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2019
WINTER
PROGRAMS

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How to Register

Online: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/programs

Phone: 410-313-0400
(9am-5pm, W-Sa; Noon-5pm, Su)

Fax: 410-313-4660

TTY: 410-313-4665

Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046

Walk-in: Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9am-5pm, W-Sa; Noon-5pm, Su)

Payment Information

Program fees are payable by check or money order made out to the Howard County Director of Finance. (We also accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA.)

All events and programs take place at Robinson Nature Center unless otherwise noted.

Special Events

• Info: 410-313-0400.

December

Deer Santa

Delight in an afternoon of “Reindeer games” that test your skills against those of our four-legged friends in this family-friendly, self-guided adventure. Create holiday crafts, enjoy festive snacks, join a guided winter walk in the woods, and get a photo with Santa! All adults and children must register to participate. No online registration.

Info: www.howardcountymd.gov/DeerSanta.

All ages \$15, child, over 1 yr; \$7, adult;

Free, under 1 yr*

[RP4873.101](#) Dec 2 Noon-3pm Su

*\$2 off each individual's registration for

Robinson Nature Ctr members.

January

Frozen Fest

Robinson puts the “cool” in winter with this fun, family-oriented festival. Come explore our “Snowball Alley” and all things frozen through fun experiments. Enjoy an ice cream sandwich bar, take a virtual tour of the Arctic, create tracks in the snow, and embark on a guided winter hike along the trails. Check out the cold-blooded creatures that live at the nature center through live animal presentations. Get cozy while watching a movie in the NatureSphere full-dome theater. Meet costumed-characters courtesy of the Drama Learning Center. Make a winter craft to take home. Preregister to secure your family's spot. Inclement weather date is January 27.

All ages \$7, Robinson member;

\$10, nonmember; Free, under 3 yrs

[RP4828.201](#) Jan 20 11am-4pm Su

“So much to do! I liked the combo of timed activities and those that were ongoing. The kids loved the “snow,” the experiments and the animals!”



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Don't just learn about telescopes, build your own to take home at Scope Out the Night Sky.

February

[Valentine's Day Truffle-Making & Wine-Tasting](#)

Join us for a unique way to celebrate Valentine's Day! Bring a friend, your sweetheart, or just treat yourself to an afternoon learning the art of hand-rolling delectable chocolate truffles while discovering more about the plant from which chocolate is made. Enjoy tasting 6 wines from Liganore Vineyards. Learn about the sustainable practices used in this local business. Leave with 10 hand-rolled truffles. Special thanks to our partner, Whole Foods, for their help making this event a success.

21 yrs + [Bring identification that shows your age](#)

[RP4847.201](#) Feb 16 1-3pm Sa \$27

[RP4847.202](#) Feb 16 4-6pm Sa \$27

"I loved learning about chocolate and wine with all the yumminess of getting to taste them. I was able to share this with my adult daughter, which was special for both of us."

March

[NEW! Scope Out the Night Sky](#)

Robinson Nature Center and the Howard Astronomical League present this exciting, family-focused astronomy event with support from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific! Enjoy a planetarium program, build your very own Galileoscope (a functional telescope for night sky viewing), hold a meteorite, observe the surface of the moon and other space objects on a "Magic Planet," and view celestial objects in the sky using various telescopes with the help of knowledgeable guides. Each family takes home one Galileoscope. All participants receive a star map.

8 yrs + [\\$30 per family \(up to five members\)](#)

