



# Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve Winter / Spring Program Guide

Winter/Spring 2020

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

(248) 656-0999

## Adults and Families

**All programs are open to the general public. Please preregister for programs. The lower fees noted are for members of Dinosaur Hill.**

### Critter Meet & Greet

Sunday, January 19th 12-1:30pm

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12

Come meet several of Dinosaur Hill's own residents in one of our most popular programs of the year. We'll have the chance to learn, interact with, hold, and feed several animals from wall-clinging geckos to gigantic hissing insects. Even our resident snake scarf will be in attendance warming up participant's necks!

### Maple Madness! Tap That Tree

Saturday, February 22nd 1-2:30pm

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12



Maple sugaring season is one of our favorite times of the year here at Dinosaur Hill. This program will focus on the history of maple sugaring

and will also include a tapping demonstration. Take a tour of our historic 'little house' and find out how early settlers and Native Americans used maple syrup and sugar. We'll have some authentic treats to taste as well.

### Maple Madness! Sweet Treats

Saturday, March 14th 1-2:30pm

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12

Maple sugaring season is one of our favorite times of year at Dinosaur Hill. This program focuses on the sweeter side of maple sugaring and will also include a tapping demonstration. We'll find out how sap goes from tree to syrup to candy...yum. We will have sweet treats to sample too of course!

### Awesome Egg Decorating (session 1 & 2)

Saturday, March 28th, 10-11 & 11:30-12:30

\$8/3 members, family max \$24/20

We will try our hand at decorating eggs using unique and creative techniques. We will then decorate our own special treat to finish out this really fun and very unique program. If you've



come before, come again as we refuse to dye eggs the same way twice. We recommend signing up early, this popular program quickly fills.

### Earth Day at Dinosaur Hill

Wednesday, April 22nd, 4:30-6pm

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12

Join us for a celebratory day where we will be putting together hiking sticks, recycled crafts, and meeting some interesting animals before heading out into the woods with a naturalist for a very special hike. All participants will receive a special Earth day pin!

### Milkweed and Monarchs

Saturday, May 2nd, 1-2:30pm

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12

If you thought Lord of the Rings was an epic adventure just wait until you hear the tale of the monarch butterfly! These delicate



napkins in the wind need to find the most suitable air currents to take themselves

on a 3000-mile journey from Canada all the way down to Mexico and the stops along the way will leave you speechless! Join us as we look at the lifecycles, migratory patterns, and learn to tell the differences between males and females with this celebratory class about one of our favorite pollinators. We will even be providing participants with native milkweed seeds to plant at home!

### Inside the Hive

Saturday, June 13th, 1-2:30pm

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12

This program is the bee's knees! We'll discover the incredible world of honey bees as we peek into Dinosaur Hill's own hive, try on a real bee-keeping gear and see how honey is extracted from hives. We'll find out about different types of honey and get some tasty treats too! We will even learn about bee hierarchy by assigning rolls to class participants after all the best way to learn about something is to fly a mile in with it's wings.

Visit us today at:  
[www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)

### **Campfire Family Nights**

Cozy up around the campfire during these great all ages family programs. S'mores provided. Building is open for warming and we will use it for the program if it is too cold outside!

Campfires run from **7:30-8:30pm**

**\$5/3 member, family max \$15/12**

*Choose from the following great nights:*

#### **Maple Madness: Campfire Sugar –**

Friday, February 28th

Learn about tapping a maple tree and then taste samples of treats you can make at home using maple syrup both sweet and savory, yum! The nature center will be open for warmth but cooking will take place around the campfire.

#### **Pirates of the Paint Creek –**

Friday, March 27th

Join the Pirates of the Paint Creek around the campfire for silly tales of plunder and treasure. Sample some tasty pirate treats. Want to have even more fun? Come dressed as a pirate! We dare ye!

#### **Mystic Pond –**

Friday, April 17th –

In honor of an ancient tradition we will make our very own candle lanterns to float upon the vernal pond. What a beautiful sight!

#### **Dinosaurs in the Dark –**

Friday, May 29th

It wouldn't be Dinosaur Hill without a program about dinosaurs! Join us as we look at fossils around the campfire before opening our dinosaur dig for an evening search!

