

Programs and Tours - January 2017

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| Sunday, Jan 1 1 & 2 pm Barcode: 68368 Barcode: 70049 | Owls and Owl Pellets: Investigate these remarkable raptors from their feathery heads to their sharp talons. Discover where they live and what they prefer to eat. Give yourself the opportunity to open an owl pellet and find out what is inside. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Friday, Jan 20 10:30 - 11:30 am Barcode: 70055 | Preschool Discovery Club: White-tailed deer seem to be everywhere in winter. Bring your preschoolers ages 3-5 and explore the world of one of our most familiar furry animals through games, stories, and crafts. We'll look for deer signs outside so dress for the weather. Pre-registration required. \$8 per child (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, Jan 21 1 - 3 pm Barcode: 70030 | Wild Plum Trail Hike: Join a naturalist to look for birds, deer, and signs of animal activity in one of the Refuge's more secluded areas. This is a great chance to spot wildlife while there are no leaves on the trees along this heavily wooded trail. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thursday, Jan 26 6 - 7:30 pm Barcode: 69981 | Nature Center After Hours: Join us after hours as we explore the ways that nocturnal animals see at night and look for "eye shine." From mammals to arachnids, view firsthand how these creatures have adapted to view their surroundings with low amounts of light. <i>Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Friday, Jan 27 10:30 - 11:30 am Barcode: 70056 | Preschool Discovery Club: Are you as clever as a coyote? Bring your preschoolers ages 3-5 and we'll search for signs of coyote activity. We'll also play games and make a craft to learn more about how coyotes make a living at the Nature Center. Be sure to dress for the weather. Pre-registration required. \$8 per child (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, Jan 28 1 - 2 pm Barcode: 70033 | Patterns in Nature: What constitutes a pattern? Why do leaves grow in particular patterns? As we hike, perhaps we will see patterns in the form of clouds. Come and tell us about patterns that you have seen in Nature. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear good shoes, and bring a camera. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. | | | | | | | | | | |



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LEARNING

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| Saturday, Jan 7 2 - 3:30 pm Barcode: 68367 | Backyard Bird Habitat: Take an in-depth look at what it takes to really provide for backyard birds. We'll take a tour of the bird-feeding courtyard, examine housing options, discuss squirrel deterrents, and learn how to adjust food offerings depending on the season. Participants will have the option to make a screech owl or kestrel nest box to take home. MAXIMUM of 20 participants. Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission/ MEMBERS \$10. |
| Sunday, Jan 8 1 - 3 pm Barcode: 70027 | Photographing Winter: Come learn the tricks of photographing trees, grasses, fallen leaves in winter and more. The Nature Center can be just as beautiful in the winter as it is in summer with its flowers. Winter provides a great canvas for black and white photography as well. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. |
| Sunday, Jan 22 1 - 3 pm Barcode: 70031 | Winter Bird Hike: The Nature Center is home to a wide variety of birds during the winter times. Join us as we walk the paths listening to White-throated Sparrows practicing their songs, watching the Spotted Towhees dig among the leaf litter, and enjoying all the other birds that spend the winter here. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. |
| Sunday, Jan 29 1:30 - 4 pm Barcode: 69985 | Winter Woody Plant ID: Examining leaves is a common practice to identifying trees. However, did you know you can look at other features such as growth habits, bark, twigs, buds and even leaf scars. Join plant ecologist Suzanne Tuttle as she teaches you the tricks of the trade to identifying deciduous trees in winter. MAXIMUM of 20 participants. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. |

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| Thursday, Jan 12 5:30 - 8 pm Barcode: 69976 | Full Moon Paddle: Come and join us for a different type of canoe tour in the evening hours. This program will present new opportunities, like hearing beavers slap the water with their tails and seeing deer and raccoons. Canoes, paddles and lifejackets are provided. Dress for the weather. Wear shoes that can get wet. Children must be 5 years or older. Parents must sign a liability waiver for minor children. Some previous experience recommended. MIN 5/MAX 12 participants. Meet at the Back Gate. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15. |
| Saturday, Jan 14 1 - 3:30 pm Barcode: 69972 | Canoe Tour: Take a trip down the West Fork of the Trinity River and learn about the plants and wildlife found in and around the water. Depending on the season, waterfowl swim freely, blooming lotus dot the water, and reptiles bask in the sun. All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by parent or guardian. <i>Registration ends the preceding Thursday or when filled.</i> MAXIMUM of 12 participants. Meet at Big River Parking Lot. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15. |
| Sunday, Jan 15 Noon - 4 pm Barcode: 69965 | Canoe Fest: Come and test drive one of our canoes. Whether it is your first time or not, enjoy some peaceful time on the water viewing all forms of flora and fauna. All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by parent or guardian. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. <i>Meet at Big River Parking Lot.</i> \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3. |

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Other volunteer positions are available. Please call 817-392-7410 for more information.

