

Robinson

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NATURE CENTER



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2017 WINTER
PROGRAMS

General Information

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How to Register

Online: Go to the Public Programs section at www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter

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

Fax: 410-313-4660

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

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

Payment Information

Include payment with your registration form – a check or money order payable to the Howard County Director of Finance, or credit card information. (We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA.) Please sign the waiver on your receipt and bring it to the first session.

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

Special Events

• Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

NEW! Wreath-Making Workshop

Create your own wreath using sustainably-harvested greens! Enjoy festive music, light snacks and cider while learning tips on harvesting and using natural materials and creating your wreath. Sustainably-harvested, freshly-cut greens (pine, arborvitae, boxwood, spruce, holly, etc.), cones and ribbons are provided. No experience needed. Price is per wreath (not per person) and you are welcome to bring members of your family over the age of 14 to join in the fun! Please bring pruners and gloves.

\$40 per wreath

RP4861.112 Dec 2 6:30-8:30pm F

Deer Santa

Santa's reindeer have many skills. Come discover our special "Reindeer trail". Hike through the woods as we test our skills against four-legged friends in this family-friendly adventure. Then come back inside to warm up with a snack, make a seasonal craft and get a photo with Santa! Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

All ages \$15, child; \$5, adult

RP4871.101 Dec 3 10am-noon Sa

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Kick off the holiday spirit with a hands-on greenery workshop. Enjoy festive music, light snacks and cider while learning tips on harvesting and using natural materials to make holiday decorations for your home. During the workshop, create a centerpiece out of natural materials for your table or mantle. Sustainably-harvested, freshly-cut greens (pine, arborvitae, boxwood, spruce, holly, etc.), cones and ribbons are provided. No experience needed. Price is per centerpiece (not per person) and you are welcome to bring members of your family over the age of 14 to join in the fun! Please bring pruners and gloves.

\$35 per centerpiece

RP4861.102 Dec 4 2-4pm Su



Enjoy making sweets with your sweetie!

Frozen Fest flickr

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\$7, annual pass holder; \$10, general admission;

Free for children under 3 years old

RP4828.201 All ages Jan 22 Noon-4:30pm Su

Valentine's Day

Truffle-Making & Wine-Tasting

Join us for our unique, and environmentally friendly, Valentine's Day experience at the Robinson Nature Center! Bring a friend, your sweetheart or your awesome self to learn the art of hand-rolling delectable chocolate truffles so that you never have to buy pre-packaged chocolate again. Enjoy wine tastings from local winery, Liganore Vineyards, and learn about the sustainable practices used in their business. Each person samples 6 wines and leaves with eight hand-rolled truffles. Special thanks to our partner, Whole Foods, for its help making this event a success.

21 yrs +

RP4847.211 Feb 11 11am-1pm Sa \$25

RP4847.201 Feb 11 2:30-4:30pm Sa \$25



Your family will discover all things cold (and cool!) at Frozen Fest.

Spring Eggstravaganza for Tots

Enjoy a tot-friendly spring egg-hunt through Robinson Nature Center's indoor exhibits and along paved portions of the trail (weather-permitting). Together your family will embark upon a self-guided adventure where you'll search for eggs and discover which animals laid them. Turn in your eggs at the end of the program and choose a special prize. To help ease parking congestion and crowding, we ask that families preregister for one of the following program times and arrive promptly. Program lasts approximately an hour. All adults and children 1 year and older must register to participate. No online registration, call 410-313-0400 or register at the center, in person.