### **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, grandparent or caregiver. 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 for the duration (no charge for baby). Programs have a theme and may include crafts, songs, puppets, finger-plays, learning stations and much more. Dinosaur Hill believes active outdoor play is important for a healthy child so each program includes outdoor exploration. You may sign-up for individual programs or save by choosing any four or more. Classes meet Monday mornings 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)

#### \* **January 6th: Slippery Cold Ice --**

The weather outside is frightful but the nature centers delightful! Join us as we experiment with ice!

\* **January 13th: Tiny Little Snowmen --** Winter's all about playing with snow and we value a great snowman! Join us as we put together and decorate tiny ones that won't melt!

\* **January 27th: Four Foot Pajama Party! --** With the temperatures so low it's time for a cozy party! Wear your comfiest pajamas for a story with a warm snack, cotton crafts, and fun!

\* **February 3rd: Get That Groundhog! --** Let's find out where groundhog lives, what he spends his days doing, and what he eats!

\* **February 10th: A Four Foot Valentine's --** We're going to put together a special craft for someone was care for and enjoy a red snack!

\* **February 17th: Hoo Loves You?**

-- We love owls here at Dinosaur Hill so why not express it? Put together our own owls to take home and even get to touch real owl feathers and talons!

\* **February 24th: The Four Foot Mardi Gras Carnival --** We love a good carnival at Dinosaur Hill! Let's celebrate Mardi Gras by decorating our faces, making maracas and parading down the trails!

\* **March 2nd: All The Fur in the World --** There is such more fur in the world! Let's touch some exotic furs and put together a furry craft!

\* **March 9th: Magical Magnets --** It's not magic, it's magnet! Join us as we perform some cool magnet tricks!

\* **March 16th: Everything is Green --** In honor of St Patty's day we're going to go on a green scavenger hunt and have a jolly-green snack!

\* **March 23rd: Cuddled in a Nest --** Let's put together a giant bird nest, play an egg matching game and read a cozy bird story!

\* **March 30th: Bees Are All The**

**Buzz** -- They aren't stinging monsters, they're our fuzzy honey friends! Join us as we put together our own bees, observe our hive, and have a buzz!

\* **April 6th: Playing With Clouds** -- Make a cloud craft and discover what clouds are made of. We'll look up in the sky and watch clouds move and see what neat shapes they make.

\* **April 20th: Wind Blows Me Away** -- Where does wind come from and where is it going? We'll make our own windsocks to catch some wind!

\* **April 27th: April Showers** -- Let's find out why it rains and what good rain is by making our own garden!

\* **May 4th: Space Camp** -- This seems like a fitting holiday to spend some time talking about planets! We will even make our own little worlds to take home!

\* **May 11th: Let's Start a Band** -- With the birds beginning to chirp to welcome back the warm weather we too should start to jam. We'll even make our own instruments to take home!

\* **May 18th: The Four Foot Flower Festival** -- Flowers are so beautiful! Let's put together flower crafts, toss a bouquet, and take a very special walk.

\* **June 1st: Welcome Campfire** -- Get ready for the summer season as we gather around the fire to roast marshmallows, sing songs and get in the spirit of the summer season.

\* **June 8th: Dinosaurs in the Sun** -- We will put together our own dinosaur masks to parade on the trails while practicing our roars and stomps!

\* **June 15th: The Four Foot Summer Vacation** -- With summer right on the horizon let's spend some time prematurely celebrating with lawn games, fresh fruit and fun!



## TriceraTots Theatre Presents...

*ages 2-6 with parent*

Our favorite puppet friends return to the nature center to tell us more stories and lead us on new adventures. Each show will feature a small introduction to a topic through a puppet show (no more than 15 minutes), a game, a craft and a short walk. **Select Friday's 10:00 -- 11:00am**

*Fee: \$5/3 member per child...big people are free!*



### **January 24th – The Story of the Magic Balloon**

*We're starting our year of puppetry off strong with the magical balloon! We will be playing in a puppet balloon pit, putting together jelly-fish and enjoying the warmth of the nature center!*

### **February 7th – The Story of Sappy Love**

*Laugh as our puppets attempt to figure out how to woo their friends and win a hug. We'll be making weird valentine's and using our entire inventory of glitter.*

### **March 27th – The Story of Luck**

*Despite all the fantastic good luck charms out there our puppets just can't seem to catch a break. Join us as we try out horseshoes, four-leaf-clovers, rainbows and other lucky charms to see what magic is hidden deep within!*

### **April 24th – The Story of The Clumsy Pirate**

*It's hard to be a pirate and our puppet-pals know this first hand. Shake your heads alongside them as they attempt to find a hidden treasure in the building and the trails!*

