

Damariscotta River Association

WINTER/SPRING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS 2017



Winter and Spring Vacation and Mini-Day Camps

Birds in Winter - Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Participants will meet a live duck and learn about its adaptations, dissect owl pellets, go bird watching, and make their own field guide. Early registration recommended.

Fee: \$90/\$80 for DRA members.

Wildlife in Winter - Tuesday, February 21 through Friday, February 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hike to look for animal tracks and signs with a naturalist, go snowshoeing and dog sledding, create art projects, play nature-inspired games and much more. Early registration recommended.

Fee: \$180/\$160 for DRA members.

Outdoor Living Skills - Friday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Learn survival skills like fire building, shelter building and cooking.

Fee: \$45/\$40 for members



Wild About Wetlands - Friday, May 26, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Marsh mucking for aquatic invertebrates, make a toad house to take home and play games.

Fee: \$45/ \$40 for members.

Wild Encounters A regular program for homeschool families and groups.

These classes are held 10:00 a.m. - noon the fourth Monday of each month. Hike and nature journaling always included. Prepay for five classes and get a sixth class free. For ages 5 and up (younger may come).

Fee: \$5.00/child. Call DRA to register.

NEW: Art class with Brady Nickerson at 1:00 p.m. after Wild Encounters for \$12/child, see www.damariscottariver.org.

January 23 - How Animals Survive Winter: Study the subnivean layer and compare adaptations.

February 27 - Outdoor Living Skills: Dogsledding and snow-shelter building.

March 27 - Tremendous Trees: Tap a maple tree and learn to identify common trees.

April 24 - Migration Matters: Search for birds, bats, dragonflies, fish and other migratory animals.

May 22 - Horseshoe Crabs: See horseshoe crabs spawning and learn how these animals survive.

E.A.r.t.H. (Ecology for Advanced Homeschoolers) For homeschool youth ages nine and up with a serious interest in natural history. Regular homework is assigned. Classes held the 2nd Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Application available for limited spaces at DamariscottaRiver.org. Fee: non-members \$65/student for three month session; members at "Mussel" level \$40/student for three month session. Prepayment due before new session begins: 1/6.

January 9 - Reading Trees: Meet at Dodge Point and learn about the forest by studying tree condition.

February 13 - Maine Mammals: Study mammal behavior in winter from tracks and signs.

March 13 - What Makes a Marsh? Compare freshwater and saltwater marshes and their inhabitants.

Frogs and Pollywogs For preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their parents/guardians. Hike always included.

These classes are held 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. the third Friday of each month (except March). Prepay for five classes and get a sixth class free. Fee: \$3.00/child. Call DRA to register.

January 20 - Animal Tracks and Trails: Look for wildlife tracks and signs at NORGAL preserve.

February 17 - Winter Wonderland: Go dogsledding and build special snow-shelters called quinzhees.

March 10 - Maple Taste: Tap a tree, taste some sap, learn about trees and eat some pancakes!

April 21 - Marsh Muck: Visit the marsh with nets and to see what tiny creatures we can find.

May 19 - Amazing Alewives: Meet at the Alewife ladder to learn about the lives of these amazing fish.

Jr. Naturalist After-School Program Grades 1-5, Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Inquiry-based, hands-on learning in a safe outdoor environment. DRA Great Salt Bay Farm is on a bus route from local elementary schools and close to Route 1. Month-long sessions. Call DRA to register.

Fee: \$55 non-members /\$50 members at "Mussel" level (scholarships available)

January - Forests in Winter: Study animal tracks and signs, play games, nature journaling.

February - Winter Wonderland: Dogsledding, snow-shelter building, nature discovery.

March - Terrific Trees! Tap maple trees and try sap, explore the forests, art projects.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

All programs meet at DRA Great Salt Bay Farm Heritage Center (110 Belvedere Road) unless otherwise indicated.

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