



Majestic View

Nature Center

FALL 2011 PROGRAMS

Majestic View Nature Center

7030 Garrison St., Arvada

720-898-7405

www.arvada.org/nature

FALL HOURS:

June 1 through September 30: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 1 through May 31: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



CITY OF ARVADA



Conservation Corner

Thanks to our volunteers . . . During the months of April and May, 1,360 students (29 school groups) and 274 teachers/chaperones understand more about nature in the modern world. Our staff and volunteers are experienced and qualified professionals, vital to the success of the Nature Center.

A Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Tier III grant and the Jefferson County Open Space Foundation assists in funding our School Field Trip program.

Karen Miller, Director

Charlotte Sandkuhler, Environmental Education Specialist

Dudley Weiland, Center Specialist

Dean Bernard, Center Specialist

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, a demonstration Garden, 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.



HELP US CONSERVE!

If you would prefer to receive this brochure (sent three times a year) by email to save paper, please send us your email to mvnc@arvada.org.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

As you are cruising Facebook, be sure to search for Majestic View Nature Center and become our fan! We post pictures, discussions, and events on our page. It is a great way to keep current with all of our happenings! www.facebook.com/majesticviewnaturecenter

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.

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
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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.

**Additional parking area 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



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ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS Tai Chi at Majestic View Nature Center

Session I: Mondays, September 12-October 31, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults. \$80 for the 8 week session.

Session II: Mondays, November 7-December 19, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adults. \$70 for the 7 week session.

Join us outside in the serene setting of the gardens and lake at Majestic View. This Tai Chi is adapted from the Sun form which means that it is slow, easy flowing and centering, increasing flexibility, strength and balance. Patricia Douglas is certified through Tai Chi for Health Institute. Bring water, dress for the weather and wear comfortable clothes. Inside area is available in the case of inclement weather. Register by September 6.

Evening Bird Walk

Tuesday, September 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. to adult. Free!

Fall 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. Call to sign up.

Walking Arvada's Trails with a Naturalist

Wednesday, September 14. Gather at 6:15 p.m. Walk starts at 6:30 p.m. Families welcome. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.) \$3 per walker or \$10 per family.

Join Arvada native, Dean Bernard, on a casual evening walk along Blunn Trail, one of Arvada's 125 miles of trails. Walk will be at a casual pace lasting 1-1 1/2 hours, allowing us to learn about Arvada's history, local plants/trees, and our city's urban wildlife. Bring your water bottle and walking shoes. Class size is limited, so pre-register. Meet at the Arvada West Dog Park, 17975 W. 64th Ave.

Explore the Animal Kingdom through Art

Wednesdays, September 14-November 16, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12 yrs.

\$90 for 10 week 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 9.

Nature Adventures: An Interactive Experience

The third Saturday of every month, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17. Ages 4-6 yrs. and parents. Free, call in advance to sign up.

Celebrate the wonders of nature 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.

Pollution Private Investigators

Saturday, October 1, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Ages 6-12 yrs. Free, must call in advance to sign up.

Who is responsible for the pollution in our waterways? How can we stop it from ruining our natural habitats? Learn about water pollution's origins by playing a gooey and gross game at the shore of Oberon Lake with Charlotte Sandkuhler, Environmental Education Specialist. Everyone will leave feeling empowered about keeping our waterways clean.

Project Learning Tree Early Childhood Workshop

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Adults. \$25.

Teachers, child-care professionals, parents and youth leaders. Earn professional development credits or just have lots of fun exploring Project Learning Tree's activities for young children. Learn to use the award-winning curriculum, "Environmental Experiences for Young Children" with kids aged 3-6. Project Learning Tree activities integrate nature-based exploration, art, literature, math, music, and outdoor play, inspiring a connection to the natural world. Fee includes workshop, curriculum guide, music CD, lunch, and site tour. For information or to register, call 303-202-4661, or go to www.coloradopl.org and click on Early Childhood Experiences.



Pre-school Fun with Animals

Wednesdays, October 5-26, 10:00-10:45 a.m. Ages 3-6 yrs. \$15 for the 4 week session.

Jody Weiland teaches about a different kind of animal each week. This 4 week class includes: R is for Raccoon, S is for Snake, T is for Turtle and W is for Wolf. Enjoy an up-close and personal look into their wonderful world, using books, stories, crafts, and games. Sign up early!

