



Majestic View

Nature Center

FALL 2009 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



Conservation Corner



Majestic View Nature Center Garden

We expect the new site construction will be complete and plantings will be installed well before the coming Halloween Holiday! Grants and contributions have provided a demonstration garden for Arvada residents. As our natural resources are limited, conservation becomes an increasing concern for all of us. The goal of the garden is to provide an area where residents can find elements that will work for them in their very own landscapes. Interpretive signage and information will be available as it is developed and installed through the winter months and ready for the spring 2010 growing season. The garden incorporates many elements; native and water-wise vegetation, plants that attract and support particular wildlife such as birds and butterflies, plant materials that provide year-round beauty and can be used in a variety of ways, a water feature, and environmentally sound irrigation practices. The walkway ensures that kids and adults can appreciate nature up close, using all five senses. Come and stroll through the gardens at Majestic View Nature Center!

Another New Trail to Explore

On Saturday, August 1, about 380 volunteers assisted in the building of a new trail at Majestic View Park. Members of the Arvada Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints collaborated with the City of Arvada Parks Department to build a new portion of the



Habitat Trail as part of the church's Community Service Day. The volunteers moved 226 tons of crushed granite to complete 1,070 feet of new trail, including grading and reseeding. In addition, they completed a seating area along the trail, a wildlife viewing area, repair of an existing trail, and treated fence posts and wood structures throughout the park. Our appreciation goes out to all involved in this community project!

ABOUT THE CENTER

Arvada's Majestic View Nature Center and Community Park is a valuable resource, providing environmental education and awareness of our natural resources. The park encompasses over 80 acres, which includes wetland areas, the interpretive trail, prairie grasses, and a variety of wildlife. The 3,000 square foot Nature Center features hands-on nature and environmental displays, wildlife exhibits, classrooms, and meeting space.

The Center offers a variety of programs for the general public, school groups, pre-schools, scouts, and other community groups. Please call us for further information about any of our programs.

**DIRECTIONS TO
MAJESTIC VIEW NATURE CENTER**

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Wadsworth to 68th Avenue, west to Garrison Street,
north on Garrison Street to the Center.

From the west: Oberon Road to 66th Avenue,
east to Garrison Street, then north to the Center.

****Parking area open on 72nd Avenue,
just west of Carr Street****

Enjoy the 1/3 mile nature walk to the NC.
Easy access to Majestic View Park which includes tennis courts,
playgrounds, and a picnic area.

Visit our website, www.arvada.org/nature



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 A Water Feature in Your Landscape?

Tuesday, September 22, 6-7 p.m. No Fee, but call to register!

Butterflies and birds are naturally attracted to water. The sound of water moving through a landscape is enjoyable and calming to all of us. If you have ever thought about a water feature, either a pond or low maintenance small pond less waterfall, come and see Majestic View Nature Center's feature in our brand new water conserving garden. A presentation by the experts from Rocky Mountain WaterScape will answer many questions you may have. Call us by September 17 to sign up.

Evening Bird Walk

Thursday, September 24, 5-7 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 21st.

Backpacking the Trail of the Ancients

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. to adult. \$3.

Load your 'virtual backpack' and join Carolyn Adam, outdoor extraordinaire, for a trek to the bottom of the Grand Gulch located in southeastern Utah. See the fresh green of new spring leaves, enjoy the melodies of the birds of canyon country, setup camp next to Polly's Spring, marvel at the stunning red sandstone formations, and discover many hidden Anasazi ruins, pictographs, and petroglyphs. Learn what you need to sustain yourself on an adventure like this. Please register by September 25th.

Project Wild Workshop: Growing Up WILD, a Curriculum for Early Childhood Educators

Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For Educators who teach kids 3-7 yrs. \$20 to Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation. (1/2 Credit from CSM available).

Activity-filled workshop with a full-color guide, activity materials, and resources that can be used to connect early childhood learners to the outdoors while solidifying their math and literacy skills. Growing Wild is a new early childhood curriculum from Project WILD sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife. All activities are correlated to Head Start Domains as well as the National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation Criteria. To register, please call Tabbi Kinion, Colorado Division of Wildlife, at **303-291-7165** or tabbi.kinion@state.co.us.

Majestic View Travel Series: Alaska!

Wednesday, October 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Majestic View Nature Center. Ages 10 years-Adult. \$ 3.

