



# Majestic View

Nature Center

## **WINTER 2012 PROGRAMS**

### **Majestic View Nature Center**

7030 Garrison St., Arvada

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#### **WINTER HOURS:**

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Also open during programs and special activities.



CITY OF ARVADA



# Conservation Corner



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What a beautiful fall we experienced in the gardens at Majestic View Nature Center and Park. The purple and red asters bloomed into November and the tall grasses will sway in the breeze all through the winter season. The gigantic cottonwood tree overlooking the entry holds on to many of its leaves into spring!



**Rocks and Minerals - Building Blocks of the Earth's Crust**  
 Throughout the month of January, the North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club will present an exhibit featuring Lyons sandstone, Mt. Antero granite, marble from Marble, Salida schist, Utah rhyolite, Michigan gabbro plus fossilized wood, smoky quartz, garnets, magnetite, pyrite and so much more. Go home with a token of your visit. Stop in during public hours at the Nature Center to enjoy the display.

**THANK YOU GALEN ELISHA**  
 A big thank you to Galen who, with the assistance of Troop 231, refurbished the deck at the Nature Center for his Eagle Scout project. Our deck is now in great shape due to Galen's fine leadership skills and his team of capable workers.

## 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, interpretive trails, prairie grasses, the 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 special interest groups. Please call us for further information about any of our programs. These can be presented at your site or ours.

## 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 **kmiller@arvada.org**.

## 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  
**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

Programs require pre-registration by calling **720-898-7405**.

### Tai Chi at Majestic View Nature Center

Redirect the stress of life into something smooth, nourishing and strengthening. This Tai Chi is adapted from the Sun form which means that it is slow, easy flowing and centering. Patricia Douglas is certified through Tai Chi for Health Institute. Register early for these classes!

#### Tai Chi I (8 weeks)

Mondays, January 9-February 27, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Adults. \$80

This is the beginning class, introducing you to the first movements of the basic form.

#### Tai Chi II (8 weeks)

Mondays, March 5-April 23, 6:45-7:45 p.m. Adults. \$80

This class finishes up the basic form, session I is a pre-requisite.

#### Continuing Tai Chi (2 different sessions, each one is 8 weeks long)

Mondays, January 9-February 27 and again from March 5-April 23: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Adults. \$80 each session.

This class is for people who know the whole form. Deepen and refine your practice, integrating body, mind and breath. Enjoy increased energy, focus and all of the health benefits that Tai Chi has to offer.

### Majestic Melodies

Wednesdays, January 11, 18, and 25, 10:00-10:45 a.m. Ages 3-6 yrs. \$12 for the 3 week session.

Does your little one like to tap his toes and sing out loud? If so, sign your kiddo up for Majestic Melodies. Each week your child will learn about nature's noises, sing some songs, and make an instrument to take home. As space is limited, please sign up in advance.

### Explore the Animal Kingdom through Art!

Wednesdays, January 11-March 14, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12 yrs. \$90 for the 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 January 6.

### Flesh on the Bones

Wednesday, January 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Ages 8-12 yrs. \$8.

Build your own dinosaur by using a skeleton model and clay to study and sculpt these ancient creatures that roamed the earth. What will yours look like? Instructor David Sullivan.

### Nature Adventures: An Interactive Experience

The third Saturday of every month, 11:00-11:45 a.m. January 21, February 18, March 17. Ages 4-6 yrs. and parents. Free, must 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.

### MVNC Travel Series: Discover New Zealand!

Thursday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. - adult. \$3/person.

Take an armchair journey down under to view the magnificent scenery and wildlife of New Zealand. Imagine standing in a rainforest surrounded by giant ferns while viewing glaciers off in the distance. See Albatrosses, Penguins, and Gannets. This breathtaking digital slide presentation is conducted by Bob Barber, a professional wildlife photographer. Register by January 20.

### Unearthing Gems

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Ages 8 yrs.-adult. No fee.

Learn techniques and clues to have your own successful dig around the Colorado and Wyoming areas. Find out how to join the North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club on one of their field trips and hear about their many events. They can answer your questions about their fascinating display of rocks and minerals. Sign up by January 26.

### Nature Tales

Tuesdays, February 7-28, 1:30-2:00 p.m. Ages 3-6 yrs. Free, pre-register.

Are your little guys stir crazy this winter? Bring your tyke to enjoy timeless classics and new discoveries from the world of children's books about nature and the environment. Cozy up for story time with a few good books, a warm fire, and your friends at the nature center.

### Eco-Crafts: Paper Making and Wind Chimes

Thursday, February 23, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Ages 6 yrs. - adult. \$5 per person.

Exercise your inner artist by making decorative recycled paper eco-cards and a charming silverware wind chime. 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! Call ahead to reserve your spot!

### WSI-Winter Scene Investigators

Wednesday, February 29, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Ages 8-Adult. No Fee, but must register by February 4.

