



# Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

## Fall 2018 Program Guide

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(248) 656-0999

### Adults and Families

All programs are open to the general public.  
Please preregister. All ages welcome.

**Rock and Roll** Join us for this special event where we will teach participants the basics of rock tumbling, rock polishing and jewelry making! We will demonstrate the tools needed to get started and have some pre-polished stones available for participants to make their own jewelry.

**Sep. 29th, 1-2:30pm**

*Non-Memb \$6 per person, family max \$25*

*Members \$5 per person, family max \$20*

### Ultimate Halloween Pet Rock Extravaganza with MISS NANCY!

This is the perfect fun and unique Halloween themed event taught by one of the cheeriest and delightful instructors we've ever had the opportunity to team up with. Miss Nancy will be back with her sleeves full of Halloween fun as we put together our own Halloween themed pet rocks. We will provide all the materials!

**October 7th (10-11:30am)**

*Non-Memb \$6 per person family max \$25*

*Members \$5 per person, family max \$20*

### Fall Family Field Day

Spend a beautiful fall day at Dinosaur Hill with your family...we'll dip caramel apples, make pumpkin/apple-print t-shirts, play games with our parachute and so much more! This is a great way to get outside, have fun and experience all the best of Fall! Please bring light colored item to stencil

**Oct. 7th (1:30pm-3pm)**

*Non-Memb \$6 per person, family max \$25*

*Members \$5 per person, family max \$20*

**Biome Bingo!** With animals above our heads, on the ground, and beneath the soil there is a near endless amount of content to investigate. We will even turn our hike into a game of trail bingo! **Oct. 27th (1-2:30pm)**

*Non-Memb \$6 per person, family max \$25*

*Members \$5 per person, family max of \$20*

**Build a Birdfeeder!** Join a Dinosaur Hill naturalist as we put together our own birdfeeders out of recycled materials and discuss the best foods to attract, and more importantly, sustain our feathered friends. **Nov. 10th (1-2:30pm)**

*Non-Memb \$6 per person, family max of \$25*

*Members \$5 per person, family max \$20*

### Digging Dinosaurs Family Field Day

Get ready for some fun as we open up our popular dinosaur dig to families. We'll use the "tools of the trade" to excavate bone replicas of a life-size *Maiasaura* and then together we'll figure out how to put it back together again! Inside we will put our skills to use making our own fossils and even get to handle a REAL 65 million year old fossil. **Nov. 17 (1:00-2:30pm)**

*\$6 per person family max \$25*

*Members: \$5 per person, family max of \$20*

### Ultimate Holiday Pet Rock Extravaganza with MISS NANCY!

*This is the holiday gift we've been asking for ever since she retired. Miss Nancy will be back for a very special class. We will be providing you with everything you need to decorate, adorn, bedazzle and amaze to transform a plain stone into a unique piece of art fit for a name and a museum.*

**Dec. 1st (10-11:30am)**

*Non-memb \$6 per person, family max \$25*

*Member \$5 per person, family max \$20*

### Fall Family Night Campfires

Got cabin fever? Come to Dinosaur Hill for some family fun. Fun for all ages... snacks provided! **7:30-8:30 PM**

*\$5/4 member, family max \$15/12*

**Choose from the following evenings:**

#### September 21st – The Pinecone People

We find that those who visit Dinosaur Hill often take the majestic pinecone for granted. Join us as we put together our own pinecone dolls and sample tea made from pine needles.

#### October 26th – The Little Haunted House

The little log cabin will be decorated for the season with more fun than fright! Things we think are scary are often an illusion!

#### November 30th – Let's Talk Turkey

After Thanksgiving we kind of owe it to the turkeys to celebrate them in a less carnivorous manner. We will perfect our turkey calls, learn some hilarious history behind the bird and make a drumstick s'more!

## Four Feet Down the Trail (ages 2-4)

This popular program is designed to be a special time for preschoolers ages 2-4 and their parent or caregiver. Programs have a theme and may include crafts, songs, puppets, finger-plays, learning stations and much more. The classes are designed to meet the educational needs of the 2-4 age group. For this reason, please no siblings under the age of two or older than four with the exception of babies that will be content in a carrier. The only exception is when there is no school on a Monday in the Rochester School District; older siblings are invited on these days only. Programs take place on Mondays.

