

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## Family Programs

### Phenology Wheels

January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, 10AM-2PM (Drop-in)  
*FREE*

Phenology is the study of seasonal change. Drop-in the Interpretive Center anytime between 10 am and 2pm to help create River Bend's Phenology Wheel and start your own. Take it home and you'll be able to track the seasonal changes that occur at any special place you choose.

### Learn to Ski Programs

*\$15/person, \$10/member*

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-3pm

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-12pm

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am

Take advantage of River Bend's trails by formally learning how to ski from River Bend's Naturalists. Beginners are encouraged!

### Papermaking Valentines

February 9, 10am-2pm (Drop-in)

*\$5/person or \$15/family*

*\$2/member, \$6/member family*

Show your loved ones (and the earth) how much you care by making and decorating new paper from recycled paper.

### Family Snowshoe and Animal Signs Walk

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11:30am

*\$7/person, \$5/member*

Animals don't stop in the winter and neither should we! Join a naturalist for a peaceful snowshoe walk as we watch for signs of wildlife. All ages welcome. Cost of program includes rental of snowshoes for the entire day, allowing you to continue your walk for as long as you'd like.

### Maple Syruping

*\$5/person or \$15/family, FREE for members*

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30pm

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30-3:30pm

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-2pm

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-2pm

Maple syruping is a tradition that dates back to the first nations that lived in this area. Learn about the history of maple syruping, what makes the sap flow, and the process of turning sap into syrup.

## Birthdays at RBNC!

Does your child love nature or outdoor adventure? Would you love to leave the mess behind? Then consider having your birthday party at River Bend! A two hour birthday party includes:

a one hour program with a naturalist and one hour of classroom use for a family-led party. Price is \$150 non-members, \$125 members

\*For up to 15 participants

### Birthday Party Themes

#### "BIG FOOT"

Bring your party guests and learn to snowshoe. You and your friends will snowshoe around River Bend leaving your "BIG FOOT" prints in the snow. (snow dependent)

#### "Who Done It?"

Bring your fellow detectives and help the naturalists at River Bend figure out "Who done it?" You will explore the nature center looking at tracks, trails, and other winter animal signs and try to figure out what animal made it.

#### "Scaly Tails"

Bring your friends and meet River Bend's Animal Ambassadors. Meet Fanny the bull snake and Orwin the painted turtle. Learn about them with a hands on experience! After the meet and greet, there will be a themed craft.

Is there another nature topic your child loves? Ask us for a custom topic. Watch for our spring, summer, and fall themes on our website!

Visit our website at [rbnc.org](http://rbnc.org) or give us a call at (507)-332-7151 for more information & to register for upcoming programs and events.

Faribault, MN



**River Bend**  
NATURE CENTER

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## Bagels & Birds

Relax in the comfort of the Interpretive Center to observe bird visitors to our backyard habitat feeding area. Enjoy coffee and a bagel in a cozy atmosphere with fellow bird enthusiasts.

**All Ages, FREE!** Donations are appreciated.

Saturday, January 5 9:30-10:30am

Saturday, February 2 9:30-10:30am

Saturday, March 2 9:30-10:30am

## OWLS Adult Programs

We have brand-new OWLS programs! In addition to our Lunch & Learn, we are offering more hands-on programs.

### Lunch and Learns

January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm \$12/person or \$10/member

Join us each month for a natural history presentation and catered lunch.

**January** – Dragonflies and Birds of Costa Rica by Dan Tallman

**February** – Maple Syruping with Diana and Dave Hering

**March** – Ways of the Wapakute: Band of Dakota by Roy Anderson and Jeff Jarvis

### Learn to Ski Programs

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am \$15/person or \$10/member

January is “Learn to Ski” Month. Take advantage of River Bend’s trails by formally learning how to ski from River Bend’s naturalists. Beginners are encouraged!

### Moonlight Snowshoe

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm \$10/person, \$5/member

Have an adult-night-out with anyone special in your life. Go for a luminary-lit snowshoe walk and then warm up by the fire with s’mores and hot chocolate.

### Winter Tracking Workshop

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-2pm \$18/person, \$15/member. Ages 15 and up.

Become introduced to the practice of animal tracking as we learn the fundamentals through both indoor and outdoor class settings. Leave with the abilities to interpret what animals leave behind when we aren’t around.

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