



THE WILDERNESS CENTER

# February 2016 Events

## Star Watch

*Friday, February 5, 8:00*

Get some relief from cabin fever and experience a planetarium show and do some observing if the skies are clear. Orion and Gemini will be the stars of the show.

## Environment Investigators: Frosty Feet

*Saturday, February 6, 1:00 - 2:00*

Compare the tracks of different wild animals. Then, hit the trails to find out who else has been walking there. Remember to dress warmly!

## Mysterious Monarchs

*Saturday, February 6, 2:00*

2015 was a big year for monarch butterflies. Join us for a look at the amazing things we've learned and the conservation efforts being enacted to protect monarchs, including an update on their status as an endangered species.

*Cost: \$5members, \$10 non-members*

## Nature Musik: Winter in the Woods

*Thursday, February 11, 10:00 - 10:45*

This class is designed for children ages 2-4 with an adult partner. We will do basic rhythm, tonal and movement activities, all based on the seasonal nature that is happening outside the window. Join Education Specialist Karrie McAllister and be prepared to sing, dance, play simple instruments and be active with your child!

## Great Backyard Bird Count

*Saturday, February 13, 9:00 - 2:00*

Come to the Wildlife Observation Room for as long or as short a time as you like, identify and count birds for this annual citizen-science project.

## Planetarium Show

*Saturday, February 13, 1:00 - 2:00*

TWC Astronomy Club members will present an informational program on the night sky during the day! Learn the latest astronomical sightings and seasonal constellations.

## Story Time: Groundhog Hill

*Wednesday, February 17, 11:00*

Celebrate Groundhog Day! We'll have great groundhog stories and funny finger plays. Visit Groundhog Hill to see a real groundhog burrow.

## Homeschool Art: For the Love of Lines

*Thursday, February 18, 2:30*

Our class will focus on teaching students all about the importance of lines and contour drawings. Perfect for beginners! Welcoming ages 4-14.

*Cost: \$15 per student, includes all supplies*

*Visit [byebyebluegallery.com](http://byebyebluegallery.com) to register.*

## Wild Edibles: The Basics of Permaculture

*Saturday, February 20, 10:00 - 11:30*

Permaculture is a system for sustainable living, developed in the 1970s and now practiced by millions worldwide. While permaculture is mainly associated with growing food, it also covers water harvesting, renewable energy, agroforestry, animal management, waste recycling, sustainable housing, finance, community building and earth repair. If you are interested in permaculture, self-reliance and self-sufficiency join Rob Kaiser, organizer of The Medina Permaculture Meet-Up Group to learn more about these fascinating subjects.

## Playscape Playdate: Snow and Stick Sculptures

*Saturday, February 20, 11:00-1:00*

Why build a snowman when you can build a snowbear, snowbirds or any critter in the woods? If the snow is scant, we'll use sticks to create a wild sculpture. In the event of inclement weather, an alternative indoor activity will be available.

## Fabulous Ferns

*Saturday, February 20, 2:00*

Because of the mostly green color, ferns often get overlooked among colorful flowering plants. But their beauty is obvious when one takes a closer look, for "Ferns exhibit the pure beauty of leaves." We will be looking at the identification, habitat, natural history and folklore of 45 of Ohio's 62 fern species with instructor Marvin Smith of the TWC Botanizers' Club.

## Amphibians and Water Quality Lab

*Tuesday, February 23, 10:00-12:00*

Wetland ecologists use the quantity and quality of amphibian populations to determine wetland quality. We'll use a simulation activity to examine the use of the Coefficient of Conservatism scoring method. Keywords: salamanders, conservation, vernal pools, wetland health

*Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members*

**All TWC programs are  
free for members  
with a donation requested  
from non-members,  
unless otherwise indicated.**

**Wilderness Walk**

**Wednesday, February 24, 1:00 - 2:00**

Learn the natural history of the area and season. Spend an afternoon on a walk around one of the trails with at TWC guide!

**Wilderness Sprouts: Rocks**

**Friday, February 26, 10:00 - 11:00**

Rocks rock! We will look at fossils and other rock samples and make some rock art to take home. Wilderness Sprouts is designed for children ages 3-5 and an adult. Each month will include a lesson and experiment, a craft, and an outdoor adventure (weather permitting.)

**Astronomy Club Meet-Up**

**Friday, February 26, 7:30 pm**

For our monthly meet-up we will talk astronomy, have a meeting about astronomical events in 2016, and then talk more astronomy! Meet in the Astronomy Education Building.

**Bird Banding**

**Saturday, February 27, 10:30-11:30**

See birds up close as banding procedures are explained and demonstrated. Discover what is learned from bird banding research.



**Ohio Geology**

**Saturday, February 27, 1:00 - 2:30**

Explore the geologic history of Ohio to understand why the rocks in our state are where they are. Learn the different sedimentary rocks that are used for Ohio industry. Fossil identification and collection sites will also be discussed. Bring your own rocks or fossils to show!

