

# Community Nest-Raising!

The Nest-Raising Event at Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park will be Saturday August 23, 10 am -7pm with a special program from 12-1:30pm.

Come to the Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park to help or watch as the project team builds the nest wall of woven branches on the Children's Nest Egg project, around the giant "egg." Take a turn at sewing the nest with a giant needle. Read the community writings engraved in the bench. Drawings and photographs of the whole planning and construction process will be on display. The Nature Center trails will be open, the playground available, and nature treasure hunt materials available also.

Bring a picnic lunch for the special program from 12-1:30 featuring a project history from the designer, a live Raptor demonstration from the University of Minnesota Raptor Center's Gail Buhl, and a reading of community writings, engraved in the bench.

Where: Westwood Hills Nature Center

8300 West Franklin Avenue / St. Louis Park, MN 55426

(952) 924-2544 (Westwood Hills Main Phone) The Westwood Nature Center is located in the northwest corner of St. Louis Park, just south of I-394 and east of Highway 169. Parking and admission are free. Go to the Westwood Hills Nature Center web page for directions.

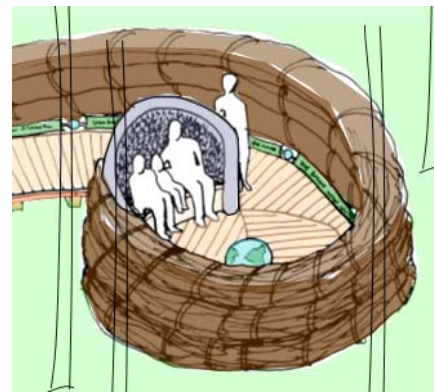
The Children's Nest Egg is a public environmental art project, designed by Full Spring Studio, LLC's with Fabrication by Swainhart Construction Services, LLC and with many contributions and volunteer hours from others including staff of the City of St. Louis Park, Westwood Hills Nature Center staff, Girl Scout Troop 10297, Author: Daniel J. Philippon, U of MN Raptor Center's Gail Buhl, STS Crew, and many others. Generous funding for this project is by the Arts & Culture Grant Program, a collaborative program between the City of St. Louis Park, the Friends of the Arts, and the St. Louis Park Community Foundation.

For more information: You can ask questions or comment and see pictures and watch for updates at <http://childrensneegg.blogspot.com/>. Or Email: [jonee@fullspringstudio.com](mailto:jonee@fullspringstudio.com) or call 651-895-7834

