



The Listening Post

A Seasonal Newsletter of Emily Oaks Nature Center

Late Winter 2016

Winter CHILLY Fest

February 13 & 14
4-8 p.m.

- Winter Hay Rides
- Lights & Music
- Snow & Ice Games
- Ice Carving Demonstration
- Wildlife Treats Display
- Outdoor Ice Skating
(weather permitting)
- Campfire & S'mores
- Food for Sale



- Indoor Chili Dinner**
- Reserve by February 12
\$10/person
- \$8/children under 10 years
- Reserve after February 12
\$12/person
- \$10/children under 10 years

- Event Admission**
- \$6/person
- Free with Chili Dinner



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Growing Sprouts

This early childhood program combines traditional preschool activities with outdoor discovery and exploration. A majority of your child's morning will be spent naturally learning through outdoor play. Children will use tools to conduct simple science experiments; learn about plants, animals and habitats; observe the changing seasons; and play freely in nature. Ages 3.5-5.



Monday, Wednesday, Friday
February 29-May 20
9:30-11:45 a.m.

Fee: \$615 res/\$769 non-res
Class #: 640422-03

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Whole Foods Market,
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Winter Chilly Fest
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Register for programs online
at www.SkokieParks.org.



Trips and Classes for Adults

Pre-registration is requested.
Call (847) 677-7001 for
registration information or visit
www.SkokieParks.org.

Seed Starting 101

Grow what you love to eat — from seeds! To get a head start on the growing season, we will discuss seed selection and storage, germination requirements, and how to care for your seedlings once they emerge. Some starter vegetable seeds are included.



Wednesday, Feb. 24 7-8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$16 res/\$20 non-res
Class #: 442461-01



Notebaert Nature Museum

Enjoy nature indoors at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago. Explore a recreated Midwest prairie, savanna and dune, and step into a kaleidoscope of color at the Butterfly Haven, home to 1,000 butterflies. Fee includes van transportation and museum admission.

Sunday, Feb. 28 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$24 res/\$30 non-res
Class #: 444151-01



Composting with Worms

Get the compost you have always wanted without the backbreaking work. Put red wigglers to work on recycling your food waste. Check out the Nature Center's worm bin and make your own bin to take home. Fee includes bin and starter worms.

Thursday, March 3 7-8 p.m.
Fee: \$15 res/\$19 non-res
Class #: 442352-02



Winter Ramble & Lunch

We'll begin with a three-mile walk at Cuba Marsh in Barrington, then head to Countyline Tavern for brunch. A short hike at Heron Creek Forest Preserve concludes the ramble. Van transportation and brunch included.

Sunday, March 20 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fee: \$47 res/\$59 non-res
Class #: 441853-02



Dogs Gone Green

Explore earth-friendly ways to care for your pooch while reviewing alternatives for bedding, hygiene, toys, treats and food, as well as waste solutions. A resource packet and samples are provided.

Tuesday, March 22 7-8:15 p.m.
Fee: \$12 res/\$15 non-res
Class #: 443759-01



Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Trip

Experience canoeing and camping in the wilderness of northern Minnesota. We'll set up tents in primitive campsites, cook meals over a camp stove, and portage gear around waterfalls and rapids. Camping/canoeing gear and food are provided. Lodging before and after the canoe trip, as well as transportation by van, are included. Deposit of \$100 required before July 1.

Sun.-Sat., Aug. 14-20 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Fee: \$599 Class #: 641753-01

Activities for Kids and Families

Basic Map & Compass Skills

Learn the fundamentals of navigating with a map and compass. Topics include topographic symbols and contours, taking bearings, and managing obstacles in your route. Provided by L.L.Bean. **Ages 10 to adult.**

Wednesday, Feb. 17 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Class #: 442981-01



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop off your stuffed animal on Friday, 2/26, then return on Saturday for a winter hike, story and snack to see what your stuffed animal was up to while you were away! Ages 3-8; parents are invited to stay.

Saturday, Feb. 27 10-11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$4 res/\$6 non-res
(per child)
Class #: 442133-01



Introduction to Backpacking

This L.L.Bean clinic introduces would-be backpackers to the basics of trail hiking and camping, including equipment, tips for proper packing, conditioning for your trip, and backpacking safety. **Ages 10 to adult.**

Wednesday, March 2 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Class #: 441881-01



Winter Camp-In for Kids

After nighttime explorations and a campfire, we'll roll out our sleeping bags in tents pitched in the cozy Program Room. Saturday snacks and breakfast on Sunday are provided. A supply list will be emailed. Ages 8-10.

Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6
6 p.m.-10 a.m.
Fee: \$35 res/\$44 non-res
Class #: 441931-01



Natural Egg Dyeing



Using berries, leaves and spices to make dyes, you'll color your eggs and create unique designs. While the dye sets, we'll hike outside and share a story. Bring up to 12 hardboiled eggs to class. Ages 6-10.

Sunday, March 20 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$12 res/\$15 non-res
Class #: 143033-02

Spring Break Programs



Spend your days learning about animals, trying outdoor skills, making crafts, reading nature storybooks, hiking the trails, and more! For grades PreK-K / 1-2 / 3-5.

Monday-Thursday, March 28-31
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fee: \$140 res/\$175 non-res
Class #: 440931-01, 440831-01,
440231-01