



Tamarack Nature Center

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

September-November 2005

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department

Tamarack Trick or Treating

Saturday, October 29

Ongoing, 4-6pm

Fee: \$6/child; \$3/adult

Prepayment required for registration.

Bring your favorite little gremlin for a Halloween party designed just for them. Deliberately low-key, this very non-spooky event includes games, entertainment, old-fashioned hand-pressed cider and some close encounters with live animals. We'll also have very friendly costumed characters along our prairie-loop trail handing out tricks and treats. Don't miss the fun!

Note: This event is for children ages 2-6 and accompanying adults. Older siblings are welcome but should expect activities designed for young children.



Friends Anniversary Prairie Hikes at AHATS

Join us for a rare peek at one of Ramsey County's premiere nature areas. Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Friends of St. Paul and Ramsey County Parks and the Minnesota National Guard will lead 3 upcoming nature hikes at the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS). The site contains the largest prairie area in Ramsey County as beautiful wetlands and oak woods and is usually closed to the public. The 45-minute hikes are free but pre-registration is required. Field trips will start at the Hamline Ave entrance, off of Hwy 96, between Hwy 10 and Lexington Ave in Arden Hills. Take Hamline Ave north until you reach the entrance. Call Tamarack Nature Center at 651-407-5350 to register.

Friends 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 24

Bird Hike	8:00 am	9:00 am
Kame Hike	10:00 am	11:00 am
History Tour	11:00 am	12:00 pm
Prairie Hike	1:00 pm	2:00 pm

Saturday, November 12

Fall Kame Hike	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
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Saturday, January 14

Snowshoe Hike	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
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Canoe Capers for Homeschoolers (and others)

September 16

Session I: 10:00-12 noon

Session II: 1:00-3:00pm

Location: Bald Eagle Lake

Fee: \$6/student

Learn basic paddle strokes, how to carry a canoe and board it safely. Then you are ready to explore the lake and its critters! You may get wet — bring an extra jacket for warmth and footwear that can get wet. We will provide the equipment, you bring the muscle! Meet at the Bald Eagle Lake shelter; 5800 Hugo Road, just south and west of County Road J and Hwy 61.

Note: Although this is designed as a parent/child activity, adults without accompanying children are welcome.

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MEA Break Day Camp

for children in Kindergarten-5th grade

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Half day: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon or 1:00pm-4:00pm

Full day: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



Half-day: \$16/child; Full-day: \$38/child

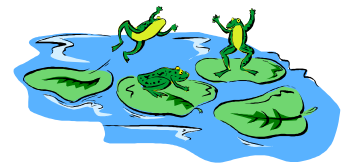
Are you longing for those fun-filled days in summer camp? Revisit those magical moments in our MEA Break Day Camp. Children can register for the morning, afternoon or all day session. For children choosing to stay all day, a supervised lunch bunch is offered. For all camps, children should wear comfortable clothes (that can get dirty) and bring snack and water bottle. Children staying all day should bring a lunch.

	Discoverers Grades K-2	Explorers Grades 3-5
9:00am-12noon	Animal Masks and Costume Design Just in time for Halloween! Cassandra Monson from the White Bear Center for the Arts will help us make simple Halloween costumes and masks based on real animals.	Nature's Weird & Wacky Nature has a knack for finding creative ways to survive and thrive. Join us as we discover plants that hitchhike their way around town, animals that play dead to stay alive, and much, much more.
1:00pm-4:00pm	Nature's Weird & Wacky <i>See description above.</i>	Animal Masks and Costume Design <i>See description above.</i>

Call Tamarack Nature Center at (651) 407-5350 for a registration form or visit us on the web at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/tamarack

Frogs and Polliwogs Fall Series

Explore nature with your preschooler! This six part series introduces children 2-5 to the delights of nature in the Fall, hands on and face-to-face. Come together as we hike a short nature trail, visit a sunflower house, safely meet a hive of bees, press apples into cider, and play to experience colors, scents and textures of the fall. Be sure to dress for the weather — we explore rain, snow or shine!