### **May 8th -- The Story of the Golden Flower**

*With all the buds outside waking up, it's time to take a peek at flowers on our own! We will be having a special floral day so long as our puppets don't eat all our petals!*

## **Drama Club    Ages 8-13**

Have a great time as we rehearse a fun skit that we will perform at the annual Rochester Heritage Days. We will all work together on coming up with our costumes and everyone will have a chance to perform. Great experience for first-timers but also a chance for more experienced drama actors to help the younger kids. Fun, Fun, Fun!  
*Class meets: Tuesdays 4:30-6:00 P.M                      Fee: \$50 nonmembers, \$40 members*  
*Tuesday, April 21st, 28th, May 5th, May 12th, with mandatory performances during the Rochester Heritage Days Festival on Saturday, May 16th, from 1-3pm at the Rochester Municipal Park.*

## **Super Adventures Birthday Parties**

A birthday party at Dinosaur Hill is a memorable experience, sure to be special for your child. You may choose between several topics including Dino Adventure, Fairies and Sprites, Imagination Adventure, Adventures with Creepy Crawlers & Critters and Radical Reptiles. Party fee includes paper goods, decorations, juice, party favors and your own “adventure guide” who leads the group in indoor and outdoor activities, a craft and fun games. Programs take place in our award winning nature center. Parties last two hours. Please call or visit the nature center for more information.

**Fee: \$150            Limit 12 children**

## **Personalized classes and events for boy/girlscouts!**

Dinosaur Hill is happy to work with your troop to help you do the requirements for many badges including those related to science, nature, fishing, gardening and the outdoors. Programs include an outdoor component so please come prepared for the weather. Fee does not include the actual badge, however, participants will receive a certificate of completion. Call or e-mail to schedule: [info@dinosaurhill.org](mailto:info@dinosaurhill.org) or (248)656-0999.

\$25 troop deposit is due at registration. Balance due one month prior to program.

Fee: Scout \$5, siblings \$3 .

## **Naturalist Training for Adults:**

Are you interested in nature and enjoy working with children? Consider joining the naturalist team at Dinosaur Hill! Tons of great learning opportunities plus lots of laughs and great company! Naturalist assist with our programs and help to make sure our visitors have a great experience here. You do not have to know it all, you just have to have the willingness to learn!

Contact: [sharon@dinosaurhill.org](mailto:sharon@dinosaurhill.org) for more information!

## **Rochester Community Garden and Wabash Park Gardens**

### **Plots for Rent in the Gardens**

Are you interested in gardening but don't have the space in your own yard? Or maybe you live in a condo or apartment with no yard at all? Or perhaps you are at the mercy of the neighborhood deer and rabbits? Join us in the Rochester Community Garden or Wabash Park Community Garden, shared organic gardens where you can grow your own crops in a protected, fenced area. Raised bed plots 4 feet by 8 feet are available for rent for \$30 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents (Rochester garden is in Rochester while Wabash is in Rochester Hills). Fee covers your garden use for the full growing season. The garden follows organic growing standards. The produce is yours to keep though you are encouraged to share your bounty through the “plant a row for the hungry” program. This is a great way to grow some healthy food, spend time with your family and meet new people that share your interests. Please visit the Dinosaur Hill website often at [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org) for the latest information and updates.. You may also call Dinosaur Hill for more information at (248)656-0999.

## Can't Find Just What You Were Looking For???

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.

### Special Events

#### Daffodils for Dinosaurs

This is Dinosaur Hill's biggest fundraiser. Look for daffodils all around town to brighten up your office, cheer up your friends and reward your loyal customers and clients or donate daffodils to be delivered to local seniors. Dinosaur Hill volunteers will be selling bunches of these bright yellow beauties to herald the arrival of spring. Preorders are possible, for more information call the nature center at (248)656-0999. We also need volunteers to help with daffodil processing and delivery. Coming this spring, check the web for details.

#### Office Hours

Tues-Fri 9 am - 4 pm

333 North Hill Circle  
Rochester, MI 48307  
(248)656-0999

## Registration Information

Member registration begins:

November 19th

Public registration begins:

November 26th

\*Please register at least one week prior to start of program. Some programs fill-up quickly so please sign up early!\*

### Online registration available!!!

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

Register by mail or in person using the form below for cash or check payments only. Credit cards only allowed for online registration. 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.

