

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT FEBRUARY PROGRAMS –TO REGISTER YOU MAY GO TO WWW.HANCOCKPARKS.COM OR VISIT US AT 1424 E MAIN CROSS M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM. FOR QUESTIONS CALL 419-425-7275.

2 Sunday

Groundhog Day Hike

Today is the day when the groundhog comes out of its hole to see if there will be six more weeks of winter. Come to Litzenberg Memorial Woods and learn about the history of Groundhog Day and why groundhogs come out of their burrows this time of year. We will hike in search of groundhogs and their burrows and look for our shadows and a hint of spring.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

2 PM

Families with children 5 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

Tim Kleman tkleman@hancockparks.com

3 Monday & 9 Sunday

Puppet Show: On the Fly

Join Mother Nature, Scooter Squirrel, and the birds at the Discovery Center bird feeders to learn about fall migration in a fun filled puppet show. Singing, dancing, and crafts will take place after the show.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

Monday showtimes: 10 AM & 1 PM

Sunday showtime: 1 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration not required.

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10 Monday

Intro to Winter Camping

Typically, most people go camping during the summer, but you can go camping any time of year. Each season offers its own thrills and challenges. Learn about what it takes to go camping in winter. Program topics include trip planning, equipment, clothing, fire building, shelters, and safety.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 18 and up.

Free; but register by 4 PM on Friday, February 7.

Maximum: 20

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11 Tuesday

Deep Space Objects

There are more objects in space besides our own solar system. Learn about deep space objects, galaxies, star clusters, and nebulas. We will talk about different types of deep space objects, view satellite photos in the planetarium, and paint a galaxy with acrylic paints. Please wear clothing that can get stained. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 12-14.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, February 11.

Minimum: 3/Maximum: 16

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12 Wednesday

Full Snow Moon Hike

Bundle up, join us for a night hike, and experience the last full moon of winter. The Snow Moon, which is bright and full, will shine a spotlight on the park, pierce the stillness and darkness, and invite exploration. We will look for animals, bask in the cold, crisp air, and enjoy the park during the heart of winter.

Riverbend Recreation Area
The Meadows Activity Area
Parking Lot (near the Restroom Facility and Trailhead)
6:30 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

13 Thursday
Valentine Cookie Decorating
Cookie decorating can be a fun activity. Instruction on how to paint valentine cookies will be provided. Afterward, each person will have six cookies to decorate and take home. All supplies will be provided. Samples will be available.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1:30 PM
Ages 18 and up.
Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM on Wednesday, February 12.
Minimum: 3/Maximum 15
Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

14 Friday
Shape Exploration
Join us as we explore different shapes, colors, and numbers. Stations will include shape matching, touch table, counting, and coloring.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
10 AM
Ages 3 and under with an adult. Other ages siblings are welcome to attend.
Free; registration is not required.
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16 Sunday
Animal Courtship: Open House
Animal courtship displays to attract potential mates are interesting. Displays can involve dancing, vocalizing, chasing, and even feather puffing. We will look at courtship displays by spiders, birds, and pufferfish, and view a variety of displays and animal mounts located inside the Richard S. "Doc" Phillips Discovery Center. Children will have an opportunity to create an animal courtship valentine card and complete a coloring page.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1-4 PM
All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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16 Sunday & 17 Monday
Discovery Center Overnight
During the Discovery Center overnight, we will watch the movie *Night at the Museum* and have popcorn and juice, play the secret code game, and hang out with friends. There will be pancakes, sausage links, and juice for breakfast. All food and snacks will be provided, but please bring a reusable water bottle. Campers will receive a complete list of items to bring after registration.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
8 PM to 9:30 AM Monday, February 17.
Ages 12 to 14.
Register with \$20 per person by 1 PM on Friday, February 14.
Minimum: 4/Maximum: 15
Chris Allen callen@hancockparks.com

18 Tuesday

Fun with Chemistry

Chemistry happens all around you. There are chemical reactions outside in nature and there are chemical reactions inside your body. Join us as we talk about the basics of chemistry and try some basic chemistry experiments. We will look at different chemical reactions and properties by making invisible ink and a non-Newtonian fluid known as Oobleck, and by conducting the elephant toothpaste experiment.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 12-14 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, February 18. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 2/ Maximum: 10

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19 Wednesday

Blanket Forts

Join us as we build blanket forts with our puppets and new friends. Part of the fun is using our imaginations, like pretending we are exploring a cave or acting like an ant in a colony. Afterward, relax with a coloring page.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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21 Friday

Artist Night in the Park

As wildlife artists, we love to create images of animals in nature, but most of the time we are limited to using photographs as reference. Come out to the Discovery Center to get a close-up view of native animal taxidermy and other wildlife specimens in our collection. Study, sketch, paint, and photograph them to help improve your next art piece. All art mediums are welcome. Please bring your own art supplies.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-9 PM

Ages 16 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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22 Saturday

Winter Insect Hike

You might be surprised by the number of insects that can be found on a winter day. Come along as we go hiking in search of insects, like winter ants and snow fleas. As we hike, we will discuss what most insects do during the winter and why some insects are active when there is still snow on the ground.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

2 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Sunday

Working with Wool: Open House

Learn about wool and how it was used to create clothing in the 1800s, how fleece of a sheep is spun into useable yarn, and how a spinning wheel works. Help with the yarn making process by using carding combs to prepare the wool and a drop spindle to create string and learn how to turn yarn into clothing by knitting, crocheting, and nalbinding.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.
Free; registration is not required.
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24 Monday

Wee Ones: Birding for Babies

Numbers, colors, and backyard birds will be the focus as fun stories are read. Children can play with bird puppets, look for birds at the bird feeders, and create a handprint bird using tempura paint and complete a coloring page.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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27 Thursday

Little Hands Nature Club: Winter Exploration Hike

During this hike, we will explore the outdoors by looking at coniferous trees and feeling their prickly needles, looking for animal tracks and deciding if they are from a raccoon, rabbit, or squirrel, and looking for icicles and skunk cabbage. This program will take place outside, so please dress accordingly.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

1 PM

Ages 3-6, with an adult; other ages siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag mrumtschlag@hancockparks.com

27 Thursday

Planetarium: Ancient Astronomy

Humans have been observing the sky for as long as history has been written. Since Babylonia in 1600 BC, humans have observed the night sky, studied it, and written down information. Learn about how ancient civilizations viewed the night sky, including Mesopotamians, Ancient Egyptians, Ancients Greeks, and the Romans. In the planetarium, we will look at planets, constellations that ancient civilizations saw, and talk about how the night sky has changed. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

Ages 9 and up.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, February 27.

Maximum: 25

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28 Friday

All About Arachnids

Join us and learn all about the different kinds of arachnids. What makes arachnids special is that they have an exoskeleton, two body segments, and eight legs. We will talk about a variety of arachnids, such as spiders, scorpions, and ticks. Arachnid displays will be available.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Families with children ages 9 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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