**Foxfield Preserve Info Session**

**Saturday, February 27, 2:00 - 3:30**

Foxfield Preserve is a nature preserve cemetery at TWC. Natural burial is an economical, environmentally friendly alternative to modern burial. A natural burial at Foxfield Preserve leaves a permanent legacy for your family, community and the natural world. Visit foxfieldpreserve.org.



**Art of Nature: Mixed Media Painting Class**

**Saturday, February 27, 2:00 - 4:00**

Using acrylic paint, torn paper and ink, each student will be able to complete a winter tree painting. All skill levels welcome. Local artist Marlea Hershberger will provide step-by-step instructions with lots of room for participants to explore their creative side.

Cost: \$35, visit [byebyebluegallery.com](http://byebyebluegallery.com) to register

*Save the Date*

**Geology Day**

**Saturday, March 5, 10:00 - 2:00**

Learn about rocks and minerals, start a rock collection, view fossils, make rock art and visit the rock walk. Join fellow rock hounds at free activity stations for all ages!

**Hastily-Assembled Grassroots Band**

**Saturday, March 12, 7:00 pm**

From rock-a-billy to reggae, and blues to bluegrass, from country green to city blue, the band members, traveling different paths of life, come together at an intersection of American musical diversity that proves to be fun, exciting, and spontaneous. Join us for an evening's journey through musical roots of our American culture.

Cost: \$8 for TWC members, \$12 for nonmembers.

Children 15 and under are half price.

**Visit [wildernesscenter.org](http://wildernesscenter.org)  
to see our full calendar of events!**

**Register for programs  
by calling 330.359.5235**

*We try to make any weather cancellation decision at least 2 hours before the program starts. Call if in doubt.*

*At-a-Glance - February 2016*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Interpretive Bldg. Closed on Sundays through April	1	2	3	4	5	6
	INTERPRETIVE BUILDING CLOSED	Needlecrafters' Club		Nature Musik Bow Course Fly Fishing Club	Star Watch	Frosty Feet Mysterious Monarchs
7		8	9	10	11	12
	INTERPRETIVE BUILDING CLOSED		Story Time	Homeschool Art Class Bow Course	Backpacker's Club	Great Backyard Bird Count Woodcarvers' Club Planetarium Show
14		15	16	17	18	19
	INTERPRETIVE BUILDING CLOSED	Interpretive Bldg. Closed				Wild Edibles Cavers & Climbers Club Playscape Playdate Ferns of Ohio
		21	22	23	24	25
	INTERPRETIVE BUILDING CLOSED	Amphibians & Water Quality Lab	Wilderness Walk	Fly Fishing Club Bow Course	Wilderness Sprouts Astronomy Club	Woodcarvers Club Nature Photography Club Bird Banding Ohio Geology Foxfield Info Session Art of Nature
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*Clubs at TWC*

TWC Clubs are active, interested groups of (mostly) adults. They meet at TWC's Interpretive Building. Call TWC or visit [wildernesscenter.org](http://wildernesscenter.org) for more information.

**Needle Crafters' Club**

Tuesday, February 9, 10:00

**Fly Fishing Club**

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 pm

**Woodcarvers' Club**

Saturday, February 13, 9:00

Saturday, February 27, 9:00

**Backpackers' and Dayhikers' Club**

Friday, February 19, 7:30 pm

**Cavers & Climbers Club**

Saturday, February 20, 10:00

**Astronomy Club**

Friday, February 26, 7:30 pm

**Nature Photography Club**

Saturday, February 27, 9:30

*Spring is coming!*

The Wilderness Center's 2016  
Native Plant Sale &  
Gardening Seminars

April 30 & May 1



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# Looking Forward - March 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Interpretive Bldg. Closed on Sundays through April ↓	7	1	2	3	4	5
		Science-To-Go		Homeschool Thursday Fly Fishing Club	Nature Musik	Woodcarvers' Club Planetarium Show Hastily Assembled Bluegrass Band
6	14	8	9	10	11	12
		Science-To-Go Bird Beak Lab Woodcock Walk	Story Time	Wilderness Walk Homeschool Art Class	Backpacker's Club	Bird Walk Wild Edibles Playscape Playdate Winter Tree Bud Workshop Art of Nature Foxfield Info Session Earliest Amphibians
13	21	15	16	17	18	19
		Science-To-Go		Fly Fishing Club	Astronomy Club	Woodcarvers Club Nature Photography Club Arums and Ants
20	28	22	23	24	25	26
		Science-To-Go		Wilderness Sprouts		
27		29	30	31		

INTERPRETIVE BUILDING CLOSED

## Registration

Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

# Members \_\_\_\_\_ # Non-members \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

# Members \_\_\_\_\_ # Non-members \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include additional registrations on a separate sheet.*

Register with MasterCard, Visa or Discover at 330-359-5235 or mail this form with your check to:  
The Wilderness Center, PO Box 202, Wilmot, OH 44689-0202