[RP4860.201](#) Mar 15 6:30-9:30pm F

Save the Date

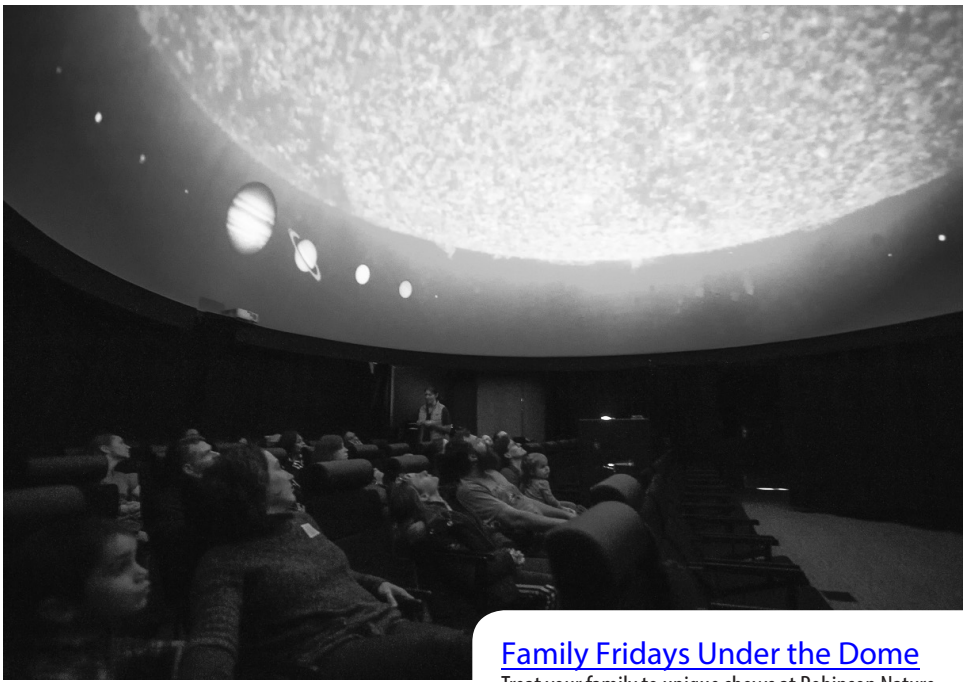
• Info: 410-313-0400.

Spring Eggstravaganza for Tots

Enjoy tot-friendly activities throughout the indoor exhibits and outdoor, paved trail (weather-permitting). Participate in crafts, music, games, and a mini egg hunt. Egg hunts are at 10am & 11am. Come see bunnies available for adoption through the Friends of Rabbits, a rescue organization.

1 yr+ [\\$6 per person; Free, siblings under 1 yr](#)

[RP4858.301](#) Apr 14 9am-noon Su



Kids and parents alike can discover the mysteries of the natural world and our solar system at Family Fridays Under the Dome.

Astronomy & Planetarium

- Planetarium programs are held in the NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater.
- For planetarium shows, arrive 15 minutes prior to the show time to be seated. Due to dark conditions, we cannot seat you during the show.
- Sensory-friendly accommodations are available for all planetarium programs upon request. To make a request, contact the Robinson Nature Center no later than one week in advance of the program.
- Previews of planetarium films: www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSphereFeatures.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Space Matters

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Family Fridays Under the Dome

Treat your family to unique shows at Robinson Nature Center's NatureSphere planetarium. Each program features a full-dome movie preceded by a family-friendly planetarium presentation. No late seating. 6:30-7:30pm F \$6 per ticket

Earth, Moon & Sun

[RP4801.201](#) 5 yrs + Jan 4

Wildest Weather in the Universe

[RP4801.202](#) 7 yrs + Feb 1

Dinosaurs Alive!

[RP4801.203](#) 7 yrs + Mar 1

Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere

Treat your partner or friends to a unique Friday night experience of top notch astronomy and entertainment at the Robinson Nature Center. This program is held in the NatureSphere planetarium and features a full-dome movie preceded by an adult-level planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky and space science. No late seating.

18 yrs + 8-9pm F \$6 per ticket

[RP4800.201](#) *Faster than Light* Jan 4

[RP4800.202](#) *Passport to the Universe* Feb 1

[RP4800.203](#) *Impact!* Mar 1

** If you are interested in attending this program, but not of age, please call the Nature Center at 410-313-0400.*



Lil' Stars gives your little ones a nighttime experience during the day.

Lil' Stars

Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories, crafts or song. Give your child a special nighttime experience during the day! Programs focus on a different theme each month - from colors of stars, to the stories behind a constellation, to the seasonal changes in the sky. All children must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. Preregister to secure your seats. No late seating.