1 yr + Robinson Nature Ctr \$6 per person; Free, under 1 yr

RP4858.301 Apr 2 10am Su

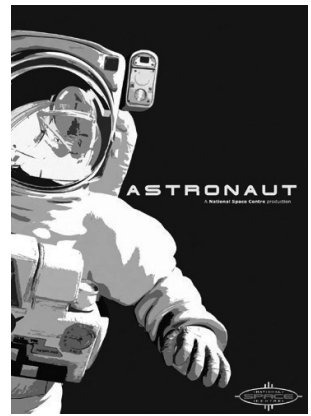
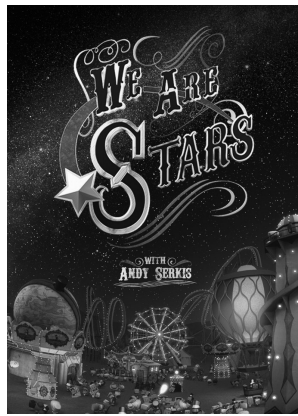
RP4858.302 Apr 2 10:15am Su

RP4858.303 Apr 2 10:30am Su

RP4858.304 Apr 2 10:45am Su

RP4858.305 Apr 2 11am Su

RP4858.306 Apr 2 11:15am Su



Robinson's planetarium features full-dome movies on scheduled days and evenings.

Nature & Environment

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.
- Fee is per person.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Family NatureSphere Night

Treat your family to an evening of spectacular space delights. This program features a full-dome movie preceded by a fun, family-friendly planetarium presentation about current happenings in our night sky. All programs are held in the NatureSphere, a digital planetarium and dome-style movie theater. Film previews are available at www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSpherefeatures. No late seating.

7 yrs + 6:30-7:30pm \$6 per ticket

**HAL telescope viewing on roof (weather permitting)*

RP4801.201*	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	Jan 6	F
RP4801.202	<i>We Are Aliens</i>	Jan 20	F
RP4801.203*	<i>NEW! We Are Stars</i>	Feb 3	F
RP4801.204	<i>NEW! We Are Stars</i>	Feb 17	F
RP4801.205*	<i>Astronaut</i>	Mar 3	F
RP4801.206	<i>Astronaut</i>	Mar 17	F

To register for a class or event, visit the "Public Programs" section at www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter or call 410-313-0400.



Come in from the cold for a show in Robinson Nature Center's NatureSphere planetarium, where you learn about space and astronomy.

Friday Late Nights in the NatureSphere - What's Up?

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. Film previews are available at www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSpherefeatures.

No late seating.

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

RP4800.201	NEW! <i>Back to the Moon for Good</i>	Jan 6	F
RP4800.202	<i>Passport</i>	Feb 3	F
RP4800.203	<i>Impact!</i>	Mar 3	F

NatureSphere at Noon

Explore Robinson Nature Center's trails, Discovery Room and Nature Place, and before you leave for lunch, join us for a short, family-friendly full-dome film! This program is held in the NatureSphere planetarium. Film previews are available at www.howardcountymd.gov/RNCNatureSpherefeatures. No late seating.

NEW! *Zula Patrol: Under the Weather* Noon-12:30pm

\$3 per ticket w/ daily admission or annual pass

RP4802.211	3 yrs +	Jan 7	Sa
RP4802.212	3 yrs +	Jan 21	Sa

NEW! *Back to the Moon for Good* Noon-12:30pm

\$3 per ticket w/ daily admission or annual pass

RP4802.213	7 yrs +	Feb 4	Sa
RP4802.214	7 yrs +	Feb 18	Sa

Earth, Moon & Sun Noon-12:30pm

\$3 per ticket w/ daily admission or annual pass

RP4802.215	5 yrs +	Mar 4	Sa
RP4802.216	5 yrs +	Mar 18	Sa

Lil' Stars (Parent/Child)

Let your little one discover outer space through views of the stars and planets, stories and song. Give your child a special nighttime experience during the day! Each month we focus on a different theme from the colors of stars, to the stories behind a constellation, to the seasonal changes in the sky and provide two opportunities to catch the program. Preregister to secure your seats. Fee is per person.

3-8 yrs with a parent 11-11:30am

\$3 w/ daily admission or annual pass

RP4802.201	NEW! Shooting Stars	Jan 14	Sa
RP4802.202	NEW! Shooting Stars	Jan 28	Sa
RP4802.203	Rocky Planets	Feb 11	Sa
RP4802.204	Rocky Planets	Feb 25	Sa
RP4802.205	Stellar Stretching	Mar 11	Sa
RP4802.206	Stellar Stretching	Mar 25	Sa



Join us along the Robinson Nature Center trails for a guided winter hike!