Friday Morning Class Dates:

September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, and November 18

Session 1 (Adult and Child): 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Session 2 (Daycare/Preschool Groups): 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Cost per series: \$60/adult and child, \$24/additional child (Scholarships available)

We have designed these session to help families celebrate the fall season!

- Classes meet bi-weekly with small class sizes.
- Focus on early literacy — each class designed around award-winning children’s books to promote reading through nature.

NOTE: To help build community and continuity, registration is by series only. Individual class registration is not available for this program.

Art Programs

We are very pleased to continue partnering with the White Bear Center for the Arts to provide nature-related art classes at TNC. Below is a partial listing of classes offered this fall. For fees, class descriptions and registration information, please contact the WBCA directly at 651-407-0597.

Painting for Adults

Watercolor from Nature

6 Saturdays

October 22-December 3 (no class Nov 12), 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Pastel Painting from Nature

2 day workshop

Saturday, Sept 10, 9:30-3:30; Sunday, Sept 11, noon-3:30

or

3 Sundays: September 25, October 2, 9, 12:30-3:30

Creating Award Winning Portraits

Saturday, November 19, 9 am-3pm

Fine Art Painting with Acrylic & Collage

Saturday, September 24, 9 am-3 pm

Color Mixing!!

Saturday October 1, 9 am-3 pm

Painting Perspective

Saturday, October 29, 9 am-3 pm

Ink & Acrylic

Saturday, December 3, 9 am-3 pm



Basketry for Adults

3 Weeks, 3 Baskets!

Mondays, September 12-26, 6-8 pm

Or

Wednesdays November 2-16, 6-8 pm

Jelly Jar Basket

Saturday September 17, 10 am-2 pm

Key and Mail Basket

Saturday, September 24, 10 am-2 pm

Art for Kids

Observational Drawing and Painting

8 Thursdays

September 22-November 17 (no class Oct. 20), 3-4:30 pm

Nature Monotype Printmaking

8 Thursdays

September 22-November 17 (no class Oct. 20), 4:30-6 pm

Scout Programs

Please call Tamarack Nature Center at (651) 407-5350 to register for the following programs.

Webelos Forester Badge

Saturday, October 1

10:00-12:00

\$5/scout

Discover how fascinating a forest can be! Scouts will learn to use a key to identify trees, unravel the tree ring story and play a game to demonstrate how trees grow. Be prepared for surprises as you learn how trees are used and take a hike through the forest to practice your new skills.

Cub Scout Woodcock Walk

Saturday, October 15

1:00-3:00 p.m.

\$5/scout

Designed exclusively for Tamarack to introduce Cub Scouts to map reading, nature observation, ecology and conservation. Upon completion of this program, scouts may use their Woodcock Walk hunt sheet, signed by a naturalist, to purchase a special patch.

Celebrate Your Birthday in the Wild!

Very special parties for very special children. It's party time at Tamarack! Our parties are both entertaining and educational. Choose from many different themes. Call (651) 407-5350 to reserve your special day.





TAMARACK NATURE CENTER

5287 Otter Lake Road
White Bear Township, MN 55110



*Tamarack Nature Center is provided by the
Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
through its
Parks and Recreation Department.*

General Information

Hiking and Ski Trails

Tamarack Nature Center is a 320-acre park preserve located within Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park. Over three miles of hiking trails and groomed cross-country ski trails provide access for year-round recreation and wildlife viewing. A Minnesota state cross-country ski pass is required. Ski passes are not available to purchase at Tamarack Nature Center.

Trail Hours

Daily from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Building Hours

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Program Registration

To register for a program, please call during regular business hours at 651-407-5350.

Location

Tamarack Nature Center
5287 Otter Lake Road
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(651) 407-5350
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The mission of Tamarack Nature Center is to foster stewardship and an increased understanding of our natural environment by providing enjoyable outdoor education and outdoor recreation programs and experiences.