3 yrs + \$3 per ticket w/ admission or annual pass

Super Duper Stars

[RP4802.201](#) Jan 12 10-10:30am Sa

[RP4802.202](#) Jan 12 11-11:30am Sa

[RP4802.203](#) Jan 26 10-10:30am Sa

[RP4802.204](#) Jan 26 11-11:30am Sa

Bear's Shadow

[RP4802.205](#) Feb 2 10-10:30am Sa

[RP4802.206](#) Feb 2 11-11:30am Sa

[RP4802.207](#) Feb 23 10-10:30am Sa

[RP4802.208](#) Feb 23 11-11:30am Sa

Stellar Stretching

[RP4802.209](#) Mar 9 10-10:30am Sa

[RP4802.210](#) Mar 9 11-11:30am Sa

[RP4802.211](#) Mar 23 10-10:30am Sa

[RP4802.212](#) Mar 23 11-11:30am Sa

NEW! Scope Out the Night Sky

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Our Saturday Puppet Theater shows are educational fun for all.

Family & Parent/Child

- Programs in this section require an adult to register with their child and accompany them at all times.
- Unregistered siblings of age for a program or older may not join their registered sibling in a program.
- Caregivers and children of the appropriate age are welcome. Please note required adult/child ratios for caregivers.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Saturday Puppet Theater

Join us for nature-themed puppet theater presentations at the Robinson Nature Center! Each show portrays a different nature story. Afterwards, enjoy creating a simple craft to take home.

2 yrs + \$5 per person

NEW! Penguins Don't Live in Maryland

[RP4871.211](#) Jan 5 10am Sa

[RP4871.212](#) Jan 5 11am Sa

Who Needs Vultures?

[RP4871.213](#) Feb 9 10am Sa

[RP4871.214](#) Feb 9 11am Sa

Luck of the "Iris"

[RP4871.215](#) Mar 16 10am Sa

[RP4871.216](#) Mar 16 11am Sa



Curious tykes can explore the natural world during Toddler Time.

[Toddler Time at the Nature Center](#)

Toddler Time offers our youngest visitors a chance to use unstructured play to gain the comfort level and gross/fine motor skills they need to happily explore the world around them. Each month, we curate materials on a different theme for you and your toddler to explore. Take part in self-guided activities that encourage toddlers to move in age-appropriate ways and explore unfamiliar textures, smells, sounds, and sights found in nature. Fee is for one child and one adult. A 1:3 caregiver-to-child ratio is required.

1-2½ yrs w/adult \$5, annual pass holders; \$7, nonmember

NEW! *Busy Builders*

[RP4871.201](#) Jan 11 9-9:45am F

[RP4871.202](#) Jan 11 10-10:45am F

NEW! *A Winter's Nap*

[RP4871.203](#) Feb 8 9-9:45am F

[RP4871.204](#) Feb 8 10-10:45am F

NEW! *Natural Art*

[RP4871.205](#) Mar 8 9-9:45am F

[RP4871.206](#) Mar 8 10-10:45am F



Sip hot cider after a scenic New Year Nature Hike.

[New Year Nature Hike & Cider-sipping](#)

Join us in the new year while getting active and enjoying nature (two great resolutions for 2019)! Join a naturalist for a guided winter hike while enjoying a range of activities to help your family stay moving and entertained during the cold weeks ahead. Then head back inside to brew and enjoy kid-friendly wassail (mulled cider) to take the chill out of winter! Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

6 yrs + \$9 per person

[RP4815.201](#) Jan 12 2:30-4:30pm Sa

[Lil' Acorns \(Parent/Child\)](#)

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning. In the new *Snowman and the Squirrel* program, discover the winter lives of squirrels, and help track down snowman's missing features. In the *Penguin Parade* program, practice penguin skills and learn what makes these birds so special. These parent/child, interactive programs include stories, tot-friendly investigations, a puppet show, and a short walk through the woods.

2-3 yrs with an adult \$18 per program (1 parent, 1 child)

NEW! *Snowman and the Squirrel*

[RP4817.201](#) Jan 19 10:30am-noon Sa

Penguin Parade

[RP4817.202](#) Mar 2 10:30am-noon Sa



Meet warm & fuzzy creatures up for adoption in our new Home for Warm, Fuzzy and Prickly program.

