

## Brookside Nature Center

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An adult must accompany all children. Programs for “Ages xx – adult” and “All ages” require adult registration.

Register online for programs at [parkpass.org](http://parkpass.org). The course number is listed next to the title as (#####).

For questions about inclement weather cancellations, call 301-946-9071.

### DECEMBER

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#### 1 Keeping Birds Warm (92650)

Find out what birds do when the weather gets colder and how they get ready for ice & snow. Listen to a story & take a mini bird walk. Reserv. reqd.  
1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5  
Fee: \$3

#### 1 Night Hike at Maydale (92651)

Explore the ponds and woods and see what's happening at night. Reservations & fee required for all.  
6:30 - 7:30 pm, Ages 6 - adult (under age 12 with an adult)  
Fee: \$4  
Meet: Maydale Park, 1638 Maydale Dr., Silver Spring 20905, off Briggs Chaney Rd. and Claude Lane

#### 5 Pioneer Games and Toys (92652)

Try marble shooting and make your own set of clay marbles and carrying bag. Play with pioneer toys and make a simple toy to take home. Reservations required.  
9:30 - 11 am, Ages 3 - 12 (under age 8 w/adult)  
Fee: \$8

#### 5 Creature Feature (92653)

Have you ever seen a salamander or a box turtle? Meet and greet some of our resident reptiles and amphibians up close. Reservations required for all.  
12:30 - 1:30 pm, All ages  
Fee: \$4/child

#### 6 All About Mammals (92699)

Drop by during program hours to see a display of furs and bones of the most common MD mammals.  
2 - 3 pm ongoing, All ages  
No reservations required.

#### 9 Evergreen Sensory Hike (92749)

Touch, smell and see evergreen trees growing around the nature center. We'll feel different pine cones and needles and look for tree growth patterns. Reserv. required.  
11 - 11:45 am, Ages 3 - 6  
Fee: \$3

#### 10 Home School Special – Woodland Indians (92959)

Learn about the early residents of this area and experience their lifestyle and culture through games and artifacts. Reservations required.  
2 - 3 pm, Ages 6 - 12  
Fee: \$4

#### 13 Pioneer Days (92750)

Learn about a child's life in the late 1800s. We'll visit the pioneer cabin, play old-time games, have fun with old fashioned toys, and make a hand dipped candle. Reserv. reqd. for children only.  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, All ages  
Fee: \$5/child

#### 15 Animal Homes (92752)

When all the leaves have fallen it's much easier to see animal homes. Listen to a story and take a walk in our woods and meadow and see if you can find them. Reserv. reqd.  
1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5  
Fee: \$5

#### 16 Pre-K Bird Feeders (92753)

Find out what birds like to eat in winter and listen to a bird story. Give the birds a mini-birdfeeder to help them to get through the winter months. Reservations reqd.  
1:30 - 2:15 pm, Ages 3 - 5  
Fee: \$4

#### 17 Winter Seeds (92754)

See what last summer's wildflowers left behind as we search for seeds in different shapes and sizes. Reservations required.  
11 - 11:45 am, Ages 3 - 6  
Fee: \$3

#### 19 Learning Birds Together (92755)

Enjoy parent/child time learning a few common birds that live around here. Reservations required.  
10 - 11 am, Ages 5 - 10 w/adult  
Fee: \$4/child

#### 19 Treats for the Animals (92756)

Listen to an animal story, feed some animals in the park, and take a tasty treat for your neighborhood critters. Reservations required.  
1 - 2 pm, All ages  
Fee: \$5/child

#### 20 Make it and Take it “Pocket Sundials” (92757)

Stop by and make your own portable sundial and tell time without a clock!  
2 - 3 pm ongoing, All ages  
Fee: \$2/crafter  
No reservations required.

#### 23 Afternoon Tea with the Birds and Bees (92799)

Drop by during program hours and take a break from the holiday rush; enjoy our bird & bee observation

area. A naturalist will identify birds and answer questions. Tea and juice will be served.  
3 - 5pm ongoing, All ages  
No reservations required.