Family & Parent/Child

- Programs in this section require an adult to register with and accompany children at all times.
- Programs listed in order by earliest start date.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

NEW! Winter Wednesday Puppet Theater

In January and February, join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for a nature-themed puppet theater presentation! Each puppet show portrays a different nature story. After the puppet show, create a simple craft to take home. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult for the duration of the program.

2 yrs + 11:30am-noon \$5 per person; Free, under 2 yrs

RP4871.201	The Tortoise and The Hare	Jan 4	W
RP4871.202	Who Needs Vultures?	Jan 18	W
RP4871.203	Spotted Turtle Can't Find Her Spots	Feb 1	W
RP4871.204	Little Beaver and the Echo	Feb 15	W

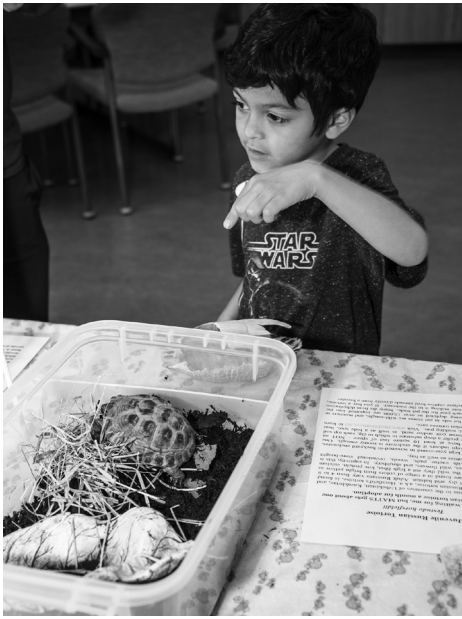
NEW! "New Year for Nature" Family Fun Hike & Cider-Sipping

Finish the first week of 2017 with a family-friendly hike along Robinson Nature Center's trails! We'll start out inside where we'll learn to make kid-friendly wassail (mulled cider) for the cold winter days ahead, then head out on the trails with a naturalist for a guided winter hike. Try a range of winter activities to help your family stay active and keep the kids entertained during the chilly days ahead. Then, return to the Center to warm up with our wassail! Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

6 yrs + \$7 per person

RP4815.201 Jan 7 2:30-4pm Sa

To register for a class or event, visit the "Public Programs" section at www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter or call 410-313-0400.



Learn all the about the creatures around us...

and the habitats in which they live!

First Saturday Discovery Days flickr

Join us for the first Saturday of the month as we introduce a special theme. Each Discovery Days program lets you learn about native plants and animals through games, stories and crafts. Programs are available on a first come first served basis to the first 15 children and their adult chaperone. Pick up your free ticket at the front desk. You may continue to explore each month's theme throughout the remainder of the month at the Field Station in the Children's Discovery room or during special weekend hours with docent-led activities.

3-10 yrs Free with daily admission or Robinson annual pass

Winter Birds	Jan 7	11:30am-noon	Sa
Mammology	Feb 4	11:30am-noon	Sa
Paleontology/Fossils	Mar 4	11:30am-noon	Sa

NEW! Lil' Acorns - Penguin Parade

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning discovering the life of penguins through tot-friendly investigations! This parent/child interactive program includes song, sensory activities, a puppet show and a short walk through the woods. Register an additional person (\$9) by calling 410-313-0400.

2-3 yrs \$18 (one child and adult)

RP4817.201 Jan 21 10:30am-noon Sa

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\$7, annual pass holder; \$10, general admission;

Free for children under 3 years old

RP4828.201 All ages Jan 22 Noon-4:30pm Su

Winter Crisp Nature Walk with Campfire Treats

There's nothing like a crisp winter day! Get out and get active with your family on this guided nature hike. Discover how to identify trees in winter, the survival tactics of wildlife, and many more winter wonders. Restore your warmth and energy around a campfire with hearty, cinnamon-spiced, fire-baked apples. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

All ages \$7 per person; Free, under 3 yrs

RP4815.202 Feb 4 2:30-4pm Sa

Lil' Acorns - Hibernation

Hold your lil' acorn's hand through an unforgettable morning discovering the winter habits of wildlife through tot-friendly investigations! This parent/child interactive program includes song, sensory activities, a puppet show and a short walk through the woods. Register an additional person (\$9) by calling 410-313-0400.

