

Outdoor Adventure Center

January – April 2020

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Hours of Operation

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission Fees

Adults (age 13 - 61): \$5
Seniors (age 62 and older): \$3
Children (ages 2 - 12): \$3
Children under age 2: Free
Annual family membership: \$50

CONVENIENT ONLINE Registration

We have recently launched a new registration system to facilitate registration for programs, reservations for birthday parties, booking a scout badge workshop, or purchasing a family membership. By clicking on this link: <https://secure.rec1.com/MI/michigan-dnr/catalog>, you will find all options that are available for online registration. In order to register, you will need to create an account using your email address and a password. This will allow you to securely check out once you register. You will also be able to view past registrations and activities. If you have any questions about this site, please email DNR-OAC@michigan.gov.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES at the OAC!

ONLINE RESERVATION REQUESTS ARE ACCEPTED THROUGH OUR REGISTRATION SYSTEM AT <https://secure.rec1.com/MI/michigan-dnr/catalog>.

Click on the Birthday Reservation Request tab to access the calendar. Once the reservation request is submitted, it will either be approved or denied by OAC staff within five to seven business days. Once approved, you will receive an email confirmation.

A family account will need to be created online if you don't have one already. Family memberships should already be in the database. We advise using a computer rather than a mobile device to view all options. For more information, please email DNR-OAC@michigan.gov.

MARCH 25 – 26, 2020, we will be closed for departmental training.

Annual Family Membership

An annual membership can be purchased for \$50 for up to five members of the same household. For an additional \$25, you can bring up to two guests any time you visit the OAC. Family memberships can be purchased online by clicking on the OAC Membership tab at <https://secure.rec1.com/MI/michigan-dnr/catalog>.

Benefits of membership include:

- Free admission for one year from the date of purchase.
- \$30 discount on Lodge birthday packages.
- Exclusive, early admission to select special events.
- First glance (before the general public) at all newsletters.
- Members-only adventure packs (for use during your visit).
- Special pricing or early registration for select events.
- Early seating for popular programs.

Current member program benefits:

January 12

Michigan Mammals with Howell Nature Center

– Early seating at 1:40 p.m.

February 22

Walking Down a Food Chain with Leslie Science and Nature Center

– Early seating at 1:40 p.m.

March 7

Michigan Birds of Prey with Michigan Avian Experiences

– Early seating at 1:40 p.m.

April 26

Down on the Farm in Downtown Detroit with Upland Hills Farms

– Early admission at 11:30 a.m.

Membership only adventure backpacks:

Adventure packs are available for loan to OAC Family Membership holders for a one-day use. Each pack will be filled with supplies to help guide you in your own outdoor experience, from birding to animal track identification and more ... there is an adventure pack for all interests! Check in with our front desk staff to learn more or to check one out during your next visit.

FEATURED INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS

Drop-in Info

These exhibits are included in the price of admission and will be located either in our classrooms (Discovery Lab 204 or 205) or at one or more tables in the general exhibit area. Each will have a specific focus topic, and may include educational hands-on activities and exploration, a game and/or a craft led by one or more of our education staff.

These are intended as “drop-in” activities that will be available throughout the duration of the program while materials last. No registration is required to participate, just drop in!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MEET Aubrianna Jackson-Butler

Ms. Jackson-Butler is in her first year as an official OAC team member. But she has provided guests services in our building since the summer of 2018, as part of the Youth Connection student employment program. She loved her summer student experience so much – she joined our team this fall.

Aubrianna is from Harper Woods and has two siblings. She is part of the 2018 class of Harper Woods High School and graduated with significant college credits along with her high school diploma. She was vice president of her class.

This hard-working young woman now attends Wayne State University, as an upcoming junior. She is planning to receive a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Business Administration.

Aubrianna's favorite outdoor activities are swimming and kayaking - but mainly swimming. She enjoys both activities because they are very relaxing, stress free, and fun.

Since working at the OAC, she has discovered an increased interest and knowledge of nature. Before working at the OAC, she says she never paid much attention to Michigan's natural resources. But now she values them and the hard work that the DNR staff put in to keep our state parks and recreation areas safe and maintained.

When asked about her favorite memory at the OAC, Aubrianna says, "My favorite memory at the OAC is seeing new faces and seeing the smiles on guest faces when seeing different exhibits in our facility. Also communicating with guests who are from different states and are enjoying their time with us."

Aubrianna Jackson-Butler always has a smile on her face- which keeps all of us smiling with her. It has been an honor to watch her grow from a shy high school summer worker, to the confident and accomplished college student she is today. She is, at every stage, a warm and friendly face for our guests and a hardworking and dependable co-worker. We can't wait to see what is next for this dynamic young person.

WE LOVE Our Guests

At the Michigan DNR Outdoor Adventure Center, we "Inspire, Educate and Connect" our guests to Michigan's natural, historical and cultural resources. We love hearing all the great places our visitors come from. We hope that your family and friends will come and join the fun!

In the last few months we have hosted visitors from throughout the metro Detroit area and folks from:

Tampa, Florida
Vancouver, Canada
New Orleans, Louisiana
Sandusky, Ohio
Algonac, Michigan
Jackson, Michigan
Chicago, Illinois
Colorado, Minnesota
Minden, Nevada
Charlotte, Michigan
Vinton, Iowa
Mukilteo, Washington
Viera, Florida
Alberta, Canada
Zeeland, Michigan
Windsor, Canada

Flint, Michigan
Solon, Ohio
Rocky Mountain, North Carolina
Wenatchee, Washington

WHAT'S NEW at the OAC

Each September we close for annual maintenance and improvements. We are proud of the new exhibits and enhancements we were able to accomplish in 2019.

