



Majestic View

Nature Center

FALL 2008 PROGRAMS

Majestic View Nature Center

7030 Garrison St., Arvada

720-898-7405

www.arvada.org/nature

FALL HOURS:

Through September: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October through December: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also open during programs and special activities.



CITY OF ARVADA

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Pre-registration is required for all activities listed below, as space is limited. Please call **720-898-7405** to register for any the following activities.

ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Walking with Nature

Saturday, September 13, meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at West Woods Elementary School, 16650 W. 72nd Avenue.

Walk on the Ralston Creek Trail just south of Tucker Lake. Led by Dudley Weiland, Nature Specialist. About a 3-mile hilly walk with a few stops for nature interpretation.

Evening Bird Walk

Thursday, September 25, 5:30-7 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. to adult. Free!

Take a relaxing evening stroll around Oberon Lake to view birds of Majestic View. Have your questions about local resident and migratory birds answered by our local birder, Dave Rhoades. Bring binoculars and field guides, if you have them. Spotting scopes will be provided. Please register by September 22.

Travel Series: African Safari!

Thursday, October 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. to adult. \$3/Adult, \$2/child.

Join us for an armchair tour to fascinating areas of the southern portion of Africa. See amazing digital slides of Africa's unique animal life, including water buffalos, elephants, giraffes, lions, leopards, rare birds, and more! Presented by Bob Barber, a professional outdoor photographer and member of the Arvada Park Advisory Committee. Please register by October 17.

Save Money and the Environment: Make Your Home Energy Efficient

Tuesday, October 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Ages 12 yrs. to adult. \$3

Tired of high energy bills? October is Energy Month, so learn how energy conservation measures will keep your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Find out how Colorado homeowners typically use energy, steps you can take, and steps that may require an energy auditor. See the latest products available to help make your home more efficient. Presented by representatives of Lightly Treading, Inc. and co-sponsored with Xcel Energy. Please register by October 21st.

What's going on with our Forests?

Wednesday, November 5th, 7-8 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. to adult. Free!

Over 1.5 million acres of our Colorado forests have been affected so far by the Mountain Pine Beetle! Ben Pfohl, Forester with the Colorado State Forest Service, will tell us about our changing forests and what to expect in the near future. The City of Arvada Forestry Division will answer questions on fast-growing urban tree ailments distressing the Black Walnut and Aspen trees. Call to register by October 30th.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Pre-school Fun with Animals

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 22. 10-10:45 a.m. Ages 3-6 years. \$12 for the 4-week session

Jody Weiland teaches about a different kind of animal each week. This 4-week class includes: M is for Monkey, N is for North American Porcupine, O is for Octopus, and P is for Penguin. Enjoy an up-close and personal look into their wonderful world, using books, stories, crafts and games. Sign up early!



Animal Art and Awesome Activities

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Ages 6-10. \$10/class. (\$2 discount if signing up for at least three sessions!) Always the second Saturday of the month: September 13-Rain Forest, October 11-Spooky Creatures, November 8-North American Animals, December 13-Polar Animals.

What bird has a beak that is as long as its body? Each class will focus on different types of animals or the habitats where they live. Use your artistic skills to discover amazing creatures and make a great project to take home. Call early to reserve your spot.

Nature Adventures: A Parent/Child Program

Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m. Ages 4-6 and parents. Free! Always the third Saturday of the month: September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.

Nature activities, stories, and games. Different topics each month are taught by Dean Bernard, Nature Center Specialist. Call at least five days in advance to reserve your spot.

Explore the Animal Kingdom through Art

Wednesdays, September 17-November 19, 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12. \$90 for 10-wk. session.

Artist David Sullivan teaches about different creatures and helps you portray them artistically. Draw, paint, sculpt, and use other fun art techniques to examine and learn about the many living things that make up the Animal Kingdom. Bring your healthy after-school snack each time. Please register by September 12.

Mad Science Fall Break Day Camp

Thursday, October 23, 9-4 p.m. Ages 6-12 \$49. Birds & Beasts.

Mad Science Winter Break Day Camp

Tuesday, December 30, 9-4 p.m. Ages 6-12 \$49. Earth Awareness

Mad Science strives to spark the imagination and curiosity of children, providing them with fun, hands-on, exciting activities that instill an understanding of science and nature. Call Mad Science directly to register at 303 403-0432 or visit their website at www.madscience.tv.

SELF-GUIDED NATURE GEOCACHE

Check out our new self-guided nature cache that will tour you through the park. Bring your hand-held GPS to test and learn your geocaching skills as you discover earth's natural treasures in Majestic View Park. Pickup coordinates anytime at the Nature Center information box. Visit or call us to find out more.

TREES ACROSS ARVADA

Make your yard and neighborhood more beautiful, and leave the next generation a green, cleaner environment! Low cost shade trees are available from "Trees Across Arvada". It is a program made possible through the Colorado Tree Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, renewing, and enhancing Colorado's community forests. The trees, all low-to-moderately-low water demand varieties, are 8 to 12 feet on arrival and 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Tree cost ranges from \$25.00 to \$45.00, and both balled and burlaped and bare root trees are available for pick-up and planting in mid-April, 2009. Orders should be placed by November 22. For more information, contact "Trees Across Arvada", 303-421-3206, or e-mail arvadatrees@comcast.net.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

School Field Trips: Elementary Exploration

The Nature Center offers *FUN* environmental education programs that meet Jeffco Science Standards. Students rotate through stations and participate in hands-on activities.

Pre-K: Butterflies!, My Five Senses, How do Plants Grow?

1st-2nd: Amphibians & Reptiles, Fascinating Fish Facts, Meet a Mammal, What Makes a Bird a Bird?

3rd: Incredible Insects!

4th-6th: Exhibits, Mammals Study, Wetland Experience, and Prairie/Nature Trail

Elementary Exploration is offered weekdays from 10 a.m. to 12 or 12:30 p.m. and can accommodate up to 60 students per program. The cost is \$3.50 per student. Call the Nature Center for further information or to schedule a field trip for your group.

Elementary Outreach: Award Winning Water Wise! School Program & Contest

Attention, 5th grade teachers...Signup for our award-winning WaterWise! Program and Contest! Topics include: the importance of water, the water cycle, the amount of water actually available for human use, Arvada resident water use, where Arvada's water comes from, the importance of conserving water, and more! Students also conduct a 12-day water conservation contest at home. This program is co-sponsored by the City of Arvada Utilities Division.

Community Outreach

The Center offers a variety of environmental programs that are popular for scouts, community, and homeschool groups. These can be presented at your site or ours and adapted for different group sizes and ages, from preschool through adult.

FACILITY RENTALS

The Nature Center is available for rental to environmental organizations, non-profits, and the general public for small business meetings, social functions, and special events. Please call us for rental rates.

