



## February-March 2017 Community Programs

### **Nature School (Founders Hall)**

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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**9:00 to 11:00 AM**

The purpose of "Nature School" is to introduce the wonders of the natural world to young children. Crafts, activities, games, books, songs, live animals, and outside exploration will be incorporated into their nature-based learning experience.

Parents are encouraged to attend with their 4 to 6 year old - though not required. Parents or guardians are asked to attend with their 3 year old to help with bathroom use and transitioning into a group learning environment.

**Registration required**

**Fee: \$10 per child or \$5 per child for members (per class)**

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### **Superb Owl Prowl (Laketown Township)**

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:00 – 6:30 PM**

Hike the dunes of Laketown Township's Sanctuary Woods in search of resident and migratory owls. The group will try to call in Eastern Screech, Barred and Great Horned Owls as they hike. Flashlights are welcome.

**Program Location: Sanctuary Woods Preserve 66th St, Holland, MI**

**Registration required**

**Fee: None – sponsored by Laketown Township**

### **Snowshoe Hike (Allegan Parks and Rec)**

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

We are partnering with Allegan County Parks to offer a family snowshoe hike. Hikers will explore the trails of Bysterveld County Park in search of interesting animals and plants while walking in wooden, Ojibwa-style snowshoes. The snowshoes are ideal for people aged 8 years and up. Participants are welcome to wear their own snowshoes and bring a sled for little ones to be pulled while hiking.

Be prepared to be outside the entire time hiking. At least 4 inches of snow base is required in order for the loaner snowshoes to be available to the group.

**Program Location: Bysterveld Park, 4171 14th St, Wayland, MI**

**Registration required and limited**

**Fee: None – sponsored by Allegan County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism**

**Family Ice Fishing (Visitor Center)****Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>****1:00 – 3:00 PM**

Try your line on an ODC nature preserve pond during this catch-and-release ice fishing day. All materials are provided including fishing poles and tackle. This is an open format program where visitors can fish as long as they would like. Dress to be outside for at least one hour. Participants will be able to use the Center's equipment up until 3 PM.

**Registration required and limited****Fee: \$5 per person, \$3 per person for members****Frogs for Tykes (Visitor Center)****Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>****10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Have your little tyke learn more about frogs like what they eat, how they move and where they like to live in Michigan. There will be live frogs for you and your child to interact with during the program!

**Registration required****Fee: \$4 per person, FREE to members****Adult Nature Hike (Laketown Township)****Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>****10:00 – 12:00 PM**

Led by a naturalist from the Outdoor Discovery Center, the group will explore the plants, animals and other features of the Huyser Farm on this casual hike. Wear comfortable walking shoes/boots and be prepared to walk on the trails of the 102 acre property.

**Program Location: Huyser Farm Park, 64th St, Holland, MI****Registration Required****Fee: None – sponsored by Laketown Township****Women in Nature – Snowshoe Hike (Visitor Center)****Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>****6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Women in Nature is a program series designed to motivate women to be more healthy, active and passionate about the natural world surrounding them. In order to do so we are offering various program experiences.

Take a snowshoe hike with an ODC naturalist! Explore and learn about the ODC Nature Preserve and try out our Ojibwa snowshoes. The purpose of this hike is to explore.

**Registration Required****Fee: None****Build a Birdhouse (Visitor Center)****Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>****11:00 – 12:00 PM**

We will have pre-cut birdhouse kits available for you to assemble. They can be finished for cavity nesters such as bluebirds, tree swallows, chickadees, nuthatches and wrens. Please bring a hammer. This is a great program for young children with an adult helper.

**Registration Required****Fee: \$12 per bird house or \$8 for members**

**Ducks of Lake Macatawa (Park Township)**

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 11:00 AM**

Explore the shores and open water of Lake Macatawa with a naturalist. The group will start with scopes and binoculars at the Holland State Park and drive the northern shore of the lake stopping where there are birds. Participants are invited to carpool with other people and leave cars at the state park. (State Park pass required.) Dress for the weather. Binoculars and a spotting scope will be available for lending.

**Program Location: Holland State Park, 2215 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland, MI 49424**

**Registration Required – register at [parktownship.org](http://parktownship.org)**

**Women in Nature – Wine & Canvas (Visitor Center)**

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Women in Nature is a program series designed to motivate women to be more healthy, active and passionate about the natural world surrounding them. In order to do so we are offering various program experiences.

Enjoy an evening of painting and wine with the ladies and take your canvas home! A local painter will walk you through painting a nature-themed scene on canvas. There will be an example canvas to look at while you're painting. All materials provided. This event is for women 21 years old and up.

**Registration required**

**Fee: \$20**

**Searching for Snow Fleas (Laketown Township)**

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 – 12:00 PM**

These are not the kinds of fleas that bite! Springtails, also known as snow fleas, are an important part of a woodland ecosystem and they are harmless. Get a chance to find these tiny arthropods and take a closer look at them using magnifiers and microscopes. Dress for the weather since much of the program will be outside.

**Program Location: Huyser Farm Park, 64th St, Holland, MI**

**Registration Required**

**Fee: None – sponsored by Laketown Township**

For more information about ODCMG Programs: [www.outdoordiscovery.org](http://www.outdoordiscovery.org)

To register for a program, contact the office: [odc@outdoordiscovery.org](mailto:odc@outdoordiscovery.org) or 616-393-9453