You may sign-up for individual programs or save by choosing any four or more. *Classes meet from 9:30-11:00 and include a snack*

*Fee: \$15/12 members for individual class (\$3 add sib)*

*Save: Register for a series (any four classes): \$50/45 (\$10/additional sib)*

**September 10th – These Busy Squirrels** The squirrels seem to be jumping all around the woods this time of year! Let's see how many we can count & make our own to take home!

**September 17th – Let's Build a Birdfeeder** So many colorful birds visit the birdfeeder. Let's see if we can match some eggs with their proper nest and have some fun with feathers.

**September 24th – The Apple Festival** We love the fall because one of our favorite snacks becomes available: apples! Join us as we paint with apples, snack on apples, and even go on an apple scavenger hunt.

**October 1st – Itsy Bitsy Spiders** – Let's put together our own spider webs, make googly-eyed spiders (that's going to be a lot of eyes) and even observe a REAL tarantula...

**October 8th -- Columbus Day** – Let's celebrate exploration this holiday by making our own spy scopes and reading a tale about adventure. We will even venture out to a part of the Dinosaur Trail rarely seen

**October 15th – Owls are a Hoot** – Touch real owl wings, feathers and talons and practice our hoots in the woods while wearing owl masks!

**October 22nd – These Leaves Are Painted!** Mother nature has been working so hard to make these leaves beautiful, let's put together a collage! We will even play a sorting game and dive in some leaves!

**October 29th – Halloween Party** – Bring

your best costume because we're going to be shaking to some music, putting together some black-and-orange crafts and even bowling with pumpkins for this festive shindig!

**November 5th – The Animals Are Sleepy!** It's nap-time for nature so let's take a look at some of our favorite critters that sleep through the winter including bears, bats and skunks!

**November 12th – A Howlin' Good Time** – Join us as we growl, howl, and prance our very own wolf puppets through the woods.

**November 19th - Thanksgiving Party** – We will make our very own placemats to decorate a table and enjoy a tasty four-foot snack treat while listening to a story all about turkeys!

**November 26th – Dreamcatchers!** – We will be putting together our own dreamcatchers, listen to an authentic legend instead of our story, and taste a true native American snack!

**December 3rd – Bring on the Snow** – we prepare by making our own snowflakes, learning about magical snowmen, and even perfect our snow dances.

**December 10th – A Christmas Tree For Me** Put together our own miniature Christmas tree. I wonder if Santa will have a present to go beneath it?

**December 17th – Holiday Party** – We will be celebrating each other, our caregivers, and the entire world as we put together gifts to give one another & share a story.

## TriceraTots Puppet Theatre

*Ages 2-6*

Join us select Sunday's this fall for our popular puppet parade. Each class will feature a short puppet tale introducing a topic, a hands-on craft and game to assist with the puppet's needs and an outdoor walk guided by, you guessed it, puppets! These wacky adventures and hijinks are sure to be a monthly staple for your family!

Ages 2-6 with parent

10am-11am

September 23rd – Story of Squirrels

October 28th – Story of Pumpkins

November 18th – Story of Turkey

December 16th – Story of Snow



## Programs for Elementary-age Students

### Wild Wednesdays Grades 1-5

Join us each month for a unique look at a scientific topic that is anything but sit-and-learn. These explosive classes will feature live animals, scientific experiments, projectiles and more! Wednesdays 4:30-6:00 PM  
*Fee: \$15 /12 members per session*

**September 12th – The Reptile Rally** – Herpetology is cool and we have a lot of reptiles living here at Dinosaur Hill. Check out some of our in-house animals & a visiting snake to get up close and personal with some ferocious bug-eating animals! We will even put together our own snakes to take home, buhaha!

**October 10th -The Great Pumpkin Catapult**  
The best sort of science is the messy kind. We will be decorating some pumpkin projectiles and using our catapult we will decimate a castle of tin. We'll even scoop their guts to roast some pumpkin seeds!

**November 7th – Earthquakes and Volcanoes**  
There's nothing more satisfying than science that explodes. We will be putting together three different types of volcanoes to explode before taking out our seismograph and seeing who can make the biggest quake inside!

#### **December 5th -The Mad Scientist**

With the temperatures dropping outside we will spend a little extra time indoors putting together our own galaxy slime, warm-snow, and color-changing bracelets! We will even have a wacky snack to go with this jaw-dropping theme!