2-3 yrs \$18 (one child and adult)

RP4817.202 Feb 18 10:30am-noon Sa

NEW! Snowball Tea Party

Spend a fantastic afternoon with your little one at the Robinson Nature Center at our snowball tea party. Make a personalized snow globe to take home and participate in winter-inspired activities. With your snow globe created, sit and savor an impeccably catered tea service by Sweet Simplici-Tea tea room. Tea service includes tea, lemonade and delightful treats just right for little fingers. Fee includes program, all materials, full tea service and gratuity for service. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. As this is a catered event, you must register no later than February 12 to attend.

3 yrs + \$25 per child; \$20 per adult

RP4865.201 Feb 19 2:30-4:30pm Su

Timberdoodles in the Gloaming

Discover one of nature's finest and unique shows: the amazing, spiraling flight act performed by the timberdoodle, also known as the woodcock. Now in decline, there is still habitat in Howard County where timberdoodles can be found consistently. Dress warmly and sharpen your eyes and ears as you join Howard County Bird Club Member, David Cummings, and a Robinson Nature Center naturalist to witness this fascinating ritual. Meet at the Robinson Nature Center to caravan to western Howard County where we discover more about these birds and await their twilight display.

8 yrs + \$5

RP4805.201 Mar 11 4-7pm Sa

To register for a class or event, visit the "Public Programs" section at www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter or call 410-313-0400.



When it's chilly outside, come inside for tea and a winter-inspired program.

Home School

- For Pre-Home & Home School Classes, there are three seasons of classes (fall, winter and spring) that focus on different themes. (Themes are listed in course descriptions.)
- Parents may attend classes with their child(ren) at no cost.
- Siblings younger than 4 years old are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent at all times.
- Registration opened in June.
- All participants must complete a participant form, which will be emailed out prior to each season.
- Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

NEW! Pre-Home School Classes 2016-2017

Give your young homeschoolers a chance to learn skills and gain exposure to nature and science topics at an age-appropriate pace. Sign up to attend classes on either the first Thursday or first Friday of the month. **Winter Topics:** Nature at Night, Dinosaurs, Animal Signs. **Spring Topics:** Snakes & Turtles, Butterflies, Birds.

4-5 yrs 2:30-4pm \$30 per child per session

RP4885.201	1st Thursdays in winter	Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.211	1st Fridays in winter	Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3
RP4885.301	1st Thursdays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4
RP4885.311	1st Fridays in spring	Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5



Home-schooled students enjoy interactive lessons.

NEW! Home School Classes 2016-2017

Give your home-schooled students hands-on, immersive experiences in nature and science topics. 6-9-year-olds can sign up to attend classes on either the first Thursday or first Friday of the month. Classes are also offered for 9-13-year-olds (Thursday only). **Winter Topics:** Stars & Constellations, Fossils & Dinosaurs, Tracking Animals. **Spring Topics:** Herpetology (Reptiles & Amphibians), Entomology (Insects), Ornithology (Birds).

6-9 yrs 2:30-4pm \$30 per child per session

RP4885.202	1 st Thursdays in winter	Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.212	1 st Fridays in winter	Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3
RP4885.302	1 st Thursdays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4
RP4885.312	1 st Fridays in spring	Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5

9-13 yrs 2:30-4pm \$30 per child per session

RP4885.203	1 st Thursdays in winter	Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2
RP4885.303	1 st Thursdays in spring	Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4

Home School Parent-Guided Workshops 2016-2017

Join us for monthly opportunities to connect with other homeschool families in an informal learning environment. Children socialize and collaborate with one another on parent-assisted educational projects and imaginative play opportunities. By joining, gain

special access to a private, collaborative classroom space reserved specifically for home school families, special equipment, a tailored student project and social play opportunities. To ease crowding, please choose from one of two time slots when you register. Each adult and child that plans on attending must register individually for the workshop. Price per person/per season.