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| Friday, Feb 17 10:30 - 11:30 am Barcode: 70057 | Preschool Discovery Club: The forest is home to many living things from enormous oaks to tiny spiders. Bring your 3-5 year olds and we'll discover who makes their home among the trees. We'll also play games, and make crafts to help us remember what we learned. Pre-registration required. \$8 per child (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thursday, Feb 23 6 - 7:30 pm Barcode: 69979 | Nature Center After Hours: Wildlife have a great way of concealing themselves as we hike in the day or at night. However, we have game cameras throughout the property in order to document the wildlife that call the Nature Center home. Join us as we talk about this project, share some photos with you and even go out for a short walk and see if we can come across some wildlife. Meet at Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Friday, Feb 24 10:30 - 11:30 am Barcode: 70058 | Preschool Discovery Club: It is easy to observe squirrels foraging in the forest or in your own backyard. Bring your 3-5 year olds and learn more about the lives of these tree dwelling animals through games, stories, and crafts. We'll search for squirrel nests and other signs outside so dress for the weather. Pre-registration required. \$8 per child (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday, Feb 25 1 - 3 pm Barcode: 70040 | Riverbottom Hike: The Nature Center is important to Fort Worth in many ways. One way is the protection of the Trinity River Watershed. Join us as we hike along the Riverbottom Trail and learn about the river and the wildlife that utilize it daily. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday, Feb 26 1 - 2:30 pm Barcode: 70041 | Walking the Sendero: Are you a nature enthusiast who wants to learn the Spanish language? Immerse yourself in nature while learning or practicing the names of various plants and animals in Spanish. Join a bilingual naturalist on the trails (senderos) to begin your nature explorations in a different language. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. | | | | | | | | | | |



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Hands & Hearts Volunteer Recognition



Saturday, Feb 11th 4-6 pm

The Fort Worth Nature Center would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers and their families at our annual Hands and Hearts. We look forward to sharing everyone's participation and accomplishments. Join us as we enjoy the afternoon with good friends and great food. **Please R.S.V.P. (817) 392-7410.**



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| Saturday, Feb 4 1 & 3 p.m. Barcode: 68352 Barcode: 70050 | All About Alligators: Alligators at the Nature Center? It's true! Learn about Texas' largest native reptile and meet a live alligator up close. You will get tips on viewing them safely in the wild and discover how they make a living in the waters of the Trinity River. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. |
| Saturday, Feb 11 1 - 2:30 p.m. Barcode: 70037 | Under the Leaves: Enter the world where tiny creatures hide under leaf litter. Most are just waiting for springtime. Come along as we hike and learn about the diversity of the tiny denizens in this world and their remarkable uniqueness. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. |
| Sunday, Feb 12 1:30 - 4 p.m. Barcode: 69986 | Winter Woody Plant ID: Examining leaves is a common practice to identifying trees. However, did you know you can look at other features such as growth habits, bark, twigs, buds and even leaf scars. Join plant ecologist Suzanne Tuttle as she teaches you the tricks of the trade to identifying deciduous trees in winter. Class size limited to 20. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5. |
| Saturday, Feb 18 2 - 3:30 p.m. Barcode: 68353 | Frog Talk: In spring wetlands burst into sound as frogs and toads begin their yearly chorus. Learn to distinguish different local frog calls and discover more about threats frogs and toads face in the wild. You will also learn about attracting frogs to your own backyard. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. |

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| Sunday, Feb 5 1 - 3:30 pm Barcode: 69973 | Aquatic Bird Tour: Winter is a great time to see aquatic birds at the Nature Center. Join us in the water as we paddle around the West Fork of the Trinity River looking for birds diving, wading, soaring in and above the water. Canoes/kayaks, lifejackets and paddles provided. Children must be at least 5 years old and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Bring your binoculars and cameras. <i>Meet at Big River Parking Lot.</i> Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15. |
| Thursday, Feb 9 5:30 - 8 pm Barcode: 69983 | Full Moon Paddle: Come and join us for a different type of canoe tour in the evening hours. This program will present new opportunities, like hearing beavers slap the water with their tails and seeing deer and raccoons. Canoes, paddles and lifejackets are provided. Dress for the weather. Wear shoes that can get wet. Children must be 5 years or older. Parents must sign a liability waiver for minor children. Some previous experience recommended. MIN 5/MAX 12 participants. Meet at the Back Gate. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15. |
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Spring Docent Training Week: Interested in nature and would like to share it with others? Join us February 20th - 24th from 10am - 2pm and begin your journey in becoming a docent (nature teacher) at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge. **For more information or to register, please call Laura Veloz at (817) 392-7413. Barcode: 70061**

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