Visit wild Alaska! See digital images of black, brown (grizzly), Komode and polar bears in magnificent Denali, Katmai and other National parks. Experience fly-fishing for rainbow trout and salmon. See spectacular Privolf Island, walrus and the unique birds of Alaska. Presented by Bob Barber, professional outdoor photographer and member of the Arvada Park Advisory Committee. Register by October 21.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Nature Adventures: An Interactive Experience

Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m. Ages 4-6 and parents. Free! Always the third Saturday of the month: September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19.

Celebrate the natural wonders of the season with your child through short hikes, hands-on activities, crafts, and books. Dress for the weather as we will spend a portion of each class outside. Taught by Dean Bernard, Nature Center Specialist, and his dog Moxie. Call at least five days in advance to reserve your spot.

Explore the Animal Kingdom through Art

Wednesdays, September 30-November 18, 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12 yrs. \$80 for 8-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 creatures that make up the Animal Kingdom. Bring your healthy after-school snack each time. Please register by September 25th.

Animal Art and Awesome Activities

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Ages 6-10. \$10/class. Held the second Saturday of the month: October 10 – Sea Creatures, November 14 – Gross Animals, December 12- Gyotaku (Japanese fish printing!)

Learn about, and then use your artistic skills to discover amazing creatures and make a great project to take home. Register at least 3 days in advance.

My Backyard Adventure: Creating a Nature Journal

Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, and 10, 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12 years.

\$ 35.00 for the three-week session.

The natural world around you is a beautiful place! Come and learn how to use a writing journal to help you explore your backyard and other environments! This interactive class is designed to motivate children to write and sketch about the environment while spending quality time with nature. The cost includes "An Adventure in My Own Backyard: a kid's nature journal" a Magic Lantern journal. Instructor: Cara Davies, M.A. She encourages and assists young readers and writers to develop a sense of wonder for the natural world.

Mad Science Jeffco School Break Day Camps at Majestic View

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.

Oct 16th Junior Engineers 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$59 Ages 6-12

Do you love to build, design and fix things? We'll construct, destruct, and rebuild as you put on your engineer's hat.

Nov 23-25 Crazy Chemistry 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$169 Ages 6-12

Whip up potions, find out how different chemicals react when mixed together, and use your skills as a chemist to discover some answers to the world around us.

Dec 21-23 Funky Forensics 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$169 Ages 6-12

All of your observation skills will be needed as you use your new magnifying glasses and notebooks to record your evidence. Use your forensic skills to solve the crime.

Dec 28-30 Earth Awareness 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$169 Ages 6-12

Learn all about pollution and what it does to our planet. Determine what big problems a little pollution can cause with a lake in a bottle. Unearth pollution solutions and other ways to help our planet. We'll have fun exploring creative solutions to a serious topic.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

School Field Trips: Elementary Exploration Program

The Nature Center received a Tier III grant award for the fourth year from the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. This award assists in the funding of the Elementary Exploration Program, a K-6th grade science curriculum in which the students learn environmental education concepts throughout the 80-acre park and Nature Center facility. Offered weekdays from 10 a.m. to 12 or 12:30 p.m., the cost is \$3.75/student, we can accommodate up to 65 students per program.



Examples of hands-on activity stations that meet Jeffco Science standards include: 1st-2nd grade: Meet a Mammal, Amphibians & Reptiles, Birds, and Fish. 3rd-6th grade topics include: Incredible Insects!, Mammals Study, Wetland Experience, Prairie/Nature Trail, and Exhibits.

Elementary Outreach: Water Wise! School Program & Contest

Attention, 5th grade teachers...Signup for our 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 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 home school groups. They can be presented at your site or ours and adapted for different ages and groups sizes. Examples include most of the school topics, plus Endangered Species, Animals & Art, Birding, and more. We can assist scouts toward completion of a badge. We also offer digital photo presentations of wildlife and their environments from all over the world.

YOUTH BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Nature Center Specialists provide a nature presentation and/or trail walk, followed by your birthday activity.

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.

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TREES ACROSS ARVADA

Are you looking to replace trees in your landscape after our summer storms? 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 costs range 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, 2010. Orders should be placed by November 20. For more information, contact "Trees Across Arvada", **303-421-3206**, TreesAcrossArvada.org, or e-mail arvadatrees@comcast.net.