Winter Workshops All ages \$15, HC residents:

\$18, nonresident; Free, siblings under 4 yrs

RP4885.250 Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 1-2:30pm Th

RP4885.251 Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 3-4:30pm Th

Spring Workshops All ages \$15, HC residents:

\$18, nonresident; Free, siblings under 4 yrs

RP4885.350 Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11 1-2:30pm Th

RP4885.351 Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11 3-4:30pm Th

Youth

• Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

NEW! Animal Tracker Mysteries After School with Robinson Nature Center

Set your backpacks aside and explore fascinating plant and animal mysteries with naturalists from the Robinson Nature Center. Classes incorporate live animal presentations, hands-on investigations, games and more. Make up classes for those cancelled due to inclement weather occur in the two weeks following the initial six classes. (No class 1/27.)

Grades K-2 4-5pm Classes: 6, start dates below

RP4812.251 Clarksville ES Jan 18 W \$99

RP4812.252 Clemens Crossing ES Jan 20 F \$99

School's Out Wildlife Survival Day Camp

While school is out, join us for an incredible day at the Robinson Nature Center. Explore survival strategies of animals and other wildlife through live animal presentations, movies in our planetarium, crafts and nature hikes. Pack a snack and a non-perishable lunch (no nut products). Extend the fun with after-care. Forms will be emailed to participants two weeks prior to day camp.

Day Camp 6-13 yrs

RP4812.201 Jan 27 8:30am-3:30pm F \$45

After Care 6-13 yrs

RP4812.202 Jan 27 3:30-5pm F \$10

Adults

- Programs in this section are for adults 18 years and older.
- Programs listed for ages 21 years and older require a photo ID to consume alcohol.
- Programs listed in order by earliest start date.
- Tickets/Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

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\$40 per wreath

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\$35 per centerpiece

RP4861.102 Dec 4 2-4pm Su

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

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RP4800.202	<i>Passport</i>	Feb 3	F
RP4800.203	<i>Impact!</i>	Mar 3	F

Teaching Children Outdoors - Project WET

Project WET provides curriculum for K-12th students and teaches them about water resources through hands-on, investigative, easy-to-use activities. Educators who complete this workshop receive a Project WET curriculum guide. All participants must attend both days of this workshop to receive the Project WET curriculum guide. Register by January 12th. MSDE professional development credit available upon completion of Project WET,



Make the perfect centerpiece for the holidays!

Project WILD and Project Learning Tree workshops.

18 yrs + Classes: 2

RP4833.202 Jan 19 & 26 3:30-6:45pm Th \$20

Valentine's Day

Truffle-Making & Wine-Tasting

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21 yrs +

RP4847.211 Feb 11 11am-1pm Sa \$25

RP4847.201 Feb 11 2:30-4:30pm Sa \$25

Teaching Children Outdoors - Project Learning Tree

Project Learning Tree uses forests as a window on the world and provides educators of all types (teachers, daycare providers, scout leaders, parents etc.) with environmental education curriculum resources that can be integrated into lesson plans for Pre-K through 12th grade. All participants must attend both days of this workshop to receive the Project Learning Tree curriculum guide. Register by February 17. MSDE professional development credit available upon completion of Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree workshops.

18 yrs + Classes: 2

RP4833.201 Feb 22 & 23 3:30-6:45pm W-Th \$25



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

Enjoy through all four seasons:

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

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*Transform your birthday
into something special at
the Robinson Nature Center!*



Call, click, or come in to find out more about our all-inclusive birthday party packages.



**Discover Robinson's
"Nature Place" Outdoor Discovery Zone**

- Underground tube slide
- Natural music and movement space
- Natural materials building area
- Nature art tables and objects
- Log-steppers and climbing log
- Native, sensory plantings

and much more....

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Hours

Wednesdays-Saturdays: 9 AM-5 PM
Sundays: Noon-5 PM
Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays

Daily Admission

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

Annual Passes

Annual pass holders are entitled to complimentary general admission to Robinson, use of its trails, a 10% markdown 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



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