BEE AND POLLINATOR EXHIBIT

Our guests can now see inside our on-site beehives! Solar powered cameras transmit live video showing the outside and inside of our hives. A brand-new exhibit offers great insight to these important pollinators. We are also offering school groups a chance to visit the hives (seasonally offered) This exhibit was made possible by the following sponsors:

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HOW MUCH DOES A BEAR EAT?

This exhibit was put on hiatus in 2016 and is now new and improved. Run your hand up the side of the tube to find out how much food a Michigan black bear needs to eat before hibernation. Compare your handprint to a paw print and learn more about the only bear that resides in Michigan.

Michigan's WILDERNESS Discovery

Our waterfall area is rich in wildlife. Our game is a great way to test your knowledge and send an email to yourself – showing all that you learned. We wanted to engage more of our friends and the new version of this game is not only in English but also in Spanish, Arabic, and Mandarin. With two tablets available – you can challenge a friend or play on your own.

MEETING/EVENT Space

WELCOME BACK!

We say this a lot, as we have so many companies that hold their events and meetings at the Outdoor Adventure Center annually. DTE Energy, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, General Motors, Invest Detroit and Wayne State University are just a few of our many returning clients.

We also have social groups that return to the OAC for their events: Teen Hype, Detroit Downtown Runners & Walkers, The Well, Ruffed Grouse Society, Michigan Recreation & Parks Association, etc.

We believe that your event should be worry-free. When you walk into your meeting space, it will be set to your specification. Your event planner will be onsite and accessible from the beginning to end.

Our rental spaces come with complimentary audio-visual, which includes LCD projectors, screens, podiums, microphones and stages. We also have parking next to our center.

Contact the OAC's promotional agent Jackie Hoskins at 1-844-622-6367 or email DNR-OAC@michigan.gov for more details.

YOU SHOULD VISIT... Cheboygan State Park

Cheboygan State Park is open year-round for a variety of activities. Elliot Creek flows through the park and is known for its trout. The shallow, clear water at the beach is ideal for children to enjoy splashing around. One of the main focal points of the park is the site of the Cheboygan Point Light.

Visitors will find the foundation remains of this once-operating lighthouse.

In 1851, the Cheboygan Point Light was originally built on a pier in Lake Huron, but due to rough water and winter ice, it only lasted a few years. In 1859, it was rebuilt on the shore and was in operation until 1930 by the United States Lighthouse Service. It was at this time that the lighthouse and surrounding properties were transferred to the State of Michigan for public park use.

Cheboygan State Park lies along the Huron Shores Heritage Route, featuring 200 miles of spectacular scenic views of Lake Huron on US-23.

Cheboygan State Park has a system of well-marked trails that provide access to scenic Lake Huron vistas and glimpses of rare wildflowers. Visitors have their choice of lodging, with modern camping, rustic cabins, tepees and a fully furnished modern lodge. A carry-in boat launch is located on Duncan Bay and fishing is available both on the bay and on Elliot Creek.

Take I-75 to exit 326, go east straight through the town of Cheboygan to US-23, continue 3 miles east of town to the park entrance on the north side of the road.

ATTENTION Scouts

Each Saturday afternoon we will be offering alternating Girl Scout and Cub Scout badge workshops. These offerings are designed to accommodate individual scouts and small groups (14 or fewer) that are not eligible for our Scout Badge Workshop group reservations.

FEE: \$10 per scout (\$15 for Cadettes: Archery)

Regular admission fees apply to all accompanying guest (parents, leaders, siblings).

- Pre-registration is required for each offering. Only the scout is required to register in advance. Fee includes admission to the OAC and an OAC patch for scout brag vests.
- Individual scouts and small scout groups must have adult supervision during the workshop and while visiting the OAC.
- Unfortunately, siblings and other observers cannot be accommodated during the workshop but are welcome to visit the OAC with adult supervision; regular admission fees apply upon entry to the building.

IF YOUR TROOP OR DEN CONSISTS OF 15 OR MORE SCOUTS, please register online for a Scout Badge Workshop. Click on the Scout Badge Request Tab to access the calendar. Once the reservation request is submitted, it will be either approved or denied by OAC staff within 5-7 business days. Once approved, you will receive an email confirmation.

GIRL SCOUT OFFERINGS:

Class Date: Class Time: Badge Offered:

Saturday, Jan. 4 3:00-3:45 p.m. Cadettes: Trees

Saturday, Jan. 18 3:00-4:00 p.m. Daisies: Clover Petal

Saturday, Feb. 8 3:00-4:30 p.m. Cadettes: Archery

Saturday, Feb. 29 3:00-4:30 p.m. Brownies: Senses

Saturday, Mar. 21 3:00-3:45 p.m. Daisies: Rosie Petal

Saturday, Apr. 11 3:00-4:00 p.m. Brownies: Hiker
Saturday, Apr. 25 3:00-4:00 p.m. Juniors: Animal Habitat
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
REGISTER FOR GIRL SCOUT BADGE WORKSHOPS.

CUB SCOUT OFFERINGS:

Class Date: Class Time: Badge Offered:
Saturday, Jan. 11 3:00-3:45 p.m. Bears: Bear Necessities
Saturday, Jan. 25 3:00-3:45 p.m. Wolves: Call of the Wild
Saturday, Feb. 22 3:00-4:00 p.m. Webelos: Outdoorsman
Saturday, Mar. 7 3:00-4:30 p.m. Tigers: Earth Rocks
Saturday, Apr. 4 3:00-3:45 p.m. Bears: Furs, Feathers & Ferns
Saturday, Apr. 18 3:00-3:45 p.m. Wolves: Paws on the Path
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
REGISTER FOR CUB SCOUT BADGE WORKSHOPS.

