In May, we presented the very first Day in the Woods, a festival of nature and living green. It featured a variety of hikes and green workshops, led by local experts. Including workshops on Backyard Chickens, Simple Bike Maintenance, and Seed Saving. We also led guided walks through our Labyrinth and a long hike that rambled through the seldom visited Imago preserve at the end of Enright Avenue. Look for our next one in May of 2017.

Imago Open House - October 16th, 3:00 pm
Mark your calendars for our next Imago Open House. Come and see some of the great work we are doing, take a hike with Imago Executive Director, Chris Clements, and participate in an art-making activity, led by board member and upcycling guru, Adrian Hawk. Join us and invite your friends too!

Upcoming Events
- 9/9 - Imago Amigos
- 9/17 - Music in the Woods
- 9/23 - Fall Equinox Celebration
- 10/16 - Imago Fall Open House
- 10/22 - Enhancing Human-Earth Relationships
- 10/29 - Samhain Celebration
- 11/25 - Black Friday Urban Hike
- 12/16 - Winter Solstice Celebration

Summer Camps
Children are born naturalists, with an innate enthusiasm and curiosity for the outdoors. Anyone who has witnessed the ‘magical’ pull that a mud puddle has, knows this. At Imago summer camps a child can unleash her curious spirit - exploring, hiking, playing games, discovering, making art, and celebrating with friends.

This summer, Imago offered 9 weeks of summer camps for a wide range of ages and in a variety of themes and settings. New this year was the Adventure Camp in the City. This unique twist on Adventure Camp (for pre-teens), had a very urban aspect to it. Each day campers hopped on a Metro bus and explored areas that the bus took us to. The objective was for campers to become comfortable with the public transportation system, and to discover places in the city that were adventurous and free (or almost free). Campers geocached, stomped around the river front, hiked in Sister’s Hill, went to the top of Carew Tower and so much more. By the end of the week we had visited 5 neighborhoods and 11 attractions, all accessible by bus and our own two feet. We are excited about offering it again next year along with our other Adventure Camps.

Another highlight (among many) was our second consecutive year of Artist in Nature camp, led by art teacher and former Imago camp coordinator, Emily Clyburn. Our campers explored a number of different mediums and techniques, using themes of peace and self to connect with nature in novel and creative ways. The week ended with a hilarious Puppet Circus by puppeteer and Imago friend, Jesse Mooney-Bullock, and an art opening that showcased the campers wonderful works and creativity.

Scholarships
At Imago, any camper who wants to participate, is welcome regardless of financial means. This year Imago offered a record $4,575 in camp scholarship which made it possible for 25 campers to attend camp. We are incredibly grateful to our donors and supporters that make scholarships possible.
Protecting 4 more Acres

Imago has been protecting urban greenspaces for over 25 years. By preserving natural areas, we provide our community with places to escape the stresses of urban environments, and an opportunity to bathe in the calm of nature. Our greenspace is conveniently located, a mere 3 miles from downtown Cincinnati, and in the heart of Price Hill, Cincinnati’s second most populous neighborhood. Our nature preserve is easy to get to on foot, by bus, car or bike. We need as many places as possible to take advantage of the many wellness benefits that time in nature provides. Our preserve is also a haven for our other community, the plants and animals that share our ecosystems.

Imago is currently working to protect 4 more acres to add to our nature preserve system. Once protected, Imago will improve the health of the forest by removing trash and non-native plant species. The forest areas will be replanted with native plants that help to create healthy habitats and provide for a diverse natural community. Also look for new improvements to our land as we improve some of our trails, install signs and benches and other amenities that invite more people to explore our nature preserve and commune with nature.

Keep an eye out for more news on this campaign and if inclined, consider making a donation to support it. For more questions or to make a donation contact Chris Clements at cclements@imagoearth.org

Connecting Urban Youth to Nature

Our Connecting Urban Youth to Nature program (CUYN) wrapped up another fantastic school year. CUYN programs provide regular outdoor lessons and experiences for children who don’t normally have easy access to nature. We are incredibly proud of giving urban youth the many benefits of that time in nature provides. CUYN programs collaborate with two great partner organizations to provide their students with nature programs that are at the schools, regular, educational and fun!

International Welcome Center (IWC) - Our spring program with immigrant families from IWC included 6 week sessions in the gardens and forest surrounding Roberts Paideia School (IWC’s home base). Children worked in the gardens, tasted spring fresh spring fruits and vegetables, and went for fun hikes in the woods surrounding the school. helped weed garden beds, plant herbs and explore in the woods. We are already looking forward to starting our fall session with our IWC families.

Pleasant Ridge Montessori (PRM) - Every PRM student in grades K - 3, participates in a weekly Imago CUYN program, led by our wonderful educators, Ellie Falk and Kate LaBare. After an amazing first full year, we are excited to expand our wonderful partnership with PRM this upcoming school year.

History of Imago’s Land Preservation

Saturday, September 17th
4:00—11:00 pm

• Great music from local bands
• Delicious food and beverages
• One of a kind silent auction
• Fun activities for the whole family.

Save 20% on tickets by typing in ‘imagofriend’ in the promo code box when you order tickets online.

Early, Early Bird Tickets end soon!