

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT JANUARY 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.

3 Friday

Puppet Escape

During the holidays, all the puppets escaped and were running around the Discovery Center. Help us find the puppets that are hiding and put them back in their totes. After you find the puppets, have fun playing with them and performing a show on our puppet stage.

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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3 Friday

Game Night

Come out to the Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center to play games this winter evening. There will be classic board games and card games, puzzles, and some new games to play as a family. Displays and live animals will be available for viewing.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6-9 PM

Families with children 6 and up.

Free; registration is not required.

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4 Saturday

Frozen in Time

Many fossils are frozen in time by ice, tree sap, and hot lava. Kids will chisel away at blocks and cubes of ice, find the treasure, and then create a story about how the item became frozen in time. There will be fossil books to look at and a story to go along with the activity.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-2:30 PM for ages 6-9.

2:30-4 PM for ages 10-13.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, January 3.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 20 per time slot

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5 Sunday

Fingerprint Animals

In this program, we will use our fingerprints to make an animal drawing. Using an ink pad, we will make fingerprints on paper to create the animal head, body, and other parts and then draw the rest of the details. To finish the craft, participants will color their fingerprint animals. Examples of animals that could be made include spiders, ants, turtles, and birds. All craft supplies will be provided.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1 PM

Ages 4-5 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, January 3. Adults do not need to register.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 10

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6 Monday

Discovery Stories: Bird Feet Are Neat

Have you ever looked closely at bird feet? They come in many different shapes and sizes, and they help birds do important jobs. Join us at the Discovery Center to learn about neat bird feet. A story will be read about the different types of bird feet and

then we will take a closer look at actual bird feet. Participants will have an opportunity to complete a bird feet activity page and a coloring page, and then make a bird foot painting.

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Discovery Center

10 AM

Ages 4-5 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration is not required.

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7 Tuesday

Fireside Story: When Dinosaurs Came with Everything

It is a great time to share a fireside story about a long time ago when you might have gotten a dinosaur free with everything you did. Kids can enjoy the story and then play with dinosaurs that are spread out all over the Discovery Center.

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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11 Saturday

Lantern Hike

We will hike the park at night with only the moon and lantern light to guide us. Meet at the McKinnis House where we will talk about the history of lighting and traveling at night. Afterward, we will light the lanterns and head out on the trail to experience what it was like to travel at night during the 1800s. While on the trail, we will look for interesting nighttime nature like constellations and owls. Each group will use one lantern during the hike.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

7 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Friday, January 10. Only one member of the group needs to register.

Minimum: 1/Maximum: 15

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13 Monday

Rubber Duckie Painting

We will look at pictures and mounts of ducks, talk about the species of ducks found in Ohio, and use acrylic paints to paint our rubber duckies. Ducks can look like our favorite native duck or a duck from our imagination. Please wear clothes that can get stained.

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Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 6 to 10 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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16 Thursday

Venus & Mars

Venus and Mars, two rocky planets, make up Earth's astronomical neighbors. We will take a closer look at each planet in our portable planetarium. Afterward, if the sky is clear, we will go outside since the planets should be visible to us. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free, but register everyone attending the program by 1 PM on Thursday, January 16.

Maximum: 25

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

17 Friday

Winter Wonderland Hike

Join us as we hike through Riverbend Recreation Area and observe the park in winter. Although animals have left or hibernated for the winter, there are still animals that will be active. Possible animal sightings include fox squirrels, Downy Woodpeckers, and white-tailed deer. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area (near Shelter #3)

10 AM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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18 Saturday

Afternoon Movie in the Park: Winnie the Pooh

Enjoy a cold Saturday afternoon in the park by joining us inside the Discovery Center for a Winnie the Pooh movie and popcorn.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1:30 PM

Families.

Free; but register each person in your party by 1 PM on Friday, January 17.

Minimum: 4/Maximum: 30

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19 Sunday

Birds of the Feeder: Open House

During winter's cold and snowy weather, there are still birds to be found in our area. Most of these birds will visit the bird feeders located outside the Discovery Center. Find out who they are, what they eat, and how you can set up your own bird feeding station. Children will be able to make their own bird feeder that can be taken home.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

19 Sunday

Owl Prowl

Late winter is the best time to search for owls in Ohio. On this night hike, we will search for owls that call the park home. We will talk about the owls that live in Ohio, their unique features, and why this time of year is the best time to search for owls.

