



Viceroy | Janis Blanton

Mary K. Oxley Nature Center

November - December 2019 Newsletter

We have a lot going on at Oxley Nature Center this Winter! Especially enjoyable will be our popular Member's Cookout and Hayride from 6 to 8:30 PM on November 2nd. Join us in the beautiful lantern-lit picnic grove as we enjoy live music, home cooking, hotdogs and a hayride.



Join us for Hot dogs and Hayrides!

Bored member? BE A BOARD MEMBER!

With the adoption of a new strategic plan for Mary K. Oxley Nature Center Association, it is an exciting time to be a board member. If you are interested in joining the board to help Oxley Nature Center

1. Connect more people to nature
2. Expand the number of programs
3. Demonstrate the importance of interaction with nature
4. Continue the great work at Oxley and develop it even further,

Contact one of the following members of the nominating committee:

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Rough Green Snake | Greg Silva

Species Spotlight : Rough Green Snake *Opheodrys aestivus*

Even those of us who are *not* passionate about snakes can find a lot to love in this little arboreal snake. Maybe you've seen one or two at Oxley on a walk through wooded areas. You might have caught a flash of green and turned to see this graceful, slender creature slipping through the branches nearby. Usually around 32 inches long and under 1 inch in

diameter, this little snake is notable for its relatively big eyes, bright green back and yellowish or cream colored stomach. The Rough Green Snake eats many types of insects including crickets, grasshoppers and caterpillars but is even known to eat small frogs. Stop and look next time you see one, it will often freeze in place and never fear, it is non-venomous!

Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - Programs in November

Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register (please register 48 hours in advance)

2 November "Saturday Morning Birding" Ages: All

Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m.

Free, Registration not required

Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

2 November "Members Cookout and Hayride" Ages: All

Saturday, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Oxley Members Only, Registration is required (Call 918-596-9054 by October 25th to register)

Fabulous company, glowing lanterns, live music, hot dogs, potluck dishes and s'mores around a bonfire, followed by a hayride: A fantastic evening with friends! Won't you join us?

9 November "Junior Naturalists" Ages: 8-12 years

Saturday, 10:00-12:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session.

Meet at the Fawn Grove at Oxley.

Come join the Junior Naturalists at Oxley Nature Center for a morning of adventure and nature connection! Guided by the changing seasons and our own curiosity, we will hike, journal, tell stories, play games, craft, learn wilderness skills, and practice good park stewardship. Come to all our meetings or the one that fits your schedule.

12 November "Full Beaver Moon Walk" Ages: All

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

\$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

According to folklore, this moon is named for the beavers that are becoming increasingly active as they prepare for winter. Will we see them swimming along Coal Creek, or hear them slapping their tails on the water?

18 November "Natural Babies! Preparing for Fall?" Ages: 1- 5 + caregiver

Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session.

The trees are getting ready for winter. We will talk about how plants prepare for the cold weather and shorter days. During our walk we will collect some acorns to create a pendant.

23 November "Botany Walk" Ages: All

Saturday, 10:30-noon

Free, Registration not required

Are some leaves still clinging to trees? Have all the seeds dispersed? Join us for our botany walk at Oxley to find out!

Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - Programs in December

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7 December "Saturday Morning Birding" Ages: All

Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m.

Free, Registration not required

Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

9 December "Natural Babies: "Celebrating the Cold!" Ages: 1-5 + caregiver

Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session.

The holidays are coming, a time of celebration. Let's explore how we celebrate this season. How do we and the animals spend our time during the cold? We'll take a walk and then create a snow globe to take home.

11 December "Full Cold Moon Walk" Ages: All

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

\$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Brrrrrr. The days are short, leading to frosty cold nights. If it is still, the sounds will carry on the air, across the prairie and through the rattling dry leaves of the red oaks. What experiences will tonight's adventure bring?

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28 December "Botany Walk" Ages: All

Saturday, 10:30-noon

Free, Registration not required

What happens to plant life during these colder winter days? Join us for the botany walk at Oxley to find out!

31 "Annual New Year's Eve Celebration!" Ages: All

Tuesday, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required 48 hours in advance of program. Spaces are limited. \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members

We will take an evening hike to welcome in the coming of a New Year! We will follow this by warming up in front of a bonfire or fireplace to share stories. Hot chocolate, apple cider and fixings for s'mores will be available. Come celebrate with us!



Egret | Janis Blanton

Mary K. Oxley Nature Center Hours

Oxley Nature Center and Redbud Valley Nature Preserve will be closed Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 31

The Interpretive Building will be open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 4:30 p.m.

Gate and parking lot is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

Hiking trails are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Redbud Valley Nature Preserve Hours

Redbud Valley Nature Preserve is open Friday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The visitor center is open from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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