Live Bats at Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 -8:30 p.m. Ages 5-adult. \$5 per person.

Join Rob Mies from the Organization for Bat Conservation at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling St. for an encounter with a Big Brown bat from North America and fruit bats from Africa and Asia. Come face-to-face with the largest bat in the world, the Gigantic Flying Fox from Malaysia. \$5.00 per person - payable at the door, no pre-registration on this program. Co-sponsored by Majestic View Nature Center. Call Margaret at 303-205-7554 for more details.

Majestic View Travel Series: Wild Costa Rica and Panama

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Ages 10 yrs.-adult. \$3.

Before you hop in the plane to visit spectacular Costa Rica, come see photographs by professional photographer Bob Barber and get some great ideas for your trip. Few get to see a Quetzal, the spectacular rare bird of Central America. See digital images of the Quetzal in the mountains of the Cloud Forest, active volcanoes, sloths, monkeys, water birds, and jungle birds of the awe-inspiring rainforest. For mining steam train buffs, images of an 1890's gold mining operation in Panama's Darien National Park are shown. Register by October 21.

Happy "Owldays" to You!

Thursday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Ages 6 yrs-adult. \$3/person.

Who flies silently at night? Who lives in trees, barns and other places nearby? Who has amazing adaptations allowing it to see, hear and hunt in the dark? Owls -that's who! Find out all you ever wanted to know and more about these cool critters. Presented by Kristin Libberton, Naturalist and Tabbi Kinion, Colo. Parks and Wildlife. Register by October 31.

Now I See You, Now I Don't

Wednesday, November 9, 10:00-10:45 a.m. Ages 3-6 yrs. \$3.

Explore one of nature's greatest defenses - camouflage! Who is lurking in the tall grasses? Who defies discovery in the pile of leaves? What animals might be right under your nose? Kids will delight in using their keen eyesight to try to unmask nature's best magicians. Taught by Charlotte Sandkuhler. Sign up in advance!

Eco-Holiday Crafts

Tuesdays, November 29, December 6 and 13. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Ages 6-adult. \$5 per class or \$13 for all three.

We had such a merry time last year, we had to do it again! Deck the halls with eco-friendly home-made crafts. Each week we will make an ornament or decoration from reused products. Anything you make, you bring home, and these items make great gifts, too! Bring the whole family to exercise their holiday creativity and artistry. Led by Charlotte Sandkuhler, Environmental Educator. Call ahead to reserve your spot!

Mad Science at Majestic View-School Break Camps

To register call Mad Science of Colorado at 303-403-0432 or visit www.madscience.org/colorado.

Mad Science Engineering Academy (ages 6-12)

Nov. 21-23, 3-day camp. \$115 Half Day 9:00 a.m.-12 noon or \$175 Full Day. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Extended care available.

Do you love to build, design and fix things? Put on your engineer's hat for this exciting week of science activities. We'll build catapults, bridges and domes.

Super Science Sampler (ages 6-12)

Dec. 19-23, 5-day camp. \$189 Half Day 9:00 a.m.-12 noon or \$289 Full Day 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Extended care available.

Discover bugs and owls in Biology; build contraptions via Engineering; perform the Great Tablecloth Tug during Physics and much more.

Seek, Find & Solve (ages 5-11)

Dec. 27-30, 4-day camp. \$149 Half Day 9:00 a.m.-12 noon or \$229 Full Day 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Extended care available.

Decipher the world around you. Learn the techniques of disguise, the art of writing secret messages and the cool gadgets and gizmos used to discover "who done it".

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

A Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Tier III grant and Jefferson County Open Space Foundation assists in funding this program, a Pre-K-6th grade science curriculum in which students learn environmental education concepts throughout the 80-acre park and Nature Center. Students rotate through stations and participate in hands-on, fun activities. Topics are science standards based, specific to grade level.

Elementary Exploration is offered weekday mornings and can accommodate up to 75 students. The cost is \$3.75 per student. Call the Nature Center for further information or to schedule a field trip for your group.

Water Wise! The Science and Conservation of Water - School Program & Contest

Free for Arvada 6th grade students. Topics include: the importance of water, the water cycle, Arvada resident water use and where it comes from, conserving water. Students conduct a water conservation contest at home. Teachers, call us to present to your classroom. This program is sponsored by the City of Arvada Utilities Department.

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