### Directions to Dinosaur Hill

Dinosaur Hill is located at 333 North Hill Circle in the City of Rochester. From Rochester Rd. go West on Woodward (there is a light at this intersection. This is a residential side street, not the Woodward that runs through Detroit). From Woodward, turn right (North) on N. Oak Street. From N. Oak St. turn left (West) on North Hill Circle. North Hill Circle will dead-end in the Dinosaur Hill parking lot.

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

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## Lost Lake Open Houses

Join us for a *100% FREE* open house to celebrate the breathtaking scenery and excitement present at one of our favorite locations: Lost Lake Nature Park. We will be opening the nature center for four hours select Sundays for drop by excitement. There will be crafts, outdoor activities (snowshoes will be available if the weather cooperates), snacks and on-site naturalists! It's the perfect break to warm up after a morning of sledding!

**January 26th, 12-4pm: Nature on Pause** -- We often find that it's difficult to plan programming for the winter months due to nature being so incredibly dormant throughout the winter. Whether it's trees entering their dormancy, chipmunks entering hibernation, turtles entering brumation, insects entering diapause, or salamanders entering aestivation -- there seems to be a lazy mode for every animal! What makes these terms different? Join us for a special open house as we take a look at nature while it rests. We will talk about the differences between these terms inside while putting together tree life cycles to take home. Should the weather cooperate we will also have snow shoes available for participants to try on the trails!

**February 23rd, 12-4pm: Microscopes and a World Up Close** -- With February occasionally being an icy mess, we have decided to reign in our science to the confines of our warm and sheltered nature center and bring forth a variety of natural artifacts to take a look at beneath stereoscopes and microscopes. We will be able to see details upon the surfaces which are often overlooked as they are so fine that our bare eyes are unable to see them! We will even talk about the importance of scientific journaling as we watercolor the sights that we see to take home. Should the weather cooperate we will also have snowshoes available for participants to try on the trails!

**March 29th, 12-4pm: The Underrated Tree** -- A lot of people credit trees with their daily allowance of oxygen but they do so much more than just assist with our respiratory needs and they're time to photosynthesize is almost at hand! Join us at the nature center for this up-close look at everything tree related! We will be learning how to tell a tree's age from the rings (as well as what those rings actually represent), press our own leaves to take home, learn the benefit of trees in nature (and our cities), and demonstrate what is actually happening when a tree loses its leaves. We hope to not see snow this late in the year, but should it be out there we will have snowshoes for participants to try on the trails!

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**April 19th, 12-4pm: Early Earth Day Open House** -- This upcoming Wednesday is Earth Day and there are going to be celebrations and events all across the state to ring in the holiday with environmentalist activities for the whole family... but we believe in Earth Week. Join us at this special open house where we will be putting together crafts out of recycled goods indoors, meeting some of our planet's exotic inhabitants, and taking plenty of trips out onto the trails to see the majesty that is mature nature!

**May 24th, 12-4pm: The Birds are Back in Town** -- You may have been looking up toward the skies in awe at the sheer amount (and diversity) of our favorite feathered friends that appear to be perched on every branch in view. That is because May is the peak of migratory bird season throughout our state and we love peeking up in the trees as much as the next person. Join us as we talk about the birds we are likely to see (including Baltimore orioles and Flycatchers) and strategies you can employ at home to attract these visitors to your own feeders! Inside we will be putting together a special bird treat to take home! We will even be taking periodic trips on the trails with binoculars to try our luck with birding! There will even be free kayaking provided on this day!

**June 7th, 12-4pm: The Waterlogged Ecosystem** -- The surface of the placid lake can often mislead visitors to our park about the chaos and diversity that parties just beneath the surface, and we can prove it. Join us for one of our most special events as we take dipping nets out to the lake in order to pull forth bullfrogs, crayfish, aquatic insects, tadpoles and guppies to observe their behaviors and adaptations before releasing them back into the lake. Inside we will have a frog puppet craft set up for our younger explorers to bring something home! There will even be free kayaking provided on this day!

*All programs on this page take place at Lost Lake Nature Park. The park is located in Oakland Township so it is close by for everyone! The park is just West of Rochester Rd off of Predmore: 846 Lost Lake Trail*

For more information visit: [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

We are working hard to make Lost Lake an awesome place to visit. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with programs, help us spread the word about the nature center and so much more. If you have a skill you would like to share, please get in touch with us and we bet we can put you to good use!

Please contact: [angie@dinosaurhill.org](mailto:angie@dinosaurhill.org) for more information