### **Drama Club w/Mr Joel (ages 8-15)**

Have fun, gain confidence and get great experience as you learn your lines, blocking and stage actions for an original skit to be performed at Dinosaur Hill's popular Halloween Hoot.

Class meets: Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm  
September 18th, 25th, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, with mandatory performances at the Hoot the evenings of October 19th, 20th, 21st: Afterglow party on October 23rd

Fee: \$60 nonmembers, \$50 members

### **Drama Club w/Miss Tammy ages8-15**

Have fun, gain confidence and get great experience as you learn your lines, blocking and stage actions for an original skit to be performed at Dinosaur Hill's popular Halloween Hoot.

Class meets: *Thursdays 4:30-6:00pm*

*September 20th, 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th with mandatory performances at the Hoot the evenings of October 19th, 20th, 21st. Afterglow party on October 25th*

*Fee: \$60 nonmembers, \$50 members*

## Special Events

### Halloween Hoot

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a spooktacular Halloween tradition. Groups will gather in the nature center to create a spooky-fun craft, then head out on the moodlit trails to watch a series of short, funny interactive skits while collecting treats along the way. Complete your evening with a doughnut and cup of cider around the campfire. You can even let your little monster loose to have fun at our mini-fair with Halloween themed carnival games ....all included with your ticket. Tickets sell for a specific time slot with groups leaving every ten minutes. Times will sell out so don't delay!

*Fri, Oct., 6:00pm first group to 8:30 last*

*Sat, Oct., 4:00pm first group to 8:00 last*

*Sun, Oct., 3:30pm first group to 6:30 last*

**More info & tickets available at our website [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)**

### Storytime with Santa

Saturday, December 8th

Come and gather at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve for our annual Story time with Santa event. The nature center will be decorated for the holidays, Santa's helpers will be here making sure all the good children are having fun by helping them with toy building, tea time, all while they wait for a magical visit with Santa. Visit the log Little House at the edge of the woods to make a backyard treat for our feathered friends and carry the cheer throughout the preserve looking for our forest elves. More info & tickets available at our website [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)

beginning Sept. 19th

*Get up & Get out!!!*

## Oakland Township Programs

Residents of Oakland Township and others are encouraged to discover the special programs offered through the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation division at various township parks. To learn about the upcoming programs check the web-site at: [www.oaklandtownship.org](http://www.oaklandtownship.org) or call (248)651-7810.

## Birthday Parties!!!

Dinosaur Hill is THE place to celebrate your birthday. Whatever your age, whatever your interest, we have a program for you. Super Adventure birthday parties are a one of a kind experience. From Faeries to Insects we can create a party your child will love. Parties last two hours and include your own special program done by a naturalist and time for treats and presents. We provide the facility, staff, juice, a party gift bag and paper goods. *Maximum of 12 children. Call to schedule. Fee: \$150*

## Scout Troops, homeschoolers and other group leaders:

Are you a teacher, leader of a playgroup, member of your church group, organizing a neighborhood activity or...??? Consider contacting Dinosaur Hill to have us put on a program designed just for your group! We can do programs geared for preschoolers, families, adults or seniors on many different topics. The program can be held here at our award-winning nature center and serene nature preserve or can be held conveniently at your site.

## Registration Information

Member registration begins:

August 1

Public registration begins:

August 8

\*Please register at least one week prior to start of program. Some programs fill-up quickly so please register early to make sure you get in the classes you are interested in!\*

**Online registration now available!**

[www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)

Register by mail or on-line.

Credit cards accepted online only.

Make checks payable to "DHNP".

Refund policy: full refund if class is canceled by DHNP. If registrant withdraws at least one week in advance of program start date a refund minus \$5 processing fee will be given. No refunds will be made after the one week advance deadline.

## Summer Office Hours:

Tues-Fri 9am-3pm

## Fall Office Hours (after Labor Day)

Tues-Fri 9 am - 4 pm

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Adults Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of (circle one): Rochester Hills Oakland Twp. Rochester Other

Family Membership: \$40 \$30 (must be resident of City of Rochester)

Enrollee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if child): \_\_\_\_\_

Class 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 1 Time and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 2 Time and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dinosaur Hill is a nonprofit educational organization