SUMMER EXPERIENCES for Day Camp Groups

Attention summer camp leaders! Reserve your spot today! These will sell out quickly.

Add value to your summer day camp field trip by selecting a Summer Experience to your visit (extra charges apply). Learn and play with hands-on, outdoor fun! Please indicate your program selection on your field trip application form. The following programs are offered from June through August only. To be eligible for a Summer Outdoor Program, groups must pre-register and have a minimum of 20 visitors (including chaperones); programs must have a minimum of 15 students.

Each program will take place at either the Dequindre Cut, the Outdoor Adventure Center lawn and/or at Milliken State Park – which is just across the street.

Each includes hands-on exploration and/or activities related to nearby resources and recreation opportunities. These programs would be ideal for groups such as visiting summer day camps.

Program options are:

- Nature's Colors and Shapes, ages 3-6
- Animal Essentials, ages 3-6
- Michigan Predator-Prey, age 6+
- Insect Investigations, age 6+
- Camping 101, age 6+
- Fantastic Fish! age 6+
- Let's Go Fishing! age 8+
- Wetland Wonders, age 8+
- Compass Skills, age 8+
- Birding the Riverfront, age 8+
- Nature Journaling, age 10+

ARCHERY at the OAC

WELCOME TO THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER'S Archery range!

We have a variety of archery experiences you can choose from, ranging in price from a free "introduction" to a more in-depth, four-week class. To enhance your target practice, we offer standard National Archery in the Schools Program targets, 3D animal targets, paper targets and much more! Archers will have the opportunity to practice shooting distances of both 10 meters and 15 meters, in the advanced programs.

For all archery programs:

- Participants must be 8 years of age or older.
- Closed toed shoes are required on the range.
- A signed waiver for all participants must be on file before accessing the range.
- Children under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- All equipment is provided. We recommend participants use provided equipment.

For paid archery programs (excludes try it programs):

- Outside equipment with a draw weight over 30 pounds is prohibited.
- Outside equipment (bows) must pass our safety test. If you are bringing your own bow, please arrive early for inspection. You may not bring your own equipment to Try It! archery programs.
- Crossbows and broadhead arrows are prohibited. Only target grade arrows are permitted.
- The OAC does not secure outside equipment. Equipment must be stored outside of the building by participants who wish to visit the exhibit area after an archery program.
- The OAC does not provide assembly or maintenance support for outside equipment.

TRY-IT!

This is your opportunity to give archery a try. This 30-minute program is designed as a brief introduction to archery. Participants will learn to safely handle a bow and shoot several arrows.

Participants must be 8 years of age or older. All equipment is provided. Pre-registration is not available for this program. Limited to 12 participants per half-hour session. Participants must sign up onsite at the Outdoor Adventure Center on the day the program is offered. Sign-up will begin at noon and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

Class Dates and Times:

- Sunday, January 5: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, January 19: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, February 2: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, February 16: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, March 1: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, March 15: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, April 5: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19: 12:15-12:45 p.m., 12:45-1:15 p.m.

EXPLORE IT!

This is your chance to explore archery. This one-hour program will give participants the opportunity to learn how to safely handle a bow, learn proper stance, and shoot several arrows. Browse our Explore It program selections to find the program that best suits your interests! Participants must be 8 years of age or older. All equipment is provided. Limited to 18 participants.

FEE: \$12.

EXPLORE IT: 3D TARGET

Grow your love for archery in this fun, skill-building program. Participants will have the opportunity to practice their shot on various 3D animal targets. This program is perfect for practicing hunters or anyone who just wants to try something different .

Class Date and Time:

Sun., Jan. 12, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR EXPLORE IT: 3D TARGET](#)

EXPLORE IT: SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Grow your love for archery in this fun, skill-building program. Participants could have the opportunity to practice their shot with various target faces and activities. Skill development activities will be provided at instructor's discretion.

Class Date and Time:

Sun., Jan. 26, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR EXPLORE IT: SKILL DEVELOPMENT](#)

EXPLORE IT: MARCH-ERY MADNESS

This month's Explore It program will be run tournament-style in honor of March-ery Madness. Learn a bit about the rules and regulations of competitive archery, and how to keep score.

Class Date and Time:

Sun., March 8, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR EXPLORE IT: MARCH-ERY MADNESS](#)

ARCHERY 101

This four-week program will offer a more in-depth archery experience in a safe and fun environment. Each week students will focus on a different part of the shot process with fun drills and games to help you learn the sport of archery! The program will cover the steps of shooting, basic scorekeeping, and will provide plenty of shooting opportunities for students to refine their skills. Participants must be 8 years of age or older. All equipment is provided. Limited to 18 participants.

FEE: \$60 (Includes four consecutive Sundays)

Class Dates and Times:

Sunday, January 12 – Sunday, February 2, 1:45-3:00 p.m. (Four consecutive dates)

Sunday, March 1 – Sunday, March 22, 1:45-3:00 p.m. (Four consecutive dates)

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR ARCHERY 101.](#)

GRADUATE SHOOT

Graduate open shoot is available to students who have taken any paid archery program at the OAC (this excludes Try It programs). Sessions will allow returning students the opportunity to practice their skills without having to go through the instructional portion of a class. Archery games may be available to archers upon request. All equipment is provided. Limited to 12 participants.

FEE: \$12

Class Dates and Times:

Sunday, January 5, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 9, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 22, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 19, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR GRADUATE SHOOT.](#)

FEATURED INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT

Fuzzy Furry Winter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Join us to learn about some of Michigan's furry winter animals. Learn about traits that these animals have to help them in Michigan winters.

