



Programs & Events Winter 2019



EDDY DISCOVERY CENTER at WATERLOO

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

All Waterloo Natural History Association sponsored indoor programs are \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family with State Recreation Passport. WNHA members are admitted free.

Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe. Friday, January 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. Embrace your Pure Michigan Winter with a healthy, lantern lit activity. One half mile loop lit for skiers, unless snow levels prevent skiing, and one half mile loop lit for walking and snowshoeing. There will also be a fire ring for warm up, in between laps. A few pairs of snowshoes available to borrow. Cost: Free.

Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe. Friday, January 18, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. Embrace your Pure Michigan Winter with a healthy, lantern lit activity. One half mile loop lit for skiers, unless snow levels prevent skiing, and one half mile loop lit for walking and snowshoeing. There will also be a fire ring for warm up, in between laps. A few pairs of snowshoes available to borrow. Cost: Free.

Wildlife of the Americas. Sunday, January 20, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Get acquainted with a variety of live animals from North, Central, and South America and discover fascinating details about their lives in the wild. Randy Baker from Naturalist Endeavors will discuss how humans have impacted these animals and the importance of maintaining healthy habitats for them. Please register in advance at 734-475-3170.

Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe. Friday, January 25, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. Embrace your Pure Michigan Winter with a healthy, lantern lit activity. One half mile loop lit for skiers, unless snow levels prevent skiing, and one half mile loop lit for walking and snowshoeing. There will also be a fire ring for warm up, in between laps. A few pairs of snowshoes available to borrow. Cost: Free.

Winter Orienteering. Sunday, January 27, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring the family and challenge yourselves to an afternoon adventure in the forest. Winter is a great time of year for learning how to use a compass to find your way in the woods. Following the program there will be an optional longer hike to test your new skills. Suitable for all ages and skill levels. Compasses will be provided or bring your own. This program has limited space, so you MUST register in advance at 734-475-3170. Limited to 35 participants.

Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe. Friday, February 1, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. Embrace your Pure Michigan Winter with a healthy, lantern lit activity. One half mile loop lit for skiers, unless snow levels prevent skiing, and one half mile loop lit for walking and snowshoeing. There will also be a fire ring for warm up, in between laps. A few pairs of snowshoes available to borrow. Cost: Free.

Over and Under the Snow Hike. Saturday, February 2, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. So many animals survive Michigan winters by hiding under an insulating layer of snow. Find out where these adaptable critters stay warm and take a hike with a naturalist to find their hidden homes. Cost: Free.

Gerald Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118.

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What's for Lunch? Sunday, February 10, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. It's eat or be eaten in the Wild Kingdom! Lansing's Potter Park Zoo will bring live animals to show some of the amazing strategies they have for catching food and how they avoid becoming dinner themselves. Learn about camouflage, stalking techniques, and more. Please register in advance at 734-475-3170.

Great Backyard Bird Count: A Citizen Science Project. Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help us count birds around the Visitor Center and we will submit the data to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Audubon Society in a worldwide count of the earth's avian species. Currently over 180,000 checklists have been turned amassing a tally of 28 million birds and 6,455 species. Join scientists in this massive collection of data. Cost: Free.

Notes from the Underground: Our Living Soils. Sunday, February 17 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. You may not realize as you walk in a forest that the soil beneath your feet is alive and evolving. Forest ecologist Robert Ayotte will discuss the formation of our soils since the last Ice Age and how they have generated entire forest ecosystems. Learn about the different types of soil in our local forests and how they are threatened by invasive species and climate change. Dress for the weather, as we will take a walk to see examples at the end of the program. Please register in advance at 734-475-3170.

Secrets of Survival. Sunday, March 3, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for this entertaining and informative program where you will meet some fascinating live animals brought by Paul McCormack. Get a close-up look at these animals as you learn about the special adaptations they have to help them find food, water, and shelter. Please register in advance at 734-475-3170.

Old-Time Maple Syrup Festival. Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's time for that traditional rite of spring – tapping maple trees. Watch a short film about how maple syrup is made, and then go on a guided walk to see various methods of collecting sap and how it is boiled down to make syrup. Antique equipment for making syrup will be on display from the Waterloo Farm Museum, and maple products will be available for purchase. Contact the Center at (734) 475-3170 for more information. Free admission.

Animal Magic. Sunday, March 24, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The popular animal rescuer and magician, Mark Rosenthal, will entertain, educate and astound you with his combination of live animals and magic. View some of the exotic animals he cares for in his sanctuary, and learn how they survive in their native lands around the world. Advance registration is requested at 734-475-3170.

Critters in the Garden. Sunday, March 31, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. If your flowers or vegetables are being eaten by critters, this program is for you! DNR wildlife educator Holly Vaughn will highlight some of the animals that are commonly considered to be pests or nuisances and share what you can do keep them out of your yard or garden. Advance registration is requested at 734-475-3170.

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