



North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Winter/Spring 2012

All programs will take place at **North Mountain Park Nature Center** unless otherwise indicated.
Classes may be canceled due to insufficient enrollment or other reasons. If this occurs, a full refund will be issued in two to three weeks.

Pre-registration is required for all programs 7 days in advance, unless otherwise indicated. Page numbers indicated below are referenced to the program descriptions in the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide—www.ashland.or.us/recguide.

Preschool Puppet Theatre

2nd Fri; Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11; 10:30—11:45am
Ages 3—5 | \$6/child | North Mountain Park Puppeteers Pg 12

Project FeederWatch

Alt Sat; Dec 10, 24; Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18; Mar 3, 17; 9am—10am
Ages 10 & up | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society volunteers Pg 12
Pre-registration NOT required

Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Jan 14, 8:30—10am | Free | Vince Zauskey | Pg 12

Hand-Woven Basket Workshop

Sat, Jan 14, 10am—3pm | Ages 15 & up | \$70 | Louisa Lenz-Porter | Pg 18

Climate Change & the Rogue Valley

Tue; Jan 17, 24; 7—9pm | Ages 15 & up | \$5 | Alan Journet Ph.D. Pg 12

Garden Planning for Vegetables

Sat, Jan 28, 9am—1pm | Ages 18 & up | \$35 | Louisa Lenz-Porter | Pg 23

Going Beyond Xeriscape

Tue, Jan 31, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 16 & up | \$15 | Bonnie Bayard | Pg 23

Seed Swap

Wed, Feb 1, 7—8pm | Free | North Mountain Park Staff | Pg 23 | Pre-registration NOT required

Ashland's Winter Birds

Lecture: Thu, Feb 2, 6:30—8:30pm; Field Trip: Sat, Feb 4, 8:30am—3pm
Ages 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 12

Happy Eggs

Wed, Feb 8, 7—9pm | \$12 | Cynthia Care | Pg 23

Astronomy: The Winter Sky

Wed, Feb 15, 7—9pm | \$25 | Jessica Vineyard | Pg 13

Plant Propagation Step-by-Step

Sat, Feb 18, 10am—12pm | Ages 12 & up | \$12 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 24

No Lawn? Then What?

Tue, Feb 28, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 16 & up | \$15 | Bonnie Bayard | Pg 24

Klamath Basin's Winter Birds

Lecture: Thu, Mar 1, 6:30—8:30pm; Field Trip: Sat, Mar 3, 7:30am departure | Ages 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 13

Pine Needle Basketry

Sat, Mar 3, 9:30am—4pm | Ages 14 & up | \$40 | Sue Yamins | Pg 19

Fruit Tree Pruning Basics

Sat, Mar 10, 9am—12pm | Ages 10 & up | \$10 | Glenwood Park on the corner of Ashland & Glenwood Streets, Ashland | Casey Roland | Pg 24

Making Smoke, Coal & Fire with a Bow Drill

Sat, Mar 10, 12—2pm | Ages 7 & up | \$15 | Jesse Biesanz | Pg 13

The Self-Sustaining Garden

Wed, Mar 14, 7—9pm | Ages 9 & up | \$15 | Cynthia Care | Pg 24

Knots & Mechanical Advantage Class

Sat, Mar 17, 9am—1pm | Ages 12 & up | \$20 | Bob Noyes | Pg 13

Spring Garden Work Party

Wed, Mar 21, 10am—12pm | Free | Pg 35 | Pre-registration NOT required

Low Maintenance Landscape Ideas

Tue, Mar 27, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 16 & up | \$15 | Bonnie Bayard | Pg 25

Exploring Ashland Parks' Trails

Tue, Apr 3, 7—8:30pm | Ages 10 & up | \$5 | Jeff McFarland | Pg 14

Graywater—Laundry to Landscape

Wed, Apr 4, 7—8pm | Ages 15 & up | \$10 | Pam Lott | Pg 25

Jumpstart Your Water Harvesting Action Plan

Tue, Apr 10, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 13 & up | \$25 | Pam Lott | Pg 25

Wildflower Walk in Strawberry-Hald Park

Wed, Apr 11, 4—5:30pm | Ages 10 & up | \$7 | Meet at corner of Scenic & Logan Drive | Linda Chesney | Pg 14

Land Navigation

Sat, Apr 14, 9am—5pm | Ages 10 & up | \$25 | Bob Noyes | Pg 14

How to Build an Outdoor Survival Debris Shelter

Sat, Apr 14, 12—2pm | Ages 7 & up | \$15 | Jesse Biesanz | Pg 14

Recycling: Where Does it Go & Why?