#### **24 Behind the Scenes Animal Care (92800)**

Help us get our exhibit animals ready for the day and learn how we care for them. Reservations reqd.  
9:30 - 10 am, Ages 7 - 9  
Fee: \$2

#### **24 Fill the Feeders (92849)**

Hike with us and help fill the feeders with seeds for the birds. Reservations required.  
10:30 - 11:15 am, Ages 2 - 5

#### **26 Creature Feature (92801)**

See Dec. 5 for description. Reservations required for all.  
11 am - noon, All ages  
Fee: \$4/child

#### **26 New Year Noisemakers (92802)**

Get ready for the new year by making noisemakers and other party items from things you can recycle at home. Reserv. required.  
2:30 - 3:30 pm, Ages 3 - 12 (under age 8 requires adult assistance)  
Fee: \$6

#### **26 Flying Squirrels (92803)**

Catch a glimpse of these nighttime gliders and find out how they live. Rain cancels program.  
4:45 - 5:30 pm, All ages  
No reservations required.

#### **27 Ladies Hike Out (92850)**

Want to hike but don't know where to go? Meet other women and hike some park trails together. Today we'll hike in Wheaton Regional and Northwest Branch Parks. Reservations required.  
9:30 - 11:30 am, Adult women  
Meet: Brookside Nature Center

#### **27 Make it and Take it "Grab Bag" (92851)**

An easy-to-make nature craft that you can take home. Choose two

projects to make from our grab bag table. Fee is for both bags. Drop-in anytime during program hours!  
2 - 4 pm ongoing, All ages  
Fee: \$2  
No reservations required.

#### **28 Winter Break Field Trip "National Aquarium Baltimore" (92852)**

We'll travel to Baltimore to visit the Nat'l. Aquarium exhibits, dolphin show, 4-D Immersion theater, and the "hands on" animal stations. Reservations required. Details emailed to participants 2 weeks in advance.

9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Ages 9 - 14  
Fee: \$50 (includes admission, theater, dolphin show, and transportation from the nature)

#### **29 Snowflake Art (92853)**

Let's make some "snow" of our own. Come learn the mysteries of snowflakes and make a fun craft. Reservations required.  
10:30 - 11:30 am, Ages 2 - 12  
Fee: \$6

#### **29 Puppet Show "A Gift for Wildlife" (92854)**

See what happens when the animals find an old Christmas pine tree. Reservations required.  
1:30 - 2 pm, Ages 1 - 12  
Fee: \$2

#### **29 Animal Tracks and Traces (92858)**

Ever wonder what kind of wildlife visits your neighborhood? Learn how to identify some common tracks and traces left behind by wild animals. Reservations reqd.  
3 - 4 pm, Ages 3 - 12  
Fee: \$4

#### **30 Puppet Show "A Gift for Wildlife" (92855)**

See what happens when the animals find an old Christmas pine tree. Reservations required.  
11:30 am - noon, Ages 1 - 12  
Fee: \$2

#### **30 Could You Survive As A Squirrel? (92859)**

Try thinking like a squirrel making its daily decisions. Reserv. reqd.  
1 - 2 pm, Ages 5 - 10  
Fee: \$4

#### **30 Pine Lake Walk (92860)**

Enjoy an easy 1.5 mile round-trip walk from the nature center to the Lake. Look for signs of wildlife along the way. Reservations reqd.  
2 - 3 pm, All ages  
Fee: \$4/child

#### **30 Once in a Blue Moon? (92861)**

Tomorrow night is the second full moon this month, but is that why it's called a "blue" moon? Find out as we walk by the light of the nearly full moon. Reserv. reqd.  
6:30 - 7:30 pm, Ages 6 - adult  
Fee: \$4

#### **31 New Year's Eve Hike (92862)**

Enjoy a 3-mile moderate hike on the new Matthew Henson Trail. Meet at the nature center and ride our bus to the trail a short distance away. All attendees must register.  
9:30 am - noon, Ages 8 - adult

#### **31 Water in Winter (92865)**

Learn how water turns to ice and ice turns to water and what happens in the pond and stream when they freeze. Make your own snowflakes and icicles to take home. Reservations required.  
10:30 - 11:15 am, Ages 3 - 5  
Fee: \$4

#### **31 Winter Holiday Walk (92866)**

Enjoy a walk through the forest and meadow during the holidays. Find out how animals adapt to cold weather conditions while we are keeping warm indoors. Reservations required.  
1 - 2 pm, All ages  
Fee: \$4