



MAJESTIC VIEW

NATURE CENTER

SPRING 2018 PROGRAMS

Most programs require pre-registration **720-898-7405**

APRIL 2018 CLASSES

Discover Cartooning with Nature

Wednesdays, April 4 – May 23, 4-5:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12 \$72 for 8-week session

Cartooning is its own art form, and what better way to learn it than with some friendly characters from nature. Learn to draw and sketch animal cartoons to impress your friends or illustrate your room. Enjoy this after school series with artist David Sullivan and bring a snack! Please register online.

Let's Go Fly! Make-A-Kite Classes at Majestic View

Friday, April 6 at 4 p.m. & Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m.,
11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 2 p.m.
Ages 4-10 yrs, \$5 (All materials included in fee)

Get ready to fly your kite in the free Arvada Kite Festival by making your own sled kite! Assemble, decorate and take home your kite so you can soar with the pros in the myriad of kites at the Stenger Sport Complex April 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sign up in advance.

Hummingbirds' Beauty, Biology and more

Saturday, April 14, 1-2:30 p.m., Adults, \$5

Learn all about the hummingbird visitors to your garden and how banding and research are improving our understanding of these beautiful winged messengers. Join hummingbird biologist George San Miguel from the National Park Service in a discovery of the amazing biology and ecology behind these tiny birds to reveal their true beauty through colorful photos, data, and other facts. Sign up in advance as space is limited.

You: A Habitat Hero?

Wednesday, April 18, 6-7 p.m., Ages 5 yrs-adult, \$5

Learn the practice of landscape stewardship called "wild-scaping"—wildlife friendly landscape design w/the Audubon Rockies. They will walk you through and point out different habitats in the Majestic View Gardens and answer questions about our native plants so you can create "wild" backyard habitats. Soon you'll be a Habitat Hero—yes, you! Sign up in advance.

Eco Crafts with Kids-Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 21, 1-2 p.m., Ages 6-12 yrs, \$5

Celebrate Earth Day with some creative sustainable crafts and decorations. Reuse plastic bottles, toilet paper rolls, or even pinecones as you follow instructions or create your own sculpture—bring your own reusable materials if you have 'em. Register online.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Playdates

Tuesday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., All ages, Free

Bring your children for a nature playdate in our "Nature: Explore" space, where they can climb, dig, jump and dive into nature as they connect with their world. No screens, no plans, no slides or swings—just nature and their imaginations. Please register as space is limited.

A Pollination Conversation

Friday, April 27, 11 a.m. to noon, All ages, \$5

Jump into the gardens with a CSU Master Gardener to learn tips and tricks to make your garden buzz with bees, butterflies and other Colorado pollinators. Discover why they are so important and what they need as you prepare your garden this spring. Register online.

All About Clouds

Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m. - noon, All ages, Free

Experiment making a cloud as you discover all about clouds. What are the different types, how do they form and what they can mean for the forecast? Join us for this adventure in the skies. Register online.

Zoom into Nature

Saturday, April 28, 7:00-8:15 p.m., All ages, Free

Zoom into nature photography with the basics as we discover how to spot a great photo in nature. Ask questions about your mobile camera or just enjoy the majestic view as we practice outside during the golden hour. Bring your camera and sign up online as space is limited.

Drop in Discovery

First Thursday and Third Monday at 10 a.m.
All ages, Free.

Investigate the amazing natural world from the Nature Center. Explore different themes using hands on activities, books, puzzles, crafts, and other interactive items. No need to sign up for this program, just swing by and enjoy!

"Oh No! Is my class available?"

Please register at least three days in advance to allow instructors sufficient time to prepare. Classes that do not meet the minimum registration three days before class may be canceled. Don't hesitate... register online today. www.arvada.org/public-classes

MAY 2018 CLASSES

Downtown Aquarium's Animal Meet and Greet

Saturday, May 5, 10:30-11 a.m., All ages, \$5/person, \$15/family

Get up close and personal with special friends from the Downtown Aquarium as you learn all about them and their adaptations. Perhaps you'll see a training session, get to touch or even take a family photo with our animal visitor. Any portion of the meet and greet is dependent on the animal and therefore not guaranteed. Register online.

Container Gardening

Thursday, May 10, 3-5 p.m., Ages 18 and over, \$15/Resident, \$18/NR

Located at Arvada's Community Recreation Center: 6842 Wadsworth Blvd.

You can grow almost anything in a pot; veggies, herbs, fruit, and of course, flowers. Learn how to utilize your space no matter what the size. View examples and get information on soil, watering, fertilizing and vertical supports. Instructor: Patricia Douglas. Register with Apex at **303-425-9583** or at **ApexPRD.org**.