Wed, Apr 18, 6:30—8pm | Ages 13 & up | Free | Risa Buck | Pg 25

Upper Table Rock Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Sat, Apr 21, 10:30am—2:30pm | Ages 12 & up | \$35 | Meet at Upper Table Rock parking lot | Jon Carlson | Pg 15

Rogue Valley Earth Day

Sat, Apr 21, 11am—4pm | Free | Pg 32 | Pre-registration NOT required

Three Tree Hike

Sun, Apr 22, 10am—5pm | Ages 6 & up | \$7 | Meet at Albertsons in Central Point | Frank Callahan | Pg 15

Biking the Greenway to Taste Wild Edibles

Tue, Apr 24, 4:30—6pm | Ages 10 & up | \$7 | Meet at the Ashland Dog Park with bike & helmet, off Nevada & Helman Streets | Linda Chesney | Pg 15

Spring Wildflower Walk in Oredson-Todd Woods

Sat, Apr 28, 10am—12pm | Ages 12 & up | \$7 | Meet at the Oredson-Todd trail head (turn left on Lupine, off Greenmeadows) | Marcia Winteer | Pg 15

Birding Basics

Wed, May 2, 7—9pm | \$10 | Klamath Bird Observatory Staff | Pg 15

Ashland Spring Birding

Lecture: Thu, May 3, 6:30—8:30pm; Field Trip: Sat, May 5, 7:30am—3pm
Ages 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 16

Restoration Forestry for Beginners

Sat, May 5, 9am—12pm | Ages 8 & up | Free | Meet at the Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink, 95 Winburn Way | Ashland Forest Resiliency Staff | Pg 16

Finding Balance: Rock Stacking & Dry-Stone Arch Building

Sat, May 5, 12—2pm | Ages 7 & up | \$15 | Meet in Lithia Park rock stacking area | Jesse Biesanz | Pg 16

Rogue Valley Geology in Earth History

Wed, May 9, 7—8pm | Ages 9 & up | Free | Briscoe Geology Park on the corner of Laurel & High Streets, Ashland | Len Eisenberg | Pg 16

Rogue Valley Bird Day

Sat, May 12, 8am—12pm | Free | Pg 33 | Pre-registration NOT required

For a complete description of the Ashland Parks & Recreation **Refund Policy** and **program descriptions**, visit www.ashland.or.us/recguide.
Direct online registration is available at www.ashland.or.us/register — It's easy to do and helps to reduce costs.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Friend & Volunteer of the Nature Center



Kaleb Wagner

After working his way up through the ranks of Boy Scouts, Kaleb Wagner began looking for an Eagle Scout project. His passion was to create something that the community could look at, admire and that would be useful as well. Kaleb soon thought of the North Mountain Park Nature Center for his project and took on the job of rebuilding the Native American dwelling known as an Umma. He called Jeff McFarland, Ashland Parks Trails and Forestry Manager, to get the project started in August, 2011. With Jeff's help, and the help of a few scouts, friends and family, the project was completed. Kaleb said, "It was like building with Legos back in the second grade, but cooler." He enjoys doing almost anything outdoors. "I have been running competitively in track and cross country for six years. My plan after high school is to attend college and serve a full mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints."

Volunteers...

Special thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who helped out in the Heirloom and Demonstration Gardens in the most beautiful season ever! We look forward to seeing you again in spring after a well-earned rest.

Thanks also to all of those volunteers who helped with our fall school programs and to our local Kawanis and Lions Clubs for their scholarship donations. We had a very successful season of teaching Geology of the Rogue Valley. Planning for our spring water programs will begin in February.

Current volunteer needs:

- Adopt-a-Natural area
- Exhibit assistant
- Service learning instructor

If you would like to volunteer at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, please contact the Park Department's new Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth...

Direct Line: 541.552.2264

Email: lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us

VIP — Volunteer in Parks, "It's the Natural Thing to Do!"

Annual Contributions

Once a year we invite you to show your support for the North Mountain Park Nature Center by making a tax-deductible contribution. Donations help fund special projects and programs, including annual free events (Bear Creek Festival, Rogue Valley Bird Day), and educational programs and exhibits pertaining to local natural and cultural history.

Please make checks payable to Ashland Parks Foundation and mail in the enclosed envelope. **Thank you!**

Note: While we still encourage our readers to go PAPERLESS, this winter/spring issue will be direct mailed to everyone so that you will have the opportunity to make your annual contribution to the North Mountain Park Nature Center using the enclosed envelope. Your support is greatly appreciated! — *Nature Center Staff*



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