



Majestic View

Nature Center

SPRING/SUMMER 2010 PROGRAMS

Majestic View Nature Center

7030 Garrison St., Arvada

720-898-7405

www.arvada.org/nature

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS:

Through May 31, 2010: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 1 through September 30, 2010:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Also open during programs and special activities.



CITY OF ARVADA



Conservation Corner

Majestic View Nature Center Garden

The garden is experiencing its first springtime and growing daily! Grants, matching funds, 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 is in progress. 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!

CUB SCOUTS BUILD BIRDHOUSES

The Tiger den and the Wolf den from Pack 513, with the help of Cubmaster Bob Nielson built bird houses for West Woods and Lake Arbor Golf Clubs. This assists with the golf clubs' Audubon International Certification, a Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, promoting ecologically sound management practices.

EARTH DAY

Thank you to Northwest United Federal Credit Union for its sponsorship of the Earth Day 6th grade Poster Contest celebrating this important event.

Celebrate Earth Day by visiting Majestic View Nature Center exhibits and learning how you can do your part for our planet. Befriend a fox, meet a mallard, and greet the Great-horned owl. Pick up pointers on pollution, water conservation, and invasive species. Explore our new trails, picnic near the garden, and let our spectacular views inspire and encourage your stewardship.

ARVADA'S ANNUAL TRAILS DAY EVENT

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 -2:00 p.m.
For all ages. Free!

ARVADA TRAILS DAY

Celebrate National Trails Day at Majestic View Community Park and Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge! See live animal shows featuring the Denver Zoo, HawkQuest, and hold Rosie the Tarantula from The Butterfly Pavilion. Participate in hands-on environmental education booths and an eco-fair. Enjoy free refreshments, walk a 5k trail with a naturalist, tour in a 20-mile bike ride along Arvada's trails, and experience so much more!! We will host a dedication ceremony for the new demonstration gardens and trails at Majestic View Park.

Karen Miller, Majestic View Nature Center Director
Charlotte Sandkuhler, Environmental Education Specialist
Dudley Weiland, Nature Center Specialist/Instructor
Dean Bernard, Nature Center Specialist/Instructor
David Sullivan, Instructor



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 special interest groups. Please call us for further information about any of our programs. These can be presented at your site or ours.

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.

YOUTH BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Nature Center staff can provide a fun nature presentation, followed by your own birthday activity. Call the Nature Center for more information on these programs or to rent the facility for your next birthday party.

Directions to Majestic View Nature Center

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

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.

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.

YOUTH, ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Explore the Animal Kingdom through Art: Tropical Wildlife

Wednesdays, April 7-May 19, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12 yrs., \$65 for the 7-week session

Discover wild animals from Australia, South America and Africa, from giant lizards, poisonous frogs to deadly snakes. We will draw, paint, sculpt, and use a variety of fun art techniques to learn about these inhabitants of our planet. David Sullivan, Instructor.

Boy Scout Photography Merit Badge

Sundays, April 11-May 23 (No class May 10), 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Ages 11 to 18 yrs., \$25/scout for all 6 sessions

Join professional photographer and former scoutmaster Rod Pilcher to fulfill the requirements for the Boy Scout Photography Merit Badge. Learn camera parts and how your camera works, proper exposure, composition, and lighting. Film or digital camera is required, point & shoot or S.L.R. (Single Lens Reflex). There will be opportunities to photograph wildlife and scenery.

Nature Adventures: An Interactive Experience

The third Saturday of every month, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17 and August 21.
Ages 4-6 yrs. and parents, Free!

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 may spend some time outside. Different topics each month are taught by one of our Nature Center Specialists. Call at least five days in advance to sign up.

Evening Bird Walk

Tuesday, April 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Ages 10 yrs. to adult, Free!

Spring is a spectacular time of the year to see migrating birds. Learn the basics of bird watching and then stroll around Oberon Lake to view resident and migratory birds. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Spotting scope will be provided.

Bike Repair and Ride at Apex Community Center

Thursday, April 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. or Tuesday, May 11, 10:00-12:00 noon.
Ages 18 yrs. and older, \$8

Pedal your way to enjoy the great outdoors! Don't get stranded while riding. Learn the basic skills to repair a flat tire while on the trail. Other topics include what to check before riding, chain cleanings and lube, how to make adjustments to your riding style ...and many more. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bike). Afterwards, the instructor offers an optional bike ride to practice the new skills you have learned.

Location: Apex Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd. Call them directly to register at 303 425-9583.

Eco-Crafts – Gifts for Mom and Mother Nature

Tuesday, May 4, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Ages 6 yrs. to adult, \$3

This Mother's Day, why not honor both Mom and Mother Nature? Exercise your inner artist by making decorative recycled paper eco-cards and sophisticated paper bead jewelry from old magazines. Anything you make, you bring home, and these items make great gifts! Bring the whole family to learn how to reduce, reuse, and recycle as you put those skills to the test! Led by Charlotte Sandkuhler, recycling enthusiast! Call ahead to reserve your spot!

A Water Feature in Your Landscape?

Thursday, May 6, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Adult program, Free!

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 a low-maintenance pondless 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 April 30.

Animal Art and Awesome Activities-Radical Reptiles

Saturday, May 8, 10:00-12:00 noon.
Ages 6 to 10 yrs., \$10

Cold blooded and scaly, learn about crocodiles, lizards, and snakes as we examine these interesting reptiles while making a great artistic project to take home.

Story Time in the Garden

Wednesdays, June 2-23, 10:00 -10:45 a.m.
Ages 3 to 6 yrs. \$15 for the 4 week session.

