

# Oxley Nature Center, December, 2018

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register

Oxley Nature Center and Redbud Valley Nature Preserve is closed:

Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day.

## **1 December "Saturday Morning Birding" Ages: All**

**Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m.**

**Free, Registration not required**

Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

## **3 & 17 December "Natural Babies: "Looking for Winter" Ages: 1-5 + caregiver**

**Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Registration is required Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session.**

Winter is on its way, and tells us in so many ways. Our class will take a nature walk to find evidence that winter is near. What animals will migrate and who will hibernate? Our craft will be a Winter Memory Jar to take home.

## **8 December "Junior Naturalists" Ages: 8-12 years**

**Saturday, 10:00-12:30 p.m.**

**Registration is required Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session.**

**Meet at the Fawn Grove at Oxley.**

Come join the Junior Naturalists at Oxley Nature Center for a morning of adventure and nature connection! Guided by the changing seasons and our own curiosity, we will hike, journal, tell stories, play games, craft, learn wilderness skills, and practice good park stewardship. Come to all our meetings or the one that fits your schedule.

## **15 December "Discovery Club: "Feed the Birds" Ages: Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Saturday, 10:30- noon**

**Registration is required Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session**

Let's celebrate winter birds that bring such great beauty to this cold season! We will make special treats for the birds to eat, tell a story and take a short walk.

## **17 December "Natural Babies: "Natural Babies: Animal Homes" Ages: 1-5 + caregiver**

**Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Registration is required Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session**

This is the same class held on December 3rd. Winter Solstice will be December 21<sup>st</sup>, the longest night of the year. Our class will take a nature walk to find evidence that winter is near. What animals will migrate and who will hibernate? Our craft will be a Winter Memory Jar to take home.

## **21 December "Winter Solstice Celebration" Ages: All**

**Friday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Registration is required \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members**

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 walk through winter woods and see who else may be out and about. Then we will warm up by the fire and watch birds at the feeders. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available.

**22 December “Botany Walk” Ages: All**

**Saturday, 10:30-noon**

**Free, Registration not required**

What mysteries will be revealed as we explore the winter landscape today? Join us for our botany walk at Oxley to find out!

**22 December “Drawing and Painting the Animals of Oxley” Ages: 8-12 years**

**Saturday, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Registration is required \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members**

Join us for a new monthly drawing and painting class for children with Claire Harkness. Students will learn to draw and paint the animals commonly found at Oxley. We will use both live and preserved models. Art and animal lovers are welcome!

Email: [Claire@arborvitaecards.com](mailto:Claire@arborvitaecards.com) for a supplies list.

**22 December “Full Cold Moon Walk” Ages: All**

**Monday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Registration is required \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members**

Take a break from the holiday rush and join us at Oxley to explore the varied landscape of prairie, forest and wetland. What will the night’s darkness reveal?

**31 December “New Year’s Eve Celebration” Ages: All**

**Monday, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Registration is required by December 26 \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members**

Begin a new tradition with family and friends or renew an old one. We will take an evening walk to welcome in the advent of 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.

If you have children, register to come early (at 5:00 p.m.) to make a lantern to carry on your walk. Please ask for more information when you call to RSVP if you are interested in this program.