

2011-2012

Programs for Homeschool Students



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Our Mission: Helping people discover the value of nature through art, play, exploration and inquiry.

About Tamarack Nature Center

Tamarack Nature Center is a 320-acre Ramsey County nature preserve located within Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park in White Bear Township, MN. Tamarack Nature Center is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of our natural resources for future generations. We provide opportunities for outdoor recreation in a natural setting as well as quality environmental education experiences. The Nature Center contains extensive woodlands, wetlands and restored prairies for exploration.

Registration Information

Two registration options are available for Homeschool students.

Individuals can register using our convenient Second Fridays registration form

Groups can call to book a session to meet their group's scheduling needs.

Cancellation and Refunds

No refunds if cancellation is made less than two weeks prior to class. If Tamarack Nature Center must cancel a class due to low registration, a full refund will be issued.

Weather

Nature doesn't stop when it rains and neither do we! Some of our best memories are shared during those unexpected moments. Staff will modify a program as needed to keep children safe in stormy, icy or extremely cold weather.

What to Wear

Part of almost every class is spent outdoors, so wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothes.



Second Fridays Registration Form

Fall

Life in a Pond

Sept 9

A is for Apple

Oct 14

Prairie Smoke

Nov 4

Spring

Fur Trade

Feb 10

Pioneer Times

March 9

Salamander Secrets

April 13

Parent _____ Homeschool Group _____

Child _____ Grade _____

2nd Child _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

YES! I would like to join Tamarack's e-subscriber list of programs, activities, events and volunteer opportunities.

Payment Information

classes # children

Cash Check # _____ x _____ x \$5.25 = \$ _____

Visa, MasterCard or Discover Subtract 10% for 3+ classes per child -10% \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name on card : _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ **Exp** ____ / ____

Early registration is encouraged You can register one of four ways:

1. **Mail:** Send registration form and payment to:

Tamarack Nature Center
5287 Otter Lake Road
White Bear Twp, MN 55110

2. Phone: Call during building hours to register and pay for programs.

3. **In Person:** Stop by TNC during regular business hours

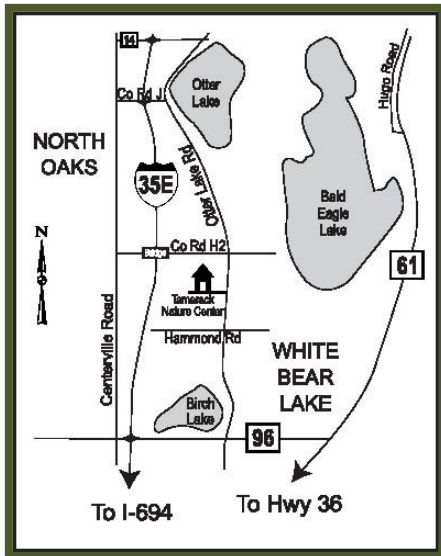
4. **Fax:** (651)407-5354

Accessibility and Accommodation

No person will be denied access to Ramsey County's parks or facilities on the basis of race, color, age, disability or national origin.

Ramsey county is subject to Title II of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 and is committed to full application of the Act to the services, programs or activities of the County.

If you attend any of the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department's programs or activities and have a need for an auxiliary aid (i.e. language interpreter, large type or Braille materials), please contact the Administrative Office (651-748-2500 ext 344) at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled event so we can accommodate your needs.



Contact Us

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

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Tamarack Nature Center's Homeschool programs cover a wide range of natural history topics which include diverse hands-on activities to accommodate mixed age groups and varied learning styles

Second Fridays

Second Fridays is a program for individual homeschool families with children ages 5-10. Parents are encouraged to attend classes with their child for no fee.

Class Fees: \$5.25/child

Classes are held on Fridays: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Pre-register with payment at least two weeks in advance. A 10% discount is available on a single payment of 3 or more classes per child.

Natural Wonders

Book a Natural Wonders program for your **homeschool co-op students** ages 5-10. These two hour classes are perfect for co-op coordinators looking to immerse their students in the natural world.

Class Fees: \$63.00 per class up to 12 students
\$ 5.25 for each additional student

Homeschool co-op coordinators may call TNC to register.

Groups registering for 3 or more classes will receive a 10% discount.

Co-ops will be invoiced for their scheduled program and payment is due two weeks before program date.

Homeschool Programs

Monthly Homeschool Specialty Topics

Additional topics available for
Natural Wonders programs upon request.

September

Life in a Pond

Who lives at the pond? Students search for aquatic animals at the pond's edge using nets. Keen observation reveals how animals have unique ways to find food, get around and breathe underwater. Discover aquatic adaptations by creating your own mythical water bug, play a game, and explore ways even forest animals depend on the pond.



February

Fur Quest

How the Beaver Brought Two Cultures Together
For nearly 300 years, the fur trade network in North America brought indigenous peoples and Europeans together for mutual benefit. Why was the beaver pelt prized above all others? Tamarack becomes a trading post and students reenact an exciting trade with our resident "trader".
C'est bon, n'est pas?



October

A is for Apple

Fall is apple time at Tamarack: Join us for a celebration of apple lore! Who was Johnny Apple Seed? Find your favorite apple, play apple games, help us make a fresh cider treat and then take a seed hike to find the signs of fall! Apple donations are welcome.

March

Pioneer Days

What did children play before there were video games? T V? Electricity? Dip your own candle to take home, tell stories, and learn old-time games to play during the long winter days.



November

Prairie Smoke

Open your senses to the prairie and all the colors, scents and animals that make the prairie special. Find out why grasses are unique, and how they survive when the prairie burns. Then make some prairie art and help us collect prairie seed for future restoration efforts!



April

Salamander Secrets

Visit with our salamander and listen to its secrets! What do they eat and where do they hide? We'll walk to the pond to look for amphibians and create a salamander "home" (bring a shoebox).