Frozen Fest

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NEW! A Home for Warm, Fuzzy and Prickly

Come join us for an incredible day in collaboration with Friends of Rabbits and Other World Exotics. Investigate where animals go in the winter and share in your child's delight as we re-enact a winter classic, "The Mitten", through an engaging puppet show. Search for mittens and signs of wildlife along the Center's wooded trails. Meet amazing rabbits and hedgehogs, just like those featured in the story. These animals are all looking for good homes! Program lasts approximately an hour. Representatives from Friends of Rabbits and Other World Exotics will be on-site with information on caring for these creatures from 1-4pm. All participants (children and adult) must register to attend.

3 yrs + \$10, child; \$5, adult

[RP4819.201](#) Feb 24 2pm Su

[RP4819.202](#) Feb 24 3pm Su

NEW! Scope Out the Night Sky

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NEW! Fairy and Gnome Tea Party

Join our fairy and gnome tea party! Learn about the plants and animals in the woodland fairies' kingdom. Your little one dons a pair of fairy wings or a gnome hat and embarks on a search for fairies and gnomes through the nature center. Then, meet, sing and play with a fairy and gnome from Drama Learning Center! Afterwards, sit and savor a full tea service by Sweet Simplici-Tea tea room. Tea service includes tea, lemonade and delightful treats just right for little fingers. Fee includes program, materials, tea service, and gratuity. All attendees (children and adults) must register separately to attend. **As this is a catered event, you must register by March 13.**

3 yrs + \$27 per person

[RP4865.201](#) Mar 17 11am-1pm Su

[RP4865.202](#) Mar 17 2-4pm Su

Home School Classes

Winter & Spring 2019

For more information on Robinson Nature Center's home school classes, visit

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/RNC/education#HomeSchool>.



Discover and taste a little bit of history at Tea Time - History, Properties, and Tasting.

Adults (18 yrs+)

- For 21 yrs+ events at which alcohol will be served, participants must bring a photo ID.
- Listed by earliest start date.
- Info: 410-313-0400.

[Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere](#)

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[NEW! Tea Time- History, Properties and Tasting](#)

It's tea time! Warm up this winter while discovering tea's intriguing history in the U.S.A. with Howard County's Heritage program. Discover the "true" tea plant along with many herbal preparations that are also sold as teas. Hear about their fascinating properties with a Robinson Nature Center naturalist. Enjoy a delicious tea tasting by local tea house, Sweet Simplici-tea. Discover the fascinating process by which Owner Robyn Zumbrun selects her teas. Delve into the distinctions between teas and flavor profiles. Sample four teas paired with baked goods. Tea is available for sale on-site. **As this is a catered event, you must register by January 30 to attend.**

18 yrs + \$25

[RP4826.201](#) Feb 2 2-3:30pm Sa

[Valentine's Day Truffle-Making & Wine-Tasting](#)

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[NEW! Milled](#)

Spend the afternoon discovering Maryland's milling heritage while taking the last chill out of winter thanks to two products made from grain! Bring your thermal mug and enjoy a hot toddy featuring whiskey from local distillery, Lost Ark. We pair this with Great Harvest Bread Company baked goods made from freshly-ground grains. Robinson Nature Center Naturalists lead you on a trail walk through what was once the historic mill town of Simpsonville down to the ruins of the town's mill and along the mill race. Discover the realities of mill life for its inhabitants and then return to the nature center to discover how milling has evolved through the centuries into a much more sustainable operation today. **Please register by March 6. Limited tickets available after this date.**

21 yrs + [Bring identification that shows your age](#) \$35
[RP4827.201](#) Mar 10 3-4:30pm Su



Authors in Action is a book club discussion with an environmental action twist.

Adults (55+)

• Info: 410-313-0400.

Space Matters

Join us the first Thursday of each month in our planetarium to discover what lies beyond our planet! Each program features a presentation about current happenings in the sky and recent developments in space science. Some presentations are complemented with a half-hour movie projected in 360° on the planetarium's domed ceiling or with hands-on demonstrations. Please note we require attendees to check in and be seated 15 minutes prior to the show. Due to dark conditions, we cannot safely accommodate late seating.