Paint Mom a Masterpiece in Nature

Saturday, May 12, 10-11 a.m., Ages 5-12 yrs, \$15 (all supplies included)

Kids will create their own work of art in nature, just in time for Mother's Day! An instructor leads this outdoor, step-by-step tutorial as kids paint an acrylic-on-canvas masterpiece. No experience is necessary. Dress for the weather and bring painting clothes! Register in advance.

Become a Citizen Scientist for Monarchs-Training Day

Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 yrs to adult, \$20 Suggested donation

Do you love butterflies? Then join our Citizen Science team to help understand the breeding range of monarch butterflies in Colorado. Partake in our all-day training on the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (**www.mlmp.org**). You'll learn about monarch biology, monitoring milkweed for caterpillars, and how you can help save the monarch! The training is free, but a \$20 donation is suggested for your own monitoring kit.

FACILITY RENTALS

Available to rent for small business meetings, social functions, and special events.

YOUTH BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We provide a fun nature presentation, followed by your own birthday activity.

For more information or to rent the facility call **720-898-7405** or visit our website, **www.arvada.org/nature**

Tai Chi at Majestic View

Mondays, May 14 - June 25 (No Class May 28)

Beginning 6:15-7:15 p.m., Continuing 5-6 p.m.

Adults \$60 for 6-week session.

Adapted from the Sun form, this Tai Chi is slow, easy flowing and centering. Join us outside in the Nature Center gardens. Bring water and wear comfortable clothes. Patricia Douglas is certified through Tai Chi for Health Institute. Register in advance.

Wolves Alpha to Omega: Night with a Naturalist

Tuesday May 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m., All ages, \$5/person, \$15/family

Wolves and humans have a long history, but what do we really know about this amazing canine? Join Naturalist Angela Borland for a fun introduction to wolf history, biology and behavior. The "Big Bad Wolf" may not be the villain it's made out to be . . . Sign up in advance.

Majestic View Travel Series: Cuba-Lands Unseen

Thursday, May 17, 6:30-8 p.m., Ages 10 yrs-Adult, \$5

Cuba: 90 miles off our shore and a world apart. Take a virtual tour with Joe McMillan by rail, bus and car through 14 of Cuba's 15 provinces. Take a drive through the outback; see historic monuments from Castro's 1959 revolution and ride in a 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible. Come visit the Land Unseen for all this and more! Register in advance.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Playdates

Friday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., All ages, Free

See April's Description.

Olde Town Telescope Night

Friday, May 18 7:30-9:30 p.m., All ages, Free

Join us with Lookout Mountain Nature Center in Olde Town Arvada for the chance to look through a telescope and learn about some night-time nature. Meet in the center square just west of the library. No need to sign up!

Creature Feature: The Mysterious Squeak

Saturday, May 19, 11 a.m. to noon, All ages, \$5

Now playing in your local garden—rodents have run amok! Let a CSU Master Gardener help you prepare and protect your garden from these pesky critters this season and ensure your flowers and vegetables stay healthy. Register online.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, May 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Ages 4 and up, Free

It's National Scavenger Hunt Day! Come with us as we go on a scavenger hunt through the park. Bring a friend or the whole family, and feel free to picnic in the park. Dress for the weather and wear walking shoes. Register online.

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JUNE 2018 CLASSES

2018 Arvada Trails Day

Saturday, June 2, 10-2, All ages, Free

Celebrate National Trails Day in Arvada-No need to sign up, just drop by and enjoy!

Horses and Naay-ture at The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center

Monday-Friday, June 4-8 & 11-15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ages 5-8 yrs., \$435.

Get up close with horses while you gain experience on how to be safe and have fun. Day camps cover a wide range of topics from riding and vaulting to barn management. Then, enjoy an hour connecting with nature through fun and educational activities with Majestic View Nature Center staff. This camp is a great way to get outdoors, exercise, and learn, all while building self-confidence. The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center (7650 Indiana St., Arvada 80007) is devoted to educating all equine enthusiasts. Call **720-394-0191** to register.

Creature Feature: The Insect Invasion

Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m. to noon, All ages, \$5

Now playing in your local Garden—hungry insects! Discover how to protect your garden from insects or how to get rid of them with a CSU Master Gardener. Register online.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet-Outdoor Nature Playdates

Friday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., All ages, Free

See April's Description.

Mad Science: Engineering Academy

Monday-Friday, June 18-22, 9 a.m.-Noon/5 p.m., Ages K-5th Grade, \$199 half/\$289 full day.

Do you love to build, design and fix things? Put on your hard hat for this exciting week of hands-on activities, exciting demonstrations and fun take home projects that provide campers with a well-rounded introduction to the exciting world of engineering! This includes engineering concepts such as electrical engineering, simple machines, architectural engineering and more. Sign up online.

Be a Habitat Hero

Tuesday, June 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Ages 5-adult, \$5

Learn the practice of landscape stewardship called "wild-scaping" with the Audubon Rockies. Walk through the different habitats in bloom in the Majestic View Gardens and learn how you can create "wild" habitats in your own backyard. Become a Habitat Hero by signing up today!