World Wetlands Day

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Did you know that the area around the Outdoor Adventure Center was wetland habitat years ago? Learn about the importance of wetlands and discover some wildlife you are likely to see if you visit a wetland in southeast Michigan! We'll also give you some recommendations of our favorite wetlands to visit this spring.

Groundhog Day

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Can you predict the weather? Cast your vote for early spring or six more weeks of winter here at the OAC! Create Groundhog's Day crafts and learn a bit about the history of Punxsutawney Phil. Take your picture with our groundhog puppet for a great memory of this fun day.

Michigan's Misunderstood Mammal: The Opossum

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Discover what makes this animal so unique, and dare we say ... cute? Leave with a newfound appreciation for North America's only marsupial, and a craft to take home!

Michigan Rocks and Fossils!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

After exploring Trilobites with Paleo Joe, stop in our classroom for an up-close look at the fascinating geology of Michigan, from mineral mining in the UP to the shallow seas of the Michigan Basin. Observe some Michigan rock and mineral specimens, practice your mineral ID skills, and make a stamp or cast of a fossil to take home with you.

*Visit The More You Know section of the newsletter for more information on Paleo Joe's programs, Trilobite Treasures.

The Eastern Cottontail: The Animal Behind the Easter Bunny

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We are all familiar with these furry friends that inhabit our neighborhoods and backyards, but have you ever wanted to know more about them? We will discover the ways of Eastern Cottontails and what they have to do with Easter. Guests will have the opportunity to make a craft.

Historic Mackinac on Exhibit

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mackinac State Historic Parks interpreters will have some great information and materials on display just a few hours before they present the first of two fun and interactive historic programs planned this weekend!

*Visit The More You Know section of the newsletter for more information about the scheduled interactive Historic Mackinac programs.

Arbor Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Learn how to identify some trees native to Michigan, get some tips on where to buy native tree species for planting, and learn about some of the ways wildlife benefit from the trees in our neighborhoods.

GET OUTSIDE

Great Backyard Bird Count

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a citizen science project managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It allows the general public worldwide to gather and contribute data about their local birds that will assist scientists and natural resource managers in their research and management of these bird species. Join us for a hike along the riverfront and Milliken State Park to help count and identify our local birds and send our findings to this great citizen science project. All skill levels are welcome – this is a great program for anyone looking for an introduction to birding. A small number of binoculars will be available for loan.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time.

We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Ring-necked pheasant: A Game Bird in the City](#)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Join OAC staff, Detroit Audubon, and Pheasants Forever for a morning hike to look and listen for our resident ring-necked pheasants around the OAC and Riverfront. We'll discuss the history of this beautiful game bird and why it has found a home here in Detroit. A limited number of binoculars will be available for loan.

Meet at the OAC front doors at 8:30 a.m.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Ring-Necked Pheasant: A Game Bird in the City.](#)

[Nature Journaling Try-It](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

What do you see when you look outside? In this hands-on workshop we'll explore different methods of recording our observations. Nature journals are a valuable tool. They provide space for a naturalist to write their thoughts and develop a deeper relationship with nature. Our staff will provide the materials to make your very own nature journal, and guide you through writing and drawing prompts.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time.

We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Wonderful Winter Outdoor Activity](#)

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 29

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Join us outside at the OAC for a fun winter activity. From ice fishing and snowshoeing to snow Pictionary and sledding, these are all activities that can be enjoyed right outside our front door, and across the state. Our activities will be weather and condition-dependent. Check the OAC Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. Throw your winter gear in the car, just in case!

FEE: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Earth Day Extravaganza

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering with the OAC as we lead an Adopt-a-Beach cleanup event along the Detroit River in Milliken State Park. Volunteers will not only prevent trash from entering the Great Lakes but will participate in a citizen science data collection effort to categorize the type of litter collected. Our data will be shared with beach managers and scientists so we can develop solutions to pollution problems. Participants will earn a commemorative OAC Service patch and admission to the building upon completion.

FEE: This is a free outdoor event.

GROWN-UP GATHERINGS

Girl's Night Outdoors: Archery

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us at the Outdoor Adventure Center with your girlfriends for a night of archery and fun. For half of the evening, participants will enjoy an introductory archery class. The rest of the evening will be spent enjoying a supreme hot cocoa bar and snacks. We will also have a fun activity to guide your exploration of the OAC.

FEE: \$20

[PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. REGISTER FOR GNO: ARCHERY](#)

This event is subject to cancellation if minimum attendance is not met.

Friend Friday: Archery

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us at the Outdoor Adventure Center with your friends for a night of archery and fun. For half of the evening, participants will enjoy an introductory archery class. We will also have a fun activity to guide your exploration of the OAC.

FEE: \$20

Preregistration required. [Register for Friend Friday: Archery.](#)

This event is subject to cancellation if minimum attendance is not met.

Friend Friday: Recycled Wine Bottle Hummingbird Feeder

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Put your empty wine bottles to use! Enjoy a short program on hummingbirds and how you can attract these beautiful creatures to our home – whether you have huge backyard or just a city balcony. Then, we'll provide instruction and

materials to convert your empty wine bottle to a crafty, decorative hummingbird feeder. You bring the empty wine bottle, we'll provide drinks and snacks.

FEE: \$15 per person. Must be 18 or older with picture ID.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Recycled Wine Bottle Hummingbird Feeders.](#)

JUST FOR FUN

Celebrating MLK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observed, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?" Join us for a volunteer opportunity where we will assemble Makerspace boxes that will be donated to a local organization. We will also enjoy sharing thoughts and ideas, as we remember Dr. King's legacy and sharing with others the gift of friendship and peace. If you are a group interested in volunteering in this effort, please email us at DNR-OAC@michigan.gov.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

Happy Birthday, Michigan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

It's Michigan's 183rd birthday! Come celebrate at the Outdoor Adventure Center. Stop by our featured Michigan exhibit table to learn a little about our great state, observe our state symbols up close, and grab a tasty birthday treat!

