**Autumn Adventures**

Though the summer heat is lingering, the calendar says that it is time for the autumnal equinox. Some SASSy scientists and others know that will mean an equal amount of light and dark in one day. Then there shall be more darkness each day and birds and Birdbrains know that they need to get going to survive winter. There is still plenty of time and opportunity to enjoy a glorious Michigan fall. Following are two upcoming events of interest to blind and visually impaired people along with their families and friends.

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

**Birds and Leaves; Leaving Birds**

10a m Environmental Interpretive Center [4901 Evergreen Rd. Dearborn Michigan](https://maps.google.com/?q=4901+Evergreen+Rd.+Dearborn+Michigan&entry=gmail&source=g), University of Michigan-Dearborn campus

12:15p m Lunch provided in EIC

12:30 pm  Leave for the Henry Ford for tactile tour

1p m Tactile tour inside museum

3 p m Venture into the Village

Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation Tactile Tour, October 14th

Join us in Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation on Saturday, October 14th, for a tactile tour of the museum.  Tactile tours provide background and context on the museum’s collections, as well as opportunities to touch artifacts, such as the Rosa Parks Bus, Allegheny Locomotive, Build a Model T, and Dymaxion House.  Tours are 1.5 hours in length and begin in the Welcome Center of the museum.  Tours require the purchase of museum tickets or are free for members.

You are welcome to attend any or all of the day’s adventures Please make me aware if you will be eating lunch. Also I need to make a reservation for the Henry Ford so let me know before that day if you will be joining us.

The next weekend is the long awaited Pumpkin Patch Party at Camp Tuhsmeheta; [10,500 Lincoln Lake Rd, Greenville, Michigan](https://maps.google.com/?q=10,+500+Lincoln+Lake+Rd,+Greenville,+Michigan&entry=gmail&source=g)

**From Friday**

S dinner to Sunday morning at 10a m the weekend will be filled with all things pumpkin and many autumnal adventures. Activities will include, night hikes including owl prowls, baking perfect pumpkin pies, carving pumpkins, pumpkin chemistry, baking donuts over the campfire, carbonating apple cider, baking apples, and raptor migration. Please plan to join us. Registration details will follow.

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