

Metro Beach Nature Center Programs

Winter



DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012

Pre-registration is required for all programs (unless otherwise noted).
Registration begins two weeks before each program. Call (586) 463-4332 to register.

DECEMBER

LUNCH WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS

December 3, 2011 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Meet at the Thomas Welsh Activity Center for fun with Rosco the Clown and story-time with Mrs. Claus, followed by lunch and a visit from Santa. Do a craft, get your picture taken and receive a small gift from Santa. Admission is by advance ticket purchase only. *All ages.* \$7.00 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 586-463-4581.



Birds at the Feeders

December 4 12:00 – 3:00 pm Donations Welcome
Watch the birds at the feeders and discover how these birds survive the winter – what do they eat? How do they stay warm? Learn bird identification and how to attract them to your yard. *Ages 10 and up.*

Nature Christmas Ornaments

December 11 1:00 pm \$4.00 per person
Make some very unique Christmas ornaments from objects found in nature. Take them home for yourself or give them as a gift! *Ages 6 and up.*

Explore Nature in Winter

December 18 1:00 pm \$3.00 per person
What is there to see outside, when it is so cold and snowy? You'd be surprised! Join a naturalist for a brisk hike through the woods and marsh. Then, come back in and enjoy some hot cocoa. *All ages.*

JANUARY

Explore Nature in Winter with Your Family

January 7 1:00 pm \$3.00 per person
It may be cold outside, but it is still a good time to go out and explore! Look for animals, big and small, and the signs they leave behind. Then, return to the Nature Center to enjoy some hot cocoa. Dress for the weather. *All ages.*

Meet the Nature Center Animals

January 8 1:00 pm \$3.00 per person
Come take a closer look at the animals that live in the Nature Center. How would they have spent the winter living outside? What do they like to eat? How do they find their food? Watch the naturalist feed the snakes, turtles, fish and frogs to learn more about them. *All ages.*

Preschool Nature Club – Animals in Winter

January 15 1:00 pm \$3.00 per child
Listen to a story about animals in winter and find out how they survive. Take a short walk, then come back inside to enjoy a snack and a craft. *Ages 3 – 6 accompanied by an adult.*

Webelos Geologist

January 21 10:00 am \$6.00 per scout
Learn about rocks and minerals, make a plaster cast of a fossil, and find out how to grow your own crystals while covering the requirements for the Geologist badge, as well as the belt loop and pin. Bring a clean, dry glass jar (such as salsa, olive or jelly) with a lid. Program is just over 2 hours long. *No siblings please.* \$4.00 per person

Adult Natural History Series – Michigan Geology

January 22 1:00 pm \$3.00 per person
Have you ever wondered about the origin of some of Michigan's geography and landmarks? What about our mineral resources, such as copper and iron? Find out more about the geologic and associated cultural history of the state while learning about some basic Earth science. *Ages 18 and up.*

Animal Tracks and Signs

January 29 1:00 pm \$3.00 per person
Though you may not see many animals in the winter, they leave behind clues! Come by for a nature walk to search for animal footprints and other signs. Then, warm up with a snack and make an animal track to take home. *Ages 6 and up.*

