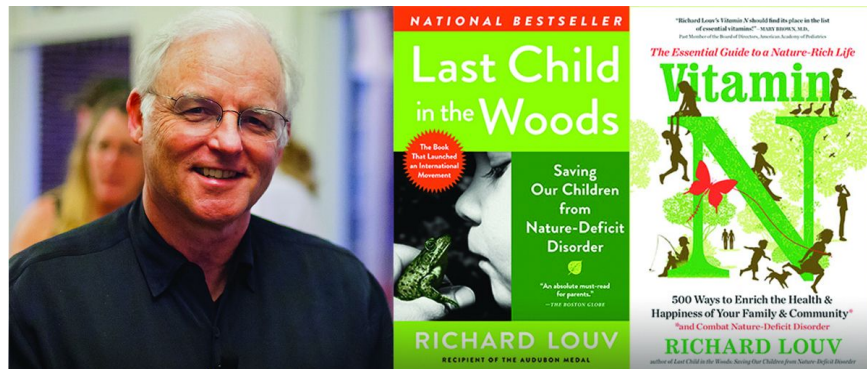


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Fontenelle Forest Hosting a First-of-its-Kind ‘Leading a Nature-Rich Life’ Luncheon

We will be featuring the best-selling author of *Last Child in the Woods* and *Vitamin N*, Richard Louv who inspired the international movement to cure “nature deficit disorder.”



The work of best-selling author Richard Louv has inspired the international movement to cure “nature deficit disorder.” His writings focus on how to get children and adults to thoughtfully engage nature in their daily lives. A Q&A session and book signing will follow Mr. Louv’s insightful presentation.

The *Leading a Nature-Rich Life* Luncheon will be held on November 7, 2018 at the Beardmore Event Center of Bellevue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This luncheon will lead the way in our region for parents, teachers, health professionals, and more to enthusiastically join in the movement to encourage interaction with nature and the benefits of leading a nature-rich life. Media are welcome to cover the event or inquire about interviews before. **This is a first-of-its-kind lecture and luncheon, so any preview would inform your audience who hasn’t yet heard of the event or his wellness message.**

Louv’s nine books have been translated into 13 languages, published in 17 countries, and have helped launch an international movement to connect children and their families to nature. In 2008, he received the Audubon Medal; past recipients include Rachel Carson, E.O. Wilson and Jimmy Carter. Louv also received the 2008 San Diego Zoological Society Conservation Medal. As a journalist and commentator, he has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Times of London, Orion, Outside and other newspapers and magazines. He was a columnist for The San Diego Union-Tribune and Parents magazine. He appears frequently on national radio and television programs, including the Today Show, CBS Evening News, and NPR’s Fresh Air, and often addresses national and international gatherings.

A Q&A session and book signing will follow after Mr. Louv’s presentation. Books will be available for purchase at the event and at the Fontenelle Forest gift shop. Tickets are \$75 each and \$800 for a full table. Ticket sales will go towards the work and mission of Fontenelle Forest, a local nonprofit since 1913. The mission of Fontenelle Forest is to provide a place where people can experience and enjoy the quiet wild of nature. We want to inspire current and future generations to care for the natural world.

The [Fontenelle Forest Book Club](#) will be reading [Richard Louv’s Vitamin N](#) in October and November. The book includes 500 activities you can take to satisfy the human need for vitamin N so you are sure to find some inspiration for yourself, your family, your youth group, your nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and friends. We can arrange for you to interview people in the book club as a preview of the luncheon as well.

For interviews or more information, contact [Molly Mullen](#), manager of marketing and events at Fontenelle Forest.

[Tickets to the luncheon are available here](#)

To learn more about the author and his books [visit his website here](#)

Fontenelle Forest's mission is to provide a place where people can experience and enjoy the quiet wild of nature. We want to inspire current and future generations to care for the natural world. Fontenelle Forest is one of Nebraska's oldest conservation organizations and one of the largest private nature centers in the nation. With Fontenelle Forest Nature Center in Bellevue and Neale Woods in Omaha, FF encompasses nearly 2,000 acres of forest, prairie, wetlands, and Native American historical sites along the Missouri River. Fontenelle Forest is the only organization in Nebraska permitted by the state and federal government to rehabilitate orphaned or injured raptors. Raptor Woodland Refuge, located at the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, opened in 2016 and provides visitors with an opportunity to observe many species of birds of prey in a unique, tree-top environment.