

Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 20th, 10am to 11am - *Toddler Time @ the Nature Center*; Come out and enjoy a story by the warm fireplace and some free time in our children's area. Participants need to be accompanied by an adult and be between the ages of 18 months to 4 years.

Thursday, November 20th, 6pm to 7:30pm - *Make your own walking stick*; Although the temps are dropping, it is a great time to start thinking about hiking in the woods. A good walking stick can make a hike that much more enjoyable. If you break it in now or over the winter with a pair of snowshoes it will be good and ready for some more hunting come springtime. We will provide sticks to choose from or bring your own. We will have wood burning tools, straps and other things to personalize your stick. Registration is required by Tuesday November 18th.

Saturday, December 6th, 9am to 3pm - *Holiday Baskets and Crafts at the Nature Center*;

What's more personal than a hand-made gift? Come out to the nature center and make these holiday items just in time to share as a gift or decorate your home for the holidays. Participants will have time to make three different items as well as purchase extras to take home and make on your own. Cost includes all supplies, instruction, light snacks and beverages. Please pack a lunch. \$10 per item. Registration by November 26th.



December 6-7,

Beginning at 1 pm Saturday - *Extreme Outdoors Winter Camping; Fontana Park*

Sponsored by Buchanan County Conservation: Fee \$25 per person Limited to 12 participants. We will set up equipment and build our shelters (either tents or debris shelters) for the night as well as collecting firewood. Meal cost included for supper and breakfast. All equipment is available - we need to know what you will need. Minimum age 10; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult (who may choose to stay in cabin) Register at 319-636-2617

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Friday, December 19th 10am to 11am - *Toddler Time @ the Nature Center*; Repeat of 11/20/14 session with different theme.

Tuesday, December 16th 6:30-8pm - *Tobin's Tales @ the Nature Center*; Enjoy an evening of historical storytelling. Prior to his passing at age 94, Judge John Tobin of Vinton, created a slide-show about the legend of Unga-Chuk and Nes-swe-nep-pe. Participants will enjoy hearing Judge Tobin's voice as he relives the story as it was told to him so many years ago. Light refreshments will be served.



Saturday, December 20th, 10am to Noon - *Snowshoeing @ the Nature Center*; Take a hike with the naturalists of Benton County Conservation as we discover the outside world through the ancient technology of snowshoes. It is a great way to explore the outdoors during the cold winter months. Program is weather dependent. Registration is required by 12pm Friday the 19th.

Monday, January 5th, 6pm-7:30pm - *Full Moon Snowshoeing @ the Nature Center*; One day removed from the Full Wolf Moon, we can enjoy some outdoor fun. We will have a fire going and some S'mores for the brave that attend. Program is weather dependent. Registration by 2pm the day of the program.

Friday, January 9th, 10am to 11am - *Toddler Time @ the Nature Center*. Repeat of 11/20/14 session with different theme.

Friday, January 9th, 1pm-3pm - *Snowshoeing @ the Nature Center*; Repeat of Dec.20th session. Registration by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 8th.

Saturday, January 10th, 10am to Noon - *Snowshoeing @ the Nature Center*; Repeat of Dec. 20th and January 9th programs and is weather dependent. Registration is required by Friday January 9th at 3pm.

Friday, January 23rd, 1pm-3pm - *Snowshoeing @ the Nature Center*; Repeat of previous snowshoe programs and is weather dependent. Registration is required by Thursday, January 22nd at 3pm.

Tuesday, February 3rd, 6pm-7:30pm - *Full Moon Snowshoeing @ the Nature Center*; Repeat of January 5th program and is weather dependent. Registration by 2:00 pm the day of the program.

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