What does wildlife do in winter? Join us for a winter scene investigation as we look for signs and clues of who's about in Arvada during the winter. The evidence is sure to reveal some interesting winter survival strategies. Dress appropriately as the program will take place both inside & outside. Presented by Kristin Libberton, Naturalist & Tabbi Kinion, Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

### Majestic View Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 3, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Ages 5-12 yrs. Free.

Make sure your senses are in tune as you explore the grounds of Majestic View Park and Nature Center for answers to our ecology scavenger hunt. Work in teams with Nature Center leaders to find hidden treasures. Dress for the weather and make sure to bring your thinking caps! Call ahead to register your kids.

### Preschool Fun with Animals

Wednesdays, March 7-28, 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 session includes Fish, Frogs, Birds, and Butterflies. Enjoy a glimpse into their wonderful world, using books, stories, crafts, and games. Sign up early!

### Up All Night-Nocturnal Animals

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m. All Ages. Free.

Do you know if you are nocturnal, diurnal, or crepuscular? Come sit fireside in the park and find out! Learn about the animals that roam the night, from tarantulas to eels to opossums! Listen to the sounds of the night, and if you are feeling festive, come in your pajamas! Sign up in advance. Weather date Tuesday, March 27.

### Kite Building Classes at Majestic View Nature Center

Ages 4-10 yrs. \$3.50 per person - see the times and locations below

Each participant will assemble, decorate and take home a sled kite. All materials are included in the fee. Call 720-898-7405 to pre-register as these fill up! Be sure to come out and fly your new kite at the Free Arvada Kite Festival at Robby Ferrufino Park on April 14 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exciting new activities this year at this Arvada Festival Commission event..

Kite Building Classes at Majestic View Nature Center (must pre-register)

Saturdays, March 24 and March 31:

10:00-11:00 a.m.

11:30-12:30 p.m.

1:00-2:00 p.m.

### Mad Science Spring Break Camp at Majestic View

**Monday-Friday, March 26-30.** 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**. Full Day Option 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$289; Half Day Option 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$189. Ages 6-12 yrs. Extended care available.

### Animal Babies in Arvada

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Ages 6-12 yrs. \$5

Did you know that a baby raccoon is called a cub? Learn about and take part in fun activities that teach us about young animals. Presented by Kristin Libberton, Naturalist and Tabbi Kinion, Colo. Parks and Wildlife. Register by March 23.

### Do Rabbits Lay Eggs?

Wednesday, April 4, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Ages 3-6 yrs. \$3.

Get egg-cited as we learn all about eggs and the animals that lay them. Watch as your tykes share what they know about eggs, learn interesting egg facts, and even get to see a few different eggs from the animal kingdom. And of course, no class about eggs would be complete without egg decorating. Sign up in advance.

### Nature Art from Around the World

Wednesdays, April 4-May 16, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-12 yrs. \$65 for the 7-week session.

Discover art techniques and materials used by other cultures to make unique and interesting creations. Painting with mud, printing with a fish, making rain-sticks, and many more forms of natural art! This will help us discover different peoples and their connection with nature through their art and lifestyles. Bring your healthy after-school snack each time. Please register by March 30. Instructor: David Sullivan.

### Earth Day Olympics

Saturday, April 21, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Ages 5-12 yrs. Free, but must pre-register.

Flex your muscles and mind during our Earth Day Olympics. Come ready to compete in a series of fun Earth Day related games and events.

### Butterfly Gardening Jump Start

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. 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 this spring and summer? Go home with the know-how and some materials to get you started on your own garden! Sign up early!

### Evening Bird Walk

Monday, May 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 10 yrs. to adult. Free, but must pre-register.

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. Led by birder Dave Rhoades. Sign up in advance.

### 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.

### School Field Trips: Elementary Exploration Program

A Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Tier III grant 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 Center facility. Students rotate through stations and participate in hands-on activities. Topics are science standards based, specific to grade level.

**Wild Wonders-Pre-K and K** may include Butterflies, My Five Senses, Feathered Friends, and How Do Plants Grow?

**Amazing Animals-1st and 2nd grades** may include Fascinating Fish Facts, Meet a Mammal, Amphibians and Reptiles and What Makes a Bird a Bird?

**Incredible Insects-3rd grade** includes the Insect Play, What Makes an Insect an Insect?, Life Cycles, Insects Up Close and Personal, Insect Safari, and Critter Trail.

**Ecosystem Experience-4th through 6th grades** may include Exhibit Round Robin, Mammals Study, Wetland Walk, Prairies, and the Enviroscape.

Elementary Exploration is offered weekday mornings and can accommodate up to 65 students per program. The cost is \$3.75 per student. Call the Nature Center for further information or to schedule a field trip for your group.

Pre-registration is required for all programs, call **720-898-7405**



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