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

Family Game Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Winter blues giving you cabin fever? Well, get out of the house and come to the Outdoor Adventure Center for some fun indoor family games! Lots of fun activities will be available for every age.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

313 Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

March 13 (3-13) is the official day to celebrate the wonderful city of Detroit. Join us today to learn about the rich history of our city and experience the love and pride our fellow residents have for Detroit. Some well-known Detroit organizations will be visiting the OAC, and we will have a locally made treat, so you won't want to miss this event!

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Homeschool Jamboree

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 PM

Bring your young scholars to the Outdoor Adventure Center to explore different topics set up at a variety of education stations on this day. This event is specifically for homeschool parents and their children who are looking for a fun, educational experience.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Homeschool Jamboree.](#)

Michigan Farm to Table

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Did you know that there are more than 50,000 farms in Michigan? Or that Michigan farmers produce more than 300 agricultural products? Join us today to celebrate the rich agricultural heritage of our state! The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Keep Growing Detroit and other Michigan farm associations will be on site to share information and resources about Michigan farms, agricultural products, nutrition, and careers in agriculture. Also, be sure to stop by our petting farm today, brought by Upland Hills Farm to get up close and personal with some familiar farm animals.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

Overnight Family Campout

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 7:00 PM - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 9:00 AM

Join us for the INDOOR campout at the Outdoor Adventure Center! Learn how to pitch a tent, build a campfire, and roast marshmallows. We provide everything for an evening of fun: games and activities for the entire family – s'mores, bottled water, and a pancake breakfast. Children of all ages are welcome with adult supervision. Each site can accommodate up to six people with an eight-person tent.

Please email us with your tent dimensions if you have an oversized tent. Don't forget to pack a sleeping bag, air mattress and pillow! A limited number of loaner tents are available (be sure to register separately for a loaner tent). Quiet time begins at 11 p.m. No drugs or alcohol allowed at this event. Utility carts will be available for unloading and transporting equipment to our second-floor campsites.

If you require assistance with setting up your tent, you must arrive by 7:30 p.m.

FEE: included with the price of admission.

Preregistration required.

This event will sell out.

[Register for Overnight Family Campout.](#)

Annual Lumberjack 5k & .5k Pancake Fun Run

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

8:00 AM Check in/onsite registration/entry into costume contest

8:30 AM .5K Fun Run begins

8:50 AM 5K Run begins

9:00 AM Pancake breakfast begins

10:00 AM Costume contest winners announced

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, and maple syrup enthusiasts alike! We invite you to join us as we run with the maple sap of our Michigan maple trees. After the run, guests will have the opportunity to dive into a pile of pancakes covered in pure Michigan maple syrup and show off their unique lumberjack style in our best-dressed competition! A "major award" will be given to the top-dressed lumberjacks – be sure to dress to impress with all your flannel and lumberjack swag.

Race fee includes:

- A flat, fast there and back course along the Dequindre Cut
- Custom medal to first 100 online registrants
- Custom buff
- Pancake breakfast
- Admission to the Outdoor Adventure Center on race day

FEE: \$20 per runner. General admission rates apply for supporters, plus \$3 for pancake breakfast.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR SUPPORTERS.

[REGISTER AS A RUNNER](#)

[REGISTER AS A SUPPORTER](#)

OAC Lumberjack Day

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Grab your favorite flannel and join the Michigan DNR Forest Resources Division and the U.S. Forest Service. We will be celebrating all things related to the forests of Michigan – maple syrup treats, two-man saw competition, products of the forest, chainsaw artists in action and more!

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

JUST FOR KIDS

Cub Club: Evergreens for Everyone

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A special set of opportunities for our youngest guests. Children ages 3-6 will enjoy a story time, arts and crafts, and hands-on nature experiences. This session will focus on Michigan's evergreen trees that keep their leaves all winter! Who uses these trees during our coldest season?

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR CUB CLUB: EVERGREENS FOR EVERYONE.](#)

Young Explorers: Wetlands in Winter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Calling all kids ages 7-10 who want to get outdoors and explore our local nature and wildlife! For each monthly program, we will add entries to a nature journal, which participants can make here and bring back each time. This January we'll visit our wetland area at Milliken State Park to discover how our local wetland plants and wildlife spend the winter. Dress for the weather. We recommend joining the fun at the start time.

We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS: WETLANDS IN WINTER.](#)

Cub Club: Burrowing Buddies

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A special set of opportunities for our youngest guests. Children ages 3-6 will enjoy a story time, arts and crafts, and hands-on nature experiences. This session will focus on animals that burrow to stay warm during the winter.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR CUB CLUB: BURROWING BUDDIES.](#)

Young Explorers: Detroit River Fish and Introduction to Ice Fishing

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Calling all kids, ages 7-10, who want to get outdoors and explore our local nature and wildlife! For each bi-monthly program, we will add entries to a nature journal, which participants can make here and bring back each time. February's

program will focus on local fish species, and an opportunity to try some ice fishing at Milliken State Park, dependent on ice conditions.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

Dress appropriately with winter boots and outerwear. All participants even those not actively fishing need proper outerwear.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS: DETROIT RIVER FISH AND INTRODUCTION TO ICE FISHING](#)

Cub Club: Owls!

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A special set of opportunities for our youngest guests. Children ages 3-6 will enjoy a story time, arts and crafts, and hands-on nature experiences. This session will focus on Michigan's different owls.