Garden Myths--What You Should and Shouldn't Do

Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m. to noon, All ages, \$5

Everyone has heard "secrets" to keeping their garden blooming, but some could be hurting your garden. Join a CSU Master Gardener to see what you should and shouldn't do to keep your garden pristine with science-backed explanations as to what really works. Register online.

Tennis and Nature Camp with APEX

Monday-Friday, June 25-29, 9 a.m.-noon, Ages 6-13 yrs, \$130 RES/\$145 NR

Meet at the Majestic View Park tennis courts for an hour of tennis instruction, drills, and games. Then off to the Nature Center for fun, hands-on educational activities about animals, wetlands and more. Pickup is back at the courts. Register at apexprd.org/register. Contact the Apex Tennis Center at **303-420-1210** or michelec@apexprd.org with questions.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Water Wise! The Science and Conservation of Water - Outreach

Free for Arvada 6th grade classes. Topics include: the importance of water, the water cycle, Arvada resident water use and source, conserving water. Students conduct a water conservation contest at home. Teachers, call us to set up a presentation in your classroom.

Elementary Exploration Program

A Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Tier III Grant assists in funding this program, a Pre-K-6th grade science curriculum in which students learn environmental education concepts utilizing the 80-acre park and facilities. Students participate in multiple hands-on activities. Topics are specific to grade level and science standards based.



Wild Wonders - Pre-K and K May include Butterflies, My Five Senses, Feathered Friends, How do Plants Grow?

Amazing Animals - 1st and 2nd grades May include Fascinating Fish Facts, Meet a Mammal. Amphibians and Reptiles, What Makes a Bird a Bird?

Incredible Insects - 3rd grade May include What Makes an Insect and Insect?, Life Cycles, Insects Up Close and Personal, Insect Safari, Critter Trail

Ecosystem Experience - 4th through 6th grades May include Exhibit Round Robin, Mammals Study, Wetlands Walk, Prairies, Enviroscape.

Elementary Exploration is offered weekday mornings, accommodating up to 70 students per program. \$4 per students. Call for further information and to schedule a field trip for your group.

Celebrate National Trails Day in Arvada!

Saturday, June 2
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
All ages, Free!

Come explore some of Arvada's 150 miles of wonderful trails with Majestic View Nature Center and Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge. Get outdoors and move your feet, pedal your bike or just enjoy a day out on the trails! 9:30 a.m. - Guided 5k walk throughout Two Ponds and Majestic View Park. Dogs are not allowed.

9 a.m.- 5 mile family bike ride and a 15 mile recreational bike ride on trails and bike friendly streets. Arrive 15 minutes early at Majestic View Park North Parking Lot (W. 72nd Ave. just west of Carr St.) for sign-in, bike prep and meet 'n' greet. See www.bikefriendlyarvada.org for more details and the route maps.

10 a.m. - 2p.m. - Celebrations at both locations will include live animals; kids activities; nature walks; free refreshments; outdoor, nature educational booths: and prize drawings.

Parking is available at both locations. For more information call Two Ponds at **303-289-0867**, Majestic View Nature Center at **720-898-7405** or [visit Arvada.org/nature](http://visitArvada.org/nature) and www.arvadafestivals.com

Participate in all the fun activities at this festival produced by the City of Arvada Festivals Commission, Majestic View Nature Center, Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, the Arvada Bike Advisory Group, and the Arvada Park Advisory Committee.

DIRECTIONS TO MAJESTIC VIEW NATURE CENTER

7030 Garrison Street, Arvada, CO, 80004
720-898-7405

Wadsworth Blvd. to 68th Ave. to Garrison St.
north to the Center parking lot.

REGISTER ONLINE!

Visit www.Arvada.org/Public-Classes for online registration-Register Today! We strive to offer high quality programs for all ages. Please register at least three days in advance to allow instructors sufficient time to prepare. Classes that do not meet the minimum registration may be canceled. If you can no longer attend, please call **720-898-7405** ASAP to cancel.

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

Monday-Thursday & Saturday
October Through May 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June Through September 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Connect with us on social media! Facebook, Twitter and Instagram [@MajesticViewNC](https://www.instagram.com/MajesticViewNC), Send us a comment, like a photo, or share any great experiences.

Director: Karen Miller
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Angela Borland

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Center Specialists: Dean Bernard & Dudley Weiland
And our many superb volunteers and instructors

ABOUT THE CENTER

Arvada's Majestic View Nature Center & Park is a valuable resource, providing environmental education and awareness of our natural resources. Over 80 acres of wetlands, prairie, interpretive trails, a demonstration garden, and a variety of wildlife connect families & nature. Hands-on displays, wildlife exhibits, classrooms, and meeting spaces support a variety of public programs, school field trips, scout projects, & special interest groups, offered at our site or yours.