



Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

Fall 2019 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.

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

Sept 21st, session 1: 10-11:30am, session 2: 1-2:30pm

Nonmembers, \$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 will dip caramel apples, make pumpkin/apple print t-shirts, play games with our parachute, play old fashioned toys and games and have the best experience of autumn! Please bring a light-colored cotton item to stencil!

October 6th, 11-12:30pm

Nonmembers, \$6 per person, family max \$25
Members, \$5 per person, family max \$20

Slime in Nature

There's nothing quite like getting a whiff of putrefied organic matter to wake you up in the morning. Join a park naturalist as we examine several disgusting slimes that naturally form in nature as well as take a tour of the woods to see if we can find wild mushrooms, molds and slimes! And, of course, in true Dinosaur Hill fashion we will be putting together our own unique slime concoctions inside.

October 6th, 1:30-3pm

Nonmembers, \$6 per person, family max \$25
Members, \$5 per person, family max \$20

The Turkey Tradition

Here at Dinosaur Hill we love our native turkeys. We love their gobbles, their waddles, their wattles and their significance in our culture. Join us around the campfire for a special afternoon event where we will be taking a look at our favorite bird up close. We will learn some fun facts about these large birds before making our

selves a drumstick s'more to enjoy on a short walk!

November 21st, 4:30-6pm

Nonmembers, \$6 per person, family max \$25
Members, \$5 per person, family max \$20

Annual Holiday Craft Day: Froebel Stars

Looking to do something a little different for this holiday season? Why not branch out and learn about the traditions of a different part of the world. Join our park naturalist, Miss Martina, as she guides us through the creation and history of the Froebel star, a decorative German origami covered in wax and glitter. As the creation of the star requires a bit of strategic folding we highly recommend not signing up anyone under 10 years old!

November 23rd, 1-2:30pm

Nonmembers, \$6 per person, family max \$25
Members, \$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 20th -- Dinosaurs in the Dark:

It wouldn't be Dinosaur Hill without several dinosaur events! Join us as we look at fossils around the campfire before opening our dino-dig for an evening search!

October 25th -- Littlest 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 15th -- The Ojibwa: With winter approaching we will need to make sure we have what it takes to survive the cold! We will be using old fashioned tools and even attempting to light a fire with flint and steel.

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 9th: The Silliest Bugs -- From wiggling worms to bouncy crickets we will be sweeping the preserve for bugs on a safari!

September 16th: The Stinkiest Skunks -- We will be smelling some weird stuff out on the preserve today and even put together skunk puppets.

September 23rd: The Busiest Squirrels -- Our tree climbing friends certainly seem busy this time of year. Let's observe and mimic their behaviors!

September 30th: The Four Foot Fall 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 7th: Batty for Bats -- We're going to go completely batty for these flying mammals today by making our own to take home and flying about the preserve on a scavenger hunt!

October 21st: That Big Pumpkin -- Just how big can pumpkins get? Join us as we paint some small ones before digging inside a big pumpkin looking for treasure!

October 28th: The Four Foot 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 4th: Where's the Sleepy Bear? -- We're noticing that a lot of the animals are nothing but yawns this time of year. Let's learn a little about hibernation by tucking our favorite stuffed animals into bed. Make sure you bring your favorite plushie!

November 18th: Big Fluffy Rabbit Ears -- Rabbits are so incredibly soft, adorable and exciting. Let's put together our own bunny ears to wear and go hopping on the trails!

November 25th: The Four Foot Turkey Festival -- It's a Friendsgiving for our classmates! We will make our very own place-mats to decorate a table and enjoy a tasty four-foot snack treat while listening to a story all about turkeys!

December 2nd: The Perfect Penguin -- We're going to be waddling all day as we celebrate our favorite chilly bird: the penguin. We will play an iceberg balancing game, enjoy a chilly snack, and waddle in snow shoes!

December 9th: A Snowflake for Me -- No two snowflakes look alike and we're going to be putting that saying to the test. We will even take a trip onto the preserve to try and catch our own snow (or make our own if nature won't cooperate!)

December 16th -- The Four Foot Happy Holiday Hullabaloo -- As it's the last four foot class of 2019 we will celebrate by having a holiday party! Thanks for the great year!

TriceraTots Puppet Theatre

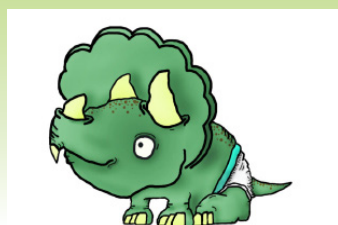
Ages 2-6

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 22nd:	The Story of Apples
October 13th:	The Story of Pumpkins
November 10th:	The Story of Turkey
December 22nd:	The Story of Presents



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 4th: Nerf Tag in the Woods

We're going to be putting together decorated targets in the nature center before heading outdoors to practice our aim before turning upon one another for a large-scale nerf battle taking place throughout the driest portion of our preserve

October 2nd: 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! Delicious destructive fun!

November 6th: Painting with Bows

We've grown stale with traditional arts-and-crafts projects and are looking to up the ante regarding how art can be produced. We will be building our own rubber-band bows and firing paintbrushes at canvas to paint self portraits!

December 4th: Mad Science

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 8-12)

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 17th, 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, with **mandatory performances Friday October 18th, and Sunday, October 20th**, and an afterglow party October 22nd

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 gamesall 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. 18th, 5:30pm first group to 8:00 last
Sat, Oct. 19th, 4:00pm first group to 8:00 last
Sun, Oct. 20th, 3:30pm first group to 6:30 last*

More info & tickets available at our website www.dinosaurhill.org



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 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 6th

Public registration begins:

August 13th

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

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