*This special program will feature live owls from our friends at Michigan Avian Experience. Preregistration is required, and there is a maximum for this program.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR CUB CLUB: OWLS](#)

Young Explorers: Intro to Orienteering

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Calling all kids ages 7-10 who want to get outdoors and explore our local nature and wildlife! For each monthly program, we will add entries to a nature journal, which participants can make here and bring back each time. This month we'll focus on an essential outdoor skill - using a map and compass to find your way. Dress for the weather.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS: INTRO TO ORIENTEERING](#)

Cub Club: Birds and their Eggs

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

A special set of opportunities for our youngest guests. Children ages 3-6 will enjoy a story time, arts and crafts, and hands-on nature experiences. This session will focus on our local birds, the nests they build, and the eggs they lay in them in the springtime!

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR CUB CLUB: BIRDS AND THEIR EGGS](#)

Young Explorers: Signs of Spring

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Calling all kids ages 7-10 who want to get outdoors and explore our local nature and wildlife! For each monthly program, we will add entries to a nature journal, which participants can make here and bring back each time. This month we'll focus on the seasonal changes that let us know spring is on the way.

Dress for the weather.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS: SIGNS OF SPRING](#)

LIVE ANIMALS

Michigan Mammals with Howell Nature Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join Howell Nature Center for a fun and educational program about some magnificent wildlife ... Michigan mammals! Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of our state's mammal residents and their habitats, followed by a Q&A and a chance to get an up-close look at some furry fauna.

Please check-in at the front desk to receive your wristbands.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

MEMBER BENEFIT EARLY SEATING

Member Seating: 1:40-1:50 p.m.

Open Seating: 1:50-2:00 p.m.

[Walking Down a Food Chain with Leslie Science and Nature Center](#)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Together we will construct a live food chain as participants meet a raptor, reptile, amphibian, arachnid, and an insect. Along the way we discuss how these animals' lives are connected and learn about the delicate balance that allows them to survive both individually and together as wildlife who share a habitat.

Please check in at the front desk to receive your wristbands.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

MEMBER BENEFIT EARLY SEATING

Member Seating: 1:40-1:50 p.m.

Open Seating: 1:50-2:00 p.m.

[Michigan Birds of Prey](#)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Join our friends from Michigan Avian Experience to meet some of Michigan's fascinating raptor species! The program will focus on raptor adaptations and behaviors, and audience members will have an opportunity to feel feathers, skulls, feet, and/or bones. You don't want to miss this one!

Please check in at the front desk to receive your wrist bands.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

MEMBER BENEFIT EARLY SEATING

Member Seating: 1:40-1:50 p.m.

Open Seating: 1:50-2:00 p.m.

[Down on the Farm in Downtown Detroit – Upland Hills Farms at the OAC](#)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Agriculture is an important part of Michigan's past, present, and future. Meet some of our farm animal favorites right here at the OAC. Our archery range will be transformed into a barn, and you will be able to get up close to cows, pigs, chickens, and more! This is a popular exhibit – there may be a wait during hours of operation.

MEMBER BENEFIT: Members can arrive at 11:30 a.m. to visit the farm animals.

Please check-in at the front desk to receive your wristbands.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

We will also be joined by representatives of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and other agricultural associations in Michigan who will be sharing information and resources about Michigan's rich agricultural heritage and the importance of farm fresh food.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

OAC Outdoors: Michigan Free Fishing Weekend

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

AND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Take advantage of this opportunity to fish Michigan's premier waters! We will learn about proper ice fishing equipment and safety practices. We'll provide equipment and guidance for you to try ice fishing at Milliken State Park.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. For safety reasons we will not be able to accommodate any late arrivals.

Dress appropriately with winter boots and outerwear. All participants, even those not actively fishing, need proper outerwear.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR SATURDAY MICHIGAN FREE FISHING WEEKEND AT THE OAC](#)

[REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MICHIGAN FREE FISHING WEEKEND AT THE OAC](#)

Path Paws: Spring Awakening

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Grab your four-legged friends and join us as we hike and discover the wetland wildlife that has emerged this spring. This hike will be wheelchair-friendly! Friendly dogs with current vaccinations and valid licenses are welcome. Please remember to BYOPB (Bring Your Own Poop Bag)!

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: This is a free outdoor event.

Regular admission fees apply for building access.

March is Reading Month

Fish, Science and Having Fun Fishing!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join our special guest Ja'del Hughes-Davis, author of the children's book "Nadia Goes to the Great Fishing Hole," to explore the science of fish ID and anatomy with fun STEM activities, and of course, participate in a story time! This activity would be best for children ages 5-9. Book will be available for purchase.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Benson's Adventures in the USA at the OAC](#)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

2:00 PM

Presentation by authors Shannon Cooper-Toma and Tracy Foster.

Join Tracy and Shannon as they share their new book, "Benson's Adventures in the U.S.A." Students are transported through the pages of the Benson's Adventures books to the different regions across the United States to learn about our nation's capital, historic landmarks, national parks, diverse cities, and many other iconic locations, while also learning many fun "Did you know..." facts about our nation. The authors share their secret to success and practical ways for families, educators, and communities to DREAM EVEN BIGGER for their children. See how their work with ABC News, NASA, Hollywood, Chicago, and New York has changed the lives of children. The authors will also be selling and signing their books.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Michigan History Nightmares with Local Author Lynne Smyles](#)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn about Michigan's history in the exciting "Michigan History Nightmares" series by author and educator Lynne Smyles. Lynne wrote the series to enhance third and fourth graders' understanding of their state's history. Join us for a reading that will follow five students as they test new quantum computers that transport them to a parallel universe where they encounter terrifying challenges, including quicksand and cannonballs, as they learn the history of their state. Book sales and signing opportunity to follow.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[A Beaver Tale: The Castors of Connor's Creek](#)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

2:00 PM

Presentation by local author and illustrator Gerry Wykes.