55 yrs + 2:30-3:45pm Th \$9

[RP4804.201](#) Jan 3 Theme: *The Whole Universe as We Know It*

Film: NEW! *Faster Than Light*

[RP4804.202](#) Feb 7 Theme: *What We Can See in the Sky*
Film: *Passport to the Universe*

[RP4804.203](#) Mar 7 Theme: *Rocks from Space*
Film: *Impact!*

* If you are interested in attending this program, but not of age, please call the Nature Center at 410-313-0400.

NEW! Authors in Action

Robinson Nature Center and the Commission on Aging collaborate to present a new take on the classic book club. Meet an author who writes about environmental issues, then work alongside the author in an action project to address these issues in your own community. We are excited to feature author Ned Tillman as our first author in action. Prior to the program, receive a copy of his new book, *The Big Melt*. At the program, discuss the book and work with Ned to take action! Please wear close-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty to participate in the action project. To ensure you receive, and have time to read your book, **please register no later than March 7.**

55 yrs + \$25

[RP4843.211](#) Mar 21 2-4pm Th



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Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program for those working with Pre-K - 12th grade.

Trainings

MSDE professional development credit available upon completion of Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree workshops. Trainings can be used as Professional Development required for Green School Certification and Re-Certification.

[Teaching Children Outdoors – Project Learning Tree*](#)

Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with youth from pre-school through grade 12. The curriculum is provided at trainings facilitated by certified instructors. All participants must attend the full workshop to receive the Project Learning Tree curriculum guide. **Register by February 20.**

18 yrs + \$30 per person

[RP4833.201](#) Feb 23 9am-3:30pm Sa

[Teaching About Water – Project WET](#)

Project WET is an award-winning water education program that aims to reach children, parents, teachers, and community members to empower them to solve complex water issues. This curriculum can be taught to Pre K-12th graders. The curriculum is provided to teachers and educators at trainings facilitated by certified instructors. You must attend the full workshop to receive the Project WET curriculum guide. **Register by March 6.**

18 yrs + \$30 per person

[RP4833.202](#) Mar 9 9am-3:30pm Sa

Therapeutic Recreation & Inclusion Services

- For information on Howard County Recreation & Parks programming for individuals with disabilities, contact Susan L. Potts, MS, CTRS, 410-313-4628; Chloe Hodge, CTRS, 410-313-1671 or Tori Taylor, CTRS, 410-313-4708.

[Green Thumb Club](#)

Adults with developmental disabilities practice their gardening skills in this weekday social horticulture program. Learn to germinate, grow and harvest flowers, vegetables and herbs in a group setting. Take your crop home at the end of the season! Goals: Increase fine motor functioning, improve social skills and understanding of gardening practices. Participant's caregiver must remain on site.

22 yrs + Classes: 6

[RP4311.201](#) Feb 13 1:30-3pm W \$85



During the winter session, you'll learn how to care for different plants and start them from seed with friends!



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Enjoy through all four seasons:

- Children's Discovery Room and outdoor nature place
- Planetarium and full-dome movies
- Nature trails, interactive exhibits and more!

Enjoy complimentary admission and special discounts on designated programs and gift shop items with your family pass!

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Hours

Wednesday-Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday: Noon-5pm
Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays

Daily Admission

Adults: \$5
Children (3-17 yrs): \$3
Under 3: FREE



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Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, a 10% discount in the gift shop and discounted admission to certain programs. Annual passes expire one year from date of purchase.

(NR) = Non-Resident of Howard County.

Senior (50 years +)	\$20 / \$40 (NR)
Student (with school ID)	\$20 / \$40 (NR)
Individual	\$25 / \$50 (NR)
Family (household)	\$50 / \$100 (NR)

Add an additional \$50 to any annual pass level to enjoy Friends of Robinson Nature Center benefit.

Friends of Robinson Nature Center Membership Levels

Friends of Robinson Nature Center memberships include an annual pass to the nature center, as well as friends-only benefits. For details, please call 410-313-0400.

Patron	\$175
Supporter	\$250
Sustainer	\$500
Lifetime	\$1,000