Recorded owl calls will be played on the trail. Hopefully, an owl will respond by calling back.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Big Oaks Activity Area

Shelter 3

7:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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20 Monday

Wee Ones: Little Bunny's Snowman

Little Bunny is extremely excited to make his first snowman, but it is harder to build than he thinks. A story will be read and then children can make a snowman craft (children will learn how to make fake snow if there is no snow outside).

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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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21 Tuesday

How Animals Adapt for Winter

Many animals need to go through a change to get ready for winter. Due to the low temperatures and decrease in food supplies, animals will go through a variety of changes to manage the cold months. In this program, we will look at a variety of animals and how they prepare for the winter. Animals we will look at include snowshoe hares, arctic foxes, black bears, and groundhogs. Animal pelts and mounts will be on display.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 12-14 with an adult.

Free; but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, January 21. Adults do not need to register

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22 Wednesday

Life on the Trail Nature Hike

Winter is a great time to hike, look for animal tracks and other signs, and identify which animals are awake during the winter months. We will look for tracks made by deer, squirrels, fox, and birds searching for winter seeds to eat. If we are lucky, snow will be on the ground.

Aeraland Recreation Area

Shelter

1:30 PM

All ages are welcome.

Free; registration is not required.

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23 Thursday

The Magic of Magnets

We will talk about magnets, what they are, how they work, and what they are used for in everyday life. Afterward, we will do some hands-on activities. Participants will have an opportunity to create a painting using tempera paints and the power of magnets.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

Ages 6-10 with an adult.

Free; registration is not required.

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24 Friday

Hands on Fur

Children can work on sensory development by touching the furs of Ohio mammals. Each animal's fur feels a little different. Some are soft and fluffy while others are short and scruffy. Children (and adults) can learn animal names and sounds as they touch the furs. Afterward, explore the Discovery Center and look at live animals and animal mounts. Children will have an opportunity to complete a coloring page.

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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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24 Friday

Flashlight Storytime

The fireplace will be lit and milk jug luminaries with battery candles will light up the rest of the Discovery Center as we read books by flashlight. We will read a story as a group, then you will be able to read our nature books on your own. Bring your favorite flashlight and a pillow and blanket to get cozy as you read.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6:30 PM
Families with children ages 4-8.
Free; registration is not required.
Michelle Rumschlag mrumschlag@hancockparks.com

26 Sunday
Baking Bread: Open House
Your nose will be treated to the warm smell of bread baking in the old cook stove as you help the McKinnis family and neighbors prepare dough. Learn about the different kinds of breads they eat and how they bake without commercial yeast.
Litzenberg Memorial Woods
McKinnis House
1-4 PM
All ages are welcome
Free; registration is not required.
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27 Monday
Fun Crafting with Rocks
Rocks are fun in many ways. You can paint, wire wrap, and build fun creations with just a little imagination. We will build a fun creation using rocks of all sizes and pour paint on them. Fun creations will be on display.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
1:30-3:30 PM
Ages 18 and up.
Register with \$5 per person by 1 PM Friday, January 24.
Minimum: 4/Maximum: 15
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27 Monday
Animals Around the Clock
The animal world is open 24/7. Some animals like to wake up to the sun and some animals wake up when the sun is setting. In this program, we will talk about the various sleep cycles found in the animal world. We will look at animals that are awake during the day, animals that are awake during the night, and animals that are active at specific times of the day. Animals that will be highlighted are gray squirrels, Virginia opossums, and white-tailed deer. Furs and animal mounts will be on display.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6 PM
Families with children ages 6 and up.
Free; registration is not required.
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30 Thursday
Paper Quilled Snowman
Paper quilling involves rolling, looping, and curling strips of paper and gluing them to create a picture. We will talk about the art and history of quilling, the craft, and basic techniques, and then we will create a paper quilled snowman. The finished product could be a nice winter decoration.
Oakwoods Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
6 PM
Ages 10-12 with an adult.
Free; but register by 1 PM on Thursday, January 30. Adults do not need to register.
Minimum: 2/ Maximum: 16
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