Mr. Wykes will be here with his children's book "A Beaver Tale: The Castors of Connor's Creek." Come hear the story behind the inspiration of his book, the writing and illustration process, and of course, the story of the first family of Beaver to return to the Detroit River in over 100 years of being gone! Mr. Wykes will give a lively and informative presentation, with hands-on materials and audience participation. Book signing and sales will be available.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

JUST FOR FUN

[Family Game Day: Minute to Win It](#)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The challenge begins in 3...2...1. Are you ready to put your skills to the test? Join us at the OAC for a family game day “Minute to Win It” style. Using household items competitors will have to work together or cheer each other on to complete challenges.

Register your team on-site starting at 10:30 a.m.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad Workshop: Wildlife Safari

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This workshop is designed specifically for students competing in the Elementary-Level Science Olympiad. Students will examine and explore the major fish groups of the Great Lakes. This workshop will also test students’ recognition and differentiation skills and include a practice test. Each child attending must be accompanied by an adult. This workshop is intended for competing students and parents and/or coaches only. Participants must sign in and pick up a wristband at the front desk.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WORKSHOP: WILDLIFE SAFARI.](#)

Science Olympiad Workshop: Amazing Arthropods

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This workshop is designed specifically for students competing in the Elementary-Level Science Olympiad. Students will examine and dig into the major arthropod groups. This workshop will also test students’ recognition and differentiation skills and include a practice test. Each child attending must be accompanied by an adult. This workshop is intended for competing students and parents and/or coaches only. Participants must sign in and pick up a wristband at the front desk.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WORKSHOP: AMAZING ARTHROPODS.](#)

Science Olympiad Workshop: Weather or Not

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

OR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This workshop is designed specifically for students competing in the Elementary-Level Science Olympiad. The workshop will run for one to one and a half hours and will cover this year's relevant content and include a practice test. Each child

attending must be accompanied by an adult. This workshop is intended for competing students and parents and/or coaches only. Participants must sign in and pick up a wrist band at the front desk.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[REGISTER FOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WORKSHOP: WEATHER OR NOT FEBRUARY 9.](#)

[REGISTER FOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WORKSHOP: WEATHER OR NOT FEBRUARY 23.](#)

BACKYARD NATURE

DIY Toad Houses

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Come on down to learn about some of our small "warty" friends, and how you can make them cozier in your own backyard. Decorate a toad house to take home, and you will have a friendly visitor in no time! This craft will require about 30 minutes to dry; please factor this in when planning your trip to the OAC. This is a drop-in event and may end earlier depending on the number of participants and amount of supplies.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

Make a Pollinator Hotel

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Learn how to make your yard a haven for beneficial pollinators this spring! We'll start with a presentation about our native pollinators, then we will create a "pollinator hotel" that you can take home with you to add to your garden to attract these beneficial species!

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Admission to the OAC plus \$10 per bee hotel.

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED.

[REGISTER FOR MAKE A POLLINATOR HOTEL](#)

THE MORE YOU KNOW

Story of the Sturgeon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Lake Sturgeon in the Detroit River have made a comeback in recent years, thanks to the great work of local fisheries professionals! Come learn about this unique and fascinating "fossil" fish that has been on the planet for millions of years and meet our live Lake Sturgeon for a close-up look!

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Meet Michigan's Great lakes Invaders](#)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Have you ever thought about what you can do to help protect our local environment? Learning about the invasive species that threaten our natural areas is a great place to start. Stop by the OAC today to find out who these invaders are and what you can do to prevent their spread through hands-on displays and activities. We will be joined by special guests from a variety of natural resource management agencies that are actively working to rid our ecosystems of these damaging pests!

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Trilobite Treasures: Arthropods of Michigan's Ancient Seas](#)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Trilobites lived, thrived and died millions of years before the age of dinosaurs. Paleo Joe presents these fine Paleozoic creatures in a way that tells a story of the prehistoric life in the ancient seas. He provides a unique snapshot of life in the ancient seas from 250 to 500 million years ago. Explore the life and death of these creatures once so plentiful during the Cambrian period that it was called the Age of Trilobites. Paleo Joe provides an excellent look into the ancient world of the Paleozoic seas.

We recommend joining the fun at the start time. We may not be able to accommodate those who arrive more than 15 minutes into the activity.

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[Historic Mackinac on Tour](#)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

AND

SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hear the music, see the rifles and learn about soldier life. Two costumed interpreters bring the fur trade and Straits history to life with exciting demonstrations, hands on activities and a truck full of touchables. Participants will help in trading and bartering, carry a fur bale, get dressed in historic clothing and hear the sounds of the past!

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

[International Beaver Day](#)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate our wonderful, water-dwelling beaver! Learn about their habitat, their important role in the fur trade, and how they earned their nickname as "nature's engineers."

FEE: Included with the price of admission.

THRILLING THURSDAYS

Our family-friendly free evening of fun has moved to Thursday nights! The last Thursday of each month, we will offer free admission from 6 to 8 p.m. for all our visitors. Each month will feature a specific topic with special programs, plus guests will enjoy all the regular exhibits at the Outdoor Adventure Center. When you visit, you can also earn digital badges through Detroit Public TV's Digital Adventure Program.

Michigan Owls

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Do you know how many owl species can be seen in Michigan? Join us this evening to learn which species call Michigan home, and what makes these nocturnal predators built for hunting in the dark. Activities will include an owl pellet dissection and a weather-dependent "owl prow!" night-time hike.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION!