Mary Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Bring your 3-6 yr old to explore flowers, trees, seeds and our garden through stories! Charlotte Sandkuhler will lead your little ones on a fun, interactive discovery of the Majestic View garden and each week will involve books, songs, games or crafts. Plan to spend some time outdoors marveling at nature and smelling the roses. Sign up early.

Arvada's Annual Trails Day Event

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 -2:00 p.m.
For all ages. Free! See description on inside cover.

Butterfly Gardening Basics

Thursday, June 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ages 12 to adult, \$3

Are you iffy about insects but bursting about butterflies? Would you like to learn how to attract butterflies to your garden at home? Come learn about Colorado butterflies and how to attract them to your very own backyard. Tour our butterfly garden and go home with the know-how and some materials to get you started on your own butterfly garden! Presenter: Charlotte Sandkuhler, former Butterfly Pavilion Educator. Please register by June 4.



Travel Series: Exploring the National Parks, Monuments, and Wildlife Refuges of the West

Thursday, June 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Ages 10 yrs. to adult. \$3

Take an armchair tour of the National Parks, Monuments, and Wildlife Refuges of the west including: Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Washington, Oregon, California, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. See the amazing wildlife and scenic views of well known parks as well as some not-so-well-known, such as: Crater Lake, Saguaro, Wind Cave, Badlands, Dinosaur, Hovenweep, Bosque del Apache, Natural Bridges, Bisbee, and Bandelier. Program presented by Bob Barber, a professional Wildlife Photographer. Please register by June 10.

Getting to Know our New Garden

Thursday, June 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Adult program, Free!

Jeff Tejral, Horticulturist and one of the designers of Majestic View's new garden, will walk us through the landscape and share his enthusiasm for water conserving gardens. Learn what plants may be appropriate for where you live and pick up some gardening pointers. What are the benefits of replacing bluegrass with native species? What plants attract birds and butterflies? How do I design a garden that provides year-round interest? Get answers to these questions and more as you explore Majestic View's garden! Please sign up by June 18.

Turtles and Friends

Saturday, July 3, 11:00-12:00 noon.
Ages 5 yrs. to adult. Free!

Where do turtles go in the winter? See a live reptile and amazing artifacts. Enjoy a guided stroll to look for live reptiles in and around Oberon Lake. Program presented by Lannie Hagan, Reptile Rehabilitator. Please sign up in advance.

Art in the Garden

Saturday, July 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Ages 6 to 12 yrs., \$10

Get inspired by the new garden at Majestic View and test your art techniques in the great outdoors. Learn about insects and draw them while in action in our garden; discover interesting plants and wildlife through the eyes of an artist.

Travel Series: Semester at Sea

Tuesday, July 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Ages 13 to adult, \$3

Think back to your undergrad days as you board the most unlikely college campus, the S.S. Universe Explorer. Imagine falling asleep to the rocking of the ship and waking up for a day of classes to the sun shining through the porthole in your cabin. Go on a South African safari, dive into Indian Ocean coral reefs, visit beaches in Vietnam and Cuba, and paddle a canoe through the Amazon searching for caimans. Motivate your high-schoolers or entice those lifelong learners with Charlotte Sandkuhler's Semester At Sea adventures, and learn how you can circumnavigate the globe too!

Spider Quest

Saturday, August 7, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Ages 4 to 10 yrs., Free!

Do black widows really live in Colorado? Is the daddy long legs the most dangerous spider in the world? Come get caught up in the wonderful world of spiders! Discover what makes spiders unique, learn about spider webs, identify which ones you really need to watch out for, and get ready to catch some spiders in the park. Presented by Charlotte Sandkuhler, Environmental Educator. Sign up by July 31!

Zoom into Nature

Wednesdays, August 18, September 1, 15, 29, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ages 14 and older, \$30 total for four sessions.

Tips, tools and techniques for getting the most out of your scenic, wildlife, and close-up photography. Learn by doing in this hands-on photographic experience, using Majestic View Nature Center's lake, wildlife and new xeriscape garden as our subjects. Any kind of film or digital camera is required; S.L.R. (Single Lens Reflex) is preferred. Most Point & Shoot, and some S.L.R. cameras will have limitations depending on lens capabilities. Sign up by August 12.

MAD SCIENCE SUMMER DAY CAMPS AT MAJESTIC VIEW NATURE CENTER

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.org/colorado.

Half day, full day, and extended day weekly camps.
Ages 6 to 12 yrs. Topics include:

June 14-18 Claws Codes & Constellations

June 28-July 2 Seek, Find & Solve

July 6-9 **1/2 Day (4-6 year olds)**
In the Garden

July 19-23 "Fizz-ical" Phenomenon & Crazy Che-Mystery

August 9-13 Mad Science Engineering Academy



SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS: ELEMENTARY EXPLORATION PROGRAM

The Nature Center received a Tier III grant for the fifth 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 Center facility. Offered weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 or 12:30 p.m., the cost is \$3.75/student and we can accommodate up to 65 students per program.

Examples of interactive stations that are based on Jeffco Science standards include the 3-6th grade topics: Incredible Insects!, Mammals Study, Wetland Experience, Prairie/Nature Trail and Exhibits. Elementary Exploration also includes Pre-K through second grade topics: Butterflies, How do Plants Grow?, My Five Senses, Amphibians & Reptiles, Meet a Mammal, Birds, and Fish.

Scouts

The Nature Center can help your group towards completion of a badge. Call us about our specifically designed activities for Webelos Forester and Naturalist pins.

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