



Winter Wilddays 2010

Winter Wilddays will entertain and enlighten everyone in the family during the long Adirondack winter. Experience something new every weekend.

All events are free for members or with paid admission unless noted.

* Activity is great for children and families

Designing a Positive Post-Petroleum Future: Permaculture and Participatory Ecology

Saturday
January 9th
11:30

Keith Morris presents on the concept of permaculture, and explores the ways we can design and establish our homes and communities as 'human ecosystems' that are not only less fuel reliant, but also beautiful, productive, ecologically restorative, and wholly nourishing.

Food, Not Lawns! - Workshop with Keith Morris

Workshop
1:00

Think you need a 'farm' to grow food? Think again! This workshop will look at ways you can make your yard or other human centered spaces food producing, pollinator supporting, and beautiful. Keith will discuss common challenges such as small space and contaminated soils plus provide solutions through plants and animals.

Where do animals go in the winter? - Family Art and Nature Project *

Sunday
January 10th
1:00 - 3:00

Join a naturalist for a program taking a closer look at animals in the winter. Discover why animals decide to hibernate, migrate, or stay awake. Then families can continue to explore the world of winter by creating a paperweight featuring some Adirondack wintering animals.

"Grow Your Own Tree Hugger" *

Saturday
January 16th
1:00

Join Wendy Rosenoff for an afternoon focused on showing kids and parents how easy and fun it is to bring green habits into their family lives. Wendy will share a sample of activities through hands on learning and games for the whole family. Each activity focuses on at least one sustainable living message to help grow a new green habit from her book "Grow Your Own Tree Hugger". Signed books will be available.

Think Snow! - Family Art and Nature Project *

Sunday
January 17th
1:00 - 3:00

Come prepared to experience the world of ice crystals first hand. After exploring the world of snow outside we'll move into the museum to create our own one of a kind snowflakes that won't melt. Snowshoes provided.

Boreal Birds in the Adirondacks

Saturday
January 23rd
1:00

Join ecologist Michale Glennon as she speaks on the work the Wildlife Conservation Society has been doing to understand birds in the lowland boreal habitats of the Adirondacks. She will share boreal bird natural history, research methods, and discuss what patterns have been discovered through her research.

Adirondack Turtles - Family Art and Nature Project *

Sunday
January 24th
1:00 - 3:00

This time of year turtles are rarely seen in the wild, but at The Wild Center you can still experience turtles in the middle of winter! Take a closer look at the six different turtle species at The Wild Center and then create one of your own. Leave the museum with your own reptile friend by using your creativity to design a turtle puppet.

Wild Adirondacks with Carl Heilman

Saturday
January 30th
1:00

Meet noted author and photographer Carl Heilman for a special introduction and showing of *Wild Adirondacks* followed by questions and a special book signing. Free for members and with admission.

Photography Workshop

Workshop
(Registration
required)
9:00 - 5:00

Winter in the Adirondacks potentially brings extreme weather conditions and can be the most challenging physically but can offer the greatest diversity of photographic opportunities for the nature photographer. Sign up to join Carl Heilman for a winter photography workshop to explore the endless winter landscape. (Workshop fee and registration required.) Please email sgross@wildcenter.org for more information.

What Causes Winter? - Family Art and Nature Project *

Sunday
January 31st
1:00 - 3:00

I'm sure some of us could do without all the cold, but in the Adirondacks, winter is an annual occurrence. Learn how the sun contributes to our seasons, and make a recycled sun catcher to hang in your window or garden when the temperature outside warms up.

Heating Effectively with Biomass

Saturday
February 6th
1:00

Guillermo Metz is the Green Building and Renewable Energy Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. Guillermo will focus on tips for home heating efficiency such as how to effectively stack your firewood, how to burn wood for the most heat and how to keep your stove in tip top shape.

Adirondack Snakes - Family Art and Nature Project *

Sunday
February 7th
1:00 - 3:00

While most snakes are hibernating just below the frost line those at The Wild Center are wide awake. Learn about the types of snakes that occur in the Adirondacks and meet a live snake. Afterward, use your creativity to make a snake draft stopper to place by doors or windows in your home.

American Kestrels in the Adirondacks

Saturday
February 13th
1:00

Mark Manske, raptor biologist and falconer, has spent the last eight years monitoring NY's smallest falcon, the American Kestrel. He surveys a network of over 130 nest boxes every spring and will share his data and insights on this fascinating species. A live kestrel animal encounter will follow the program. After the presentation you will have the opportunity to construct a raptor box for Mark to place in the field for research.

