

Winter Solstice Hike

Join us Tuesday, December 22, at Oxley Nature Center from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to celebrate the changing of the season!

The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year, and is followed by the day the sun begins to return to the Northern Hemisphere. Seasonal change is cause for great celebration!

Let's take a walk through the winter woods. Then we will warm up by the fire, watch the birds at the feeders and enjoy some hot chocolate.

All ages, \$3 suggested donation
Please register in advance.

Natural Babies, Natural World

Young children learn by contact with real objects, events and people. We will spend time on the trail to explore nature first hand. This will be a sensory experience!

Monday, November 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"What is Happening to the Plants and Trees?"

We will take a walk to see how fall is affecting the flowers and trees. How are they different, compared to summer? Why do the leaves and seeds fall, and what happens to them now?

Monday, December 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"The Squirrels in Winter"

We will talk about squirrels and how they and other animals and birds survive the winter. What do we do in winter that we do differently in the other seasons? We will take a walk and collect some biofacts to make a winter sensory bottle.

Full Moon Walks at Oxley Nature Center

\$3 requested donation per person, all ages welcome

** Please register in advance **

Full Beaver Moon

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Beavers are preparing for winter. Will they make themselves known tonight? Join us for nocturnal explorations of the trails.



Full Cold Moon

Saturday, December 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Change is in the air. Nights are long and dark. What will we discover under cover of darkness as we explore the trails this evening?

It is general public, fee for members. **Kid's Saturday Programs** Please register in advance. 

Discovery Club (Ages 3-5 years)

Each child accompanied by an adult please

November 19, 10:00-11:00 "Sensory Walk"
Use feelings with our senses, make it fun, making and create a new lesson.

December 17, 10:00-11:00 "Winter Soldier"
This comes and passed winter and fall days in story, make wonderful winter characters for winter!

Adventure Club (Grades 1-2nd)

With one parent

November 19 10:00-11:00 "Book-Crafting"
Let's explore the "art" of a book, like illustrate a picture out of the book to take home.

December 17, 10:00-11:00 "Winter Stories"
We collect winter's winter with (winter) food, water and other goodies. Come from now and enjoy!



Astronomy Programs



Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, "Star Watch" 6:30-11:00 p.m. The Astronomy Club of Lake and County Nature Center will co-host the special event of the John Deere Park Grounds at Mohawk Park (near shelter 4). Several telescopes will be available to view a brilliant red Mars as it lines up with Earth on the same side of the sun. **No registration is required and admission is free.** 

Wednesday, December 20, "The Kings of Saturn" 7:30-9:00 p.m. We'll look at winter constellations as we wait for Saturn to rise, bring binoculars and something to sit on. Meet at the club drive way at Lake Mohawk. **\$0 for general public, free for members, open to all ages, please register in advance.**

Full Moon Walks

Registration required \$2 for general public, free for members of all ages. 

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Beaver Moon"

The Beavers of Otsego are now actively making winter preparations. Maybe we'll see or hear them as we explore the lake under a full moon.



Friday, December 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Cold Moon"

Light will be long and clear during the month of the winter cold fighters in gear. Under the light of the full moon we'll experience the unique effects the sun has on our senses. Dress warm to come explore at Otsego!

Certified Interpretive Guide Training Workshop

When: November 30-December 3, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Where: Oxley Nature Center Instructor: Donna Horton

The National Association of Interpretation's Certified Interpretive Guide program offers a professional certification designed for anyone who delivers interpretive programs to the public. From the theoretical foundations of the profession to practical, hands-on-training, we learn how to design and present programs that help audiences make connections. Must be 16 or older.

For more information or to download a registration form:

http://www.interpnet.com/nai/nai/_certification/CIG_Workshops/CIG-2015-11-OK.aspx

Contact: DonnaHortonCIT@att.net, 918-587-0522.

Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Celebration

For Oxley Nature Center Members Only

Begin a new tradition!

We'll take an evening walk to welcome in the New Year! Following our hike, we will warm up in front of a bonfire or fireplace to share stories. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and the fixings for s'mores will be available.

Thursday, December 31, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

**Members Only! Please call and register in advance
Spaces are limited.**

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