natural heritage for the future. Cost is \$3 per child.

While the kids are discovering nature, adults can learn how adding a rain barrel to the end of a downspout can reduce water bills at The Conservation Foundation’s free Rain Barrel Workshop, also from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12, at the organization’s McDonald Farm headquarters. Rain barrels will be offered for sale at a discounted price at this event.

To register for both programs, send an email to [cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:cthompson@theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500, Ext. 10. Be sure to indicate the number of participants for each program. For information about activities and events sponsored by The Conservation Foundation, including membership, visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500.

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**Editors, please note:** Photos available on request

*The Conservation Foundation, a nonprofit land and watershed protection organization, is dedicated to preserving open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment in northeastern Illinois. Established in 1972 by business and community leaders, it is the only environmental organization to receive the 2008 Annual Award for Business Excellence from The Business Ledger. Working closely with citizens, elected officials, developers, land use planners, park districts and forest preserves, The Conservation Foundation has helped protect more than 30,000 acres of open space. The Conservation Foundation has more than 4,500 donors and members. Its main office is at the 60-acre McDonald Farm in Naperville, Ill., with a program office located at historic Dickson-Murst Farm in Montgomery, Ill. For more information about activities, programs and membership, visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) or call 630-428-4500.*