“Winter Wilddays 2010” continued

- Sunday**
February 14th
1:00 - 3:00
- Adirondack Birds of Winter - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Come in from the cold and meet a bird that lives outside in the harsh Adirondack winter and learn which other birds remain here year round. Then show your love for these winter birds and all of the Adirondacks by making a heart shaped treat to hang outside your home.
- Saturday**
February 20th
1:00
- The Color of Ice**
Dr. Peter Wasilewski will describe how color can show features of ice on Earth. Water ice is one of the most widespread and intriguing compounds on the planet, in the solar system, and beyond. On the planet it falls as snow, forms lacy deposits on windows, creates skating surfaces on lakes, gracefully drapes rock cliffs, packs thickly on the polar oceans, and lays even thicker on the ice caps blanketing Greenland and Antarctica.
- Sunday**
February 21st
1:00 - 3:00
- Snow globes - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Join a naturalist for a warm winter story, then capture your own Adirondack winter scene forever and decorate your home with a handmade snow globe made from everyday items.
- Saturday**
February 27th
1:00
- Small Windpower in the Adirondacks**
Join Ken Visser as he discusses the fundamentals of wind energy with a focus on current technologies for the home consumer. Ken will share his knowledge on current research from Clarkson University and present on some new wind concepts for the future.
- Sunday**
February 28th
1:00 - 3:00
- Become a Track Detective - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Come prepared to go outside and use your detective skills to track down some winter critters. Then we'll head inside to make our own track stamps and personalized winter tracking story. Snowshoes provided.
- Saturday**
March 6th
1:00
- Golden-winged Warblers and other Declining Shrubland Birds**
Dr. Tom Langen will give you a closer look at high priority bird species, the golden-winged warbler and other shrubland species. Tom will explain some of the causes of shrubland bird decline and present ways we, as Adirondack residents, might manage land to maintain these interesting birds in northern New York.
- Sunday**
March 7th
1:00 - 3:00
- Spring Creatures - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Spring is just around the corner, and many creatures will soon be active again. Meet some of the amphibians who have been hibernating just below our feet for the past few months, and then create a safe home for the frogs and salamanders that you can place in your garden once the ground thaws.
- Saturday**
March 13th
1:00
- The Home Flock: Keeping Chickens in Your Backyard**
Have you wondered about keeping chickens in your backyard. Join Terry Golson as she shares her personal experience with keeping hens in her backyard. You'll learn about housing, health and daily chicken care as well as how to select breeds of chickens best suited to your backyard and where to buy them.
- Children's Program**
11:30
- Children's Program: "Tillie Lays an Egg" ***
Terry offers insight into the life of a chicken. She will read her book and give everyone a chance to investigate a chicken up close and personal. Visit Terry's site www.hencam.com for a sneak peak.
- Sunday**
March 14th
1:00 - 3:00
- Adirondack Trout - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Take a walk around the museum and observe all the different types of trout found in the Adirondacks. Study a Rainbow, Brook, Brown, or Lake Trout for inspiration and then create a unique postcard to send to a friend!
- Saturday**
March 20th
1:00
- Composting 101 for Your Home**
Composting is a natural form of recycling that you can do at home. Join Anne Lenox Barlow from Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about composting options for your home or backyard. Anne will help take the mystery out of home composting while sharing her knowledge about different types of bins of available and ways to troubleshoot composting woes.
- Sunday**
March 21st
1:00 - 3:00
- Maple Sugaring - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Spring in the Adirondacks is sugarin' season. Join a naturalist to head outside to learn where this tradition started and meet a Sugar Maple. After returning inside we'll create baskets that Native Americans would have used to carry syrup but you can use it for art supplies, knick knacks, or treats. Snowshoes provided.
- Saturday**
March 27th
1:00
- The Timber Rattlesnake, a Native Wildlife Species of the Adirondacks**
Herpetologist Bill Brown will present on findings from his 32 year study of timber rattlesnakes with a focus on distribution, seasonal habits of survival and the threats its faces. Jon Furman will join Bill and offer his perspectives and sign copies of his book "Timber Rattlesnakes in Vermont and New York". Also experience a live rattlesnake encounter led by museum staff earlier in the day.
- Sunday**
March 28th
1:00 - 3:00
- Otter Birthday Party - Family Art and Nature Project ***
Join us to help celebrate Squirt, Squeaker, and Emmet's birthday! Spring is when baby otters are born. Help us celebrate by joining in a special day all about otters. There will be cake, fun festive activities and more.

For more information and complete Winter 2010 Wild Center listings please visit www.wildcenter.org and click on the Event page.



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