## Thanks for your participation!

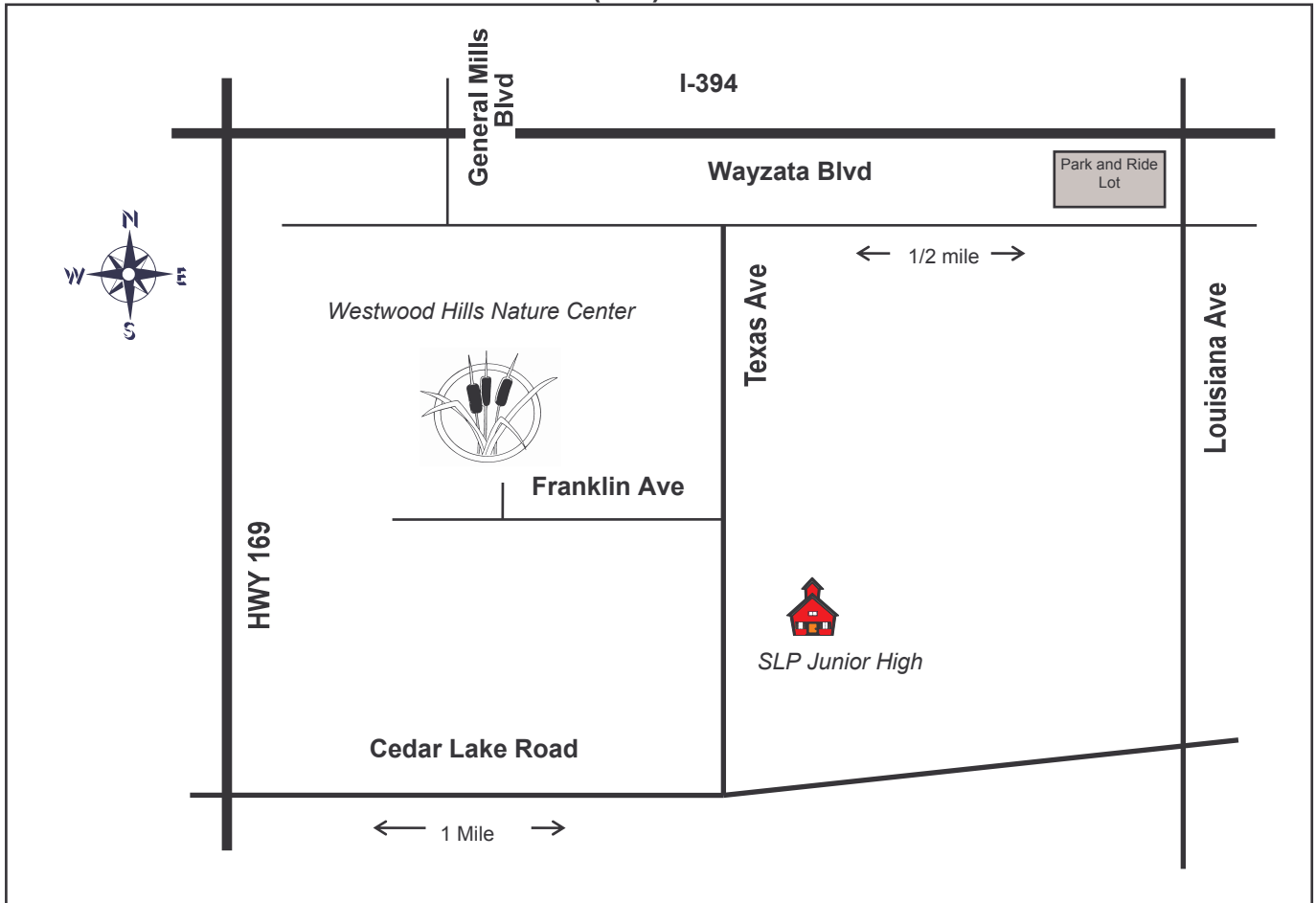


Photo of prior Children's Nest Egg, 2007 Arboretum installation by Jonee Kulman Brigham, now of Full Spring Studio, LLC



Sketch of bench portion of project where community writings will be engraved.

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From 169: Exit on Cedar Lake Road, from both directions, turn right (east) go about 1 mile to Texas Avenue (first stop light). Turn left (north) to Franklin Avenue (first stop sign). Turn left, go approx. 4 blocks to the Nature Center entrance (on your right).

From Highway 100: Take the 394 exit, going west. Exit on Louisiana Avenue (watch for this, it comes quickly). At the top of the hill, take a left, cross over bridge, turn right on Wayzata Boulevard (frontage road). Follow the frontage road approx. 1/2 mile, turn left on Texas (if you pass the Holiday station you went too far!!) Travel approx. 1/2 mile to Franklin Avenue (first stop sign). Turn right, go approx. 4 blocks to the Nature Center entrance (on your right).

From 394 West bound: See directions from 100

From 394 East bound: Exit at General Mills Boulevard. Turn left on General Mills Blvd., then turn left on Wayzata Boulevard (frontage road). Follow the frontage road approx. 1/2 mile, turn right on Texas Avenue (you will pass the Holiday station). Travel approx. 1/2 mile to Franklin Avenue (first stop sign). Turn right, go approx. 4 blocks to the Nature Center entrance (on your right).