

2025-26 Homeschool Curriculum

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Reading Nature's Secret Signs Red Oaks – Sept. 11; Wint – Sept. 17

Embrace your inner Lewis and Clark by learning to read the hidden clues of nature - is water nearby, are you heading north, whose tracks are those?

We Are Venom Red Oaks – Oct. 9; Wint – Oct. 15

Snakes and spiders are not the only venomous animals found in our state. Investigate the creatures that possess this unique ability, some of which may be unexpected.



American Sign Language interpretation will be available at the Red Oaks program

Sky Play Day Red Oaks – Nov. 13; Wint – Nov. 19

Have you ever wanted to explore the solar system in your pajamas? If so, today's the day! Using our new Digitalis portable planetarium, we'll explore space like we've never seen it before. Blankets and stuffies optional.

Gifts of Winter Red Oaks – Dec. 11; Wint – Dec. 17

Craft a holiday nature ornament and learn about the bounty of gifts nature provides through the depths of winter. We'll discover how nature silently renews to grow a beautiful spring!

Snowflake Science Red Oaks – Jan. 8; Wint – Jan. 14

Learn about the weird science that enables the complex shape of snowflakes. Take part in frozen experiments and observe natural snow if it is available. Dress appropriately for winter weather.

Essential information:

- Suitable for ages 6-13.
- Sessions run from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$10/session.
- Programs are designed as a drop-off program for youth. A release form must be completed with registration.
- Portions of this program take place outside. Dress for the weather. Please bring a water bottle. Sunscreen and bug spray are recommended in the warmer months.

How to register and pay:

- Preregistration with payment is required for homeschool programs. Refunds are issued only for extenuating circumstances.
- To register and pay, call 248-858-0916 or either nature center during operating hours. Online registration is now available. Scan QR code to register.

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Tracking Red Oaks – Feb. 12; Wint – Feb. 18

Practice the skill of identifying various animal tracks and unlock deeper clues about wildlife that are told through their tracks. Take the learning home by starting a stamp track guide. Dress appropriately for winter weather.



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Sugar Shack Red Oaks – March 12; Wint – March 18

Learn about the history of maple sugaring with our new sugar shack! From Native American legends and pioneer tools to modern techniques, you'll learn how to turn sap into syrup (and eventually sugar) while trying your hand at tapping a maple tree.

Earth Day Red Oaks – April 9; Wint – April 15

Craft and celebrate Earth Day! Learn about our home planet through recycled materials and ways to offer local healing and help.

Gotta Sketch 'em All Red Oaks – May 7; Wint – May 13

Identifying and learning about the inhabitants of nature can be so much fun! Let's fill out our NatureDex (nature journal) as we observe plants and wildlife, no catching required! We'll talk about some characters that may be familiar when we learn to record what we see, "as our journey continues."

Cloud Chasers Red Oaks – Sept. 10; Wint – Sept. 16

Explore the wondrous world of clouds and weather through hands-on activities, cloud watching and engaging talk.



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