



## Winter Solstice Hike

**Join us Tuesday, December 22, at Oxley Nature Center from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to celebrate the changing of the season!**

The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year, and is followed by the day the sun begins to return to the Northern Hemisphere. Seasonal change is cause for great celebration!

Let's take a walk through the winter woods. Then we will warm up by the fire, watch the birds at the feeders and enjoy some hot chocolate.

**All ages, \$3 suggested donation  
Please register in advance.**

## Natural Babies, Natural World

Young children learn by contact with real objects, events and people. We will spend time on the trail to explore nature first hand. This will be a sensory experience!

**Monday, November 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

### **"What is Happening to the Plants and Trees?"**

We will take a walk to see how fall is affecting the flowers and trees. How are they different, compared to summer? Why do the leaves and seeds fall, and what happens to them now?

**Monday, December 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

### **"The Squirrels in Winter"**

We will talk about squirrels and how they and other animals and birds survive the winter. What do we do in winter that we do differently in the other seasons? We will take a walk and collect some biofacts to make a winter sensory bottle.

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## Full Moon Walks at Oxley Nature Center

\$3 requested donation per person, all ages welcome

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### **Full Beaver Moon**

**Wednesday, November 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Beavers are preparing for winter. Will they make themselves known tonight? Join us for nocturnal explorations of the trails.



### **Full Cold Moon**

**Saturday, December 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Change is in the air. Nights are long and dark. What will we discover under cover of darkness as we explore the trails this evening?

# Programs and Special Events

## November

**4 "Basket Guild"**                      **Ages: 13 to Adult**  
**Wednesday**                              **6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Free**                                      **registration is required**

Join us for a basket-making class that meets once a month at Oxley. We are experimenting with different techniques and materials. This is for all skill levels.

**7 "Saturday Morning Birding"**                      **Ages: All**  
**Saturday**                                      **8:00-9:45 a.m.**  
**Free**                                      **registration not required**

Join us for birding at Oxley. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**9 "What is Happening to the Plants and Trees?"**  
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**14 "That's What Scat Means—Seriously!"**      **Ages: All**  
**Saturday**                                      **10:00-12:00 noon**  
**Free**                                      **registration is required**

Scat means more than get away from me. After discovering what scat looks like and what tracks we might find, we will take a walk around Oxley to see if we can find scat and track clues our woodland friends might have left the night before!

**28 "Botany Walk"**                                      **Ages: All**  
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**12 "Nature Ornaments"**                                      **Ages: All**  
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Take a moment out of your busy December schedule to create a unique nature ornament and sip some hot chocolate.

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When: November 30-December 3, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Where: Oxley Nature Center Instructor: Donna Horton

The National Association of Interpretation's Certified Interpretive Guide program offers a professional certification designed for anyone who delivers interpretive programs to the public. From the theoretical foundations of the profession to practical, hands-on-training, we learn how to design and present programs that help audiences make connections. Must be 16 or older.

For more information or to download a registration form:

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Contact: DonnaHortonCIT@att.net, 918-587-0522.

## **Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Celebration**

**For Oxley Nature Center Members Only**

### **Begin a new tradition!**

We'll take an evening walk to welcome in the New Year! Following our hike, we will warm up in front of a bonfire or fireplace to share stories. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and the fixings for s'mores will be available.

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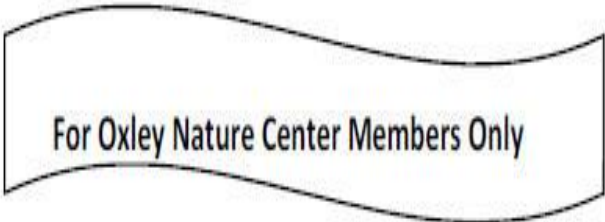
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