



# Summer Happenings at Quiet Walker Lodge

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Alive with Color  
at the Lodge



## Goats Galore



In late July, we will be implementing prescribed grazing here at the lodge. Twin Pine Farm out of Manchester, Iowa will provide 30-40 goats to help clean up the weeds in our forest reserve. One of the main culprits is the wild rose, an invasive plant that is difficult to eradicate and prevents native plants from growing.

These goats will eat the rose, buckhorn, honeysuckle, poison ivy, ragweed and thistles. The application of goats grazing in this specified area for two to three weeks will help us clean up this area in an environmentally safe way.

Goats eat seeds that pesticides and brush mowing leave behind to grow. They eat from the top down, so they get the seeds before they get knocked to the ground. Goats can get to places modern machinery and humans cannot get to.

A miniature donkey will accompany the goats. The donkey keeps predators away from the goats.

## Basket Weaving Event at the lodge



In June, thirty women came to the lodge for a basket weaving class. The event was sponsored by Premier Bank. Midwest Basket Weaving Guild supplied the teachers and materials. Each participant made a basket to take home.