Outdoor Winter Fun

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for some winter fun outside. Winter activities are always dependent on the weather, and you have to learn to be adaptable. Will there be enough snow for sledding and snowmen, or will we be having fun with snow paint and outdoor games? Either way we are sure to have a fun time and learn ways to enjoy the rest of winter!

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION!

First Day of Spring Community Open House

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us to celebrate the first day of spring with our Spring Open House. This will be your opportunity to meet and engage with different community organizations in the Rivertown area. Learn about the many upcoming social, leisure, and educational programs being offered to the public.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION!

Archery

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Have you ever wanted to try archery but didn't know where to start? Join us to learn about the basic steps of shooting during this Thrilling Thursday archery program. Archery will be available on a first come, first-served basis for anyone 8 years old and older. The last archery lesson will begin at 7:45 p.m.

Visit the archery section of our newsletter for a detailed description of the archery range rules at our facility.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION!

WHO Wore it Best?

The adventure buff (a head wrap that can be worn many different ways) is the signature souvenir for the Michigan DNR Outdoor Adventure Center. Submit a photo of yourself, members of your family or a whole group wearing the OAC buff. Each newsletter, we are going to select the best submissions and award prizes. Simply post your best photo to our Facebook page.

Start snapping those selfies – we can't wait to see your best photos.

Afternoon Adventures for Adults

Is your senior group looking for a new experience? We have a great new adventure for your consideration. Begin your trip with a lunch in Rivertown then join us at the Michigan DNR Outdoor Adventure Center for a self-guided experience or attend a special program just for your group.

Looking to make a day of it? Spend your morning at beautiful Belle Isle!

The following restaurants are available to book a group dining experience – mention the OAC to get special group rates:

- Andrew's on the Corner, 201 Jos Campau, 313-259-8325
- Atwater Brewery, 237 Jos Campau, 313-877-9205
- They Say, 267 Jos Campau, 313-446-4682

After lunch, head over to the Outdoor Adventure Center for a self-guided tour (just \$2 per person) or add an interesting program – see program options below – for just \$2 more per person.

Complete your application and submit today – these spots will go fast. Arrival times for Afternoon Adventures are 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Outdoor Adventure Center closes at 3 p.m. each weekday. Each class is one hour long. Must have a minimum of 20 guests.

Start your reservation at Michigan.gov/OAC, then choose Educate, then Adult Afternoon Programs.

Program choices include:

- Fishing 101

Fishing is a lifetime sport, and it is never too late to try it. If you have never fished, or you are looking for a chance to refresh your skills, this session will include discussion of licenses, fish identification and behavior, strategies, and local water to visit and try your luck.

- Birding for Beginners

The Detroit River is an amazing place for birders. From our regular friends who live and nest here to the thousands who visit us through fly-ways – we are in a great place to begin a birding hobby. You will learn the basics of birding and practice some bird ID along the riverfront. A limited number of binoculars and field guides will be available for loan. Dress for the weather.

- Birth of a Land Ethic

Explore Michigan's White Pine Era and lessons learned about the wise use of natural resources. An interesting journey through Michigan's history.

- City Slickers

Learn the special adaptations of wild mammals in urban environments. Explore the concepts of predator-prey relationships and identify common wild mammals in Detroit. Weather permitting, this could include a walk on the RiverWalk or Dequindre Cut – both are paved and flat, with no steep grades or hills.

GROUP RETREAT EXPERIENCE

We have expanded our offerings to include a team building experience for corporate clients and for teens. If your company or organizations is looking for a getaway to regroup and refresh – we have lots of options.

Active Nature Experience: guided Bird Walk, Wetlands Walk, River Walk, Dequindre Cut or City Mammal Walk

Active Outdoor Experience: guided Dequindre Cut bike ride with a history of the area, Camping 101, snowshoeing, kayaking (at Belle Isle)

Team Building: 1- or 2-hour facilitations for groups can include a meal!

Time for Change: 1- or 2-hour facilitations designed to encourage new ideas.

Goal Setting/Personal Development: designed especially for middle and high school groups.

Complete an application today, and one of our terrific team members will contact you to create a custom experience for your group.

[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

REFUND POLICY

FACILITY RENTALS, FIELD TRIPS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Any event paid by check is not eligible for a refund. We will work with your group to reschedule the event if it was canceled due to weather or unforeseen events.

Events paid with cash or credit card are eligible for a refund if cancellation is made in writing by email (DNR-OAC@michigan.gov) at least three weeks prior to the date of the party. This allows others an opportunity to book that date. Without this timely notice, a refund is not available.

OAC PROGRAMS

To receive a refund for a class, program or special event, you must contact the OAC by email at DNR-OAC@michigan.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the event date. This allows us to place persons on a waiting list in your spot. Without this timely notice, a refund is not available.

CONTRACTUAL PROGRAMS (bookings with partner organizations)

To receive a refund for a class, program or special event, you must contact the OAC by email at DNR-OAC@michigan.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the event date. This allows us to place persons on a waiting list in your spot. Without this timely notice, a

refund is not available.

Recreation Passport

- Vehicles: \$11 when purchased at the time you renew your license plate at the Secretary of State.
- Vehicles: \$16 (\$11 passport fee, plus \$5 convenience fee) when purchased at state parks, DNR customer service centers (cash or checks only) or outside the annual registration renewal cycle at the SOS.
- Motorcycles: \$6 when purchased at the time you renew your license plate at the Secretary of State.
- Motorcycles: \$11 (\$11 passport fee, plus \$5 convenience fee) when purchased at state parks and DNR customer service centers (cash or checks only) or outside the annual registration renewal cycle at the SOS.
- Moped: \$6 when purchased at state parks.
- Commercial daily pass \$17 when purchased at state parks (24k+ lbs. and/or seating capacity of 16+).