



Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve Fall 2017 Program Guide

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(248) 656-0999

Adults and Families

All programs are open to the general public. Please preregister. The lower fees noted are for members of Dinosaur Hill. All ages welcome.

Nets in the Water

There's an impressive and complex fresh water river ecosystem that we never get to see and it's been bothering us enough to do something about it. Bring a pair of water shoes, a change of clothes, and a towel and spend some time exploring the world beneath the surface of Paint Creek.

Sep 2 12:00-1:30pm

Non-Members: \$6 per person family \$25

Members: \$5 per person family max \$20

The Spider Man

Everyone needs a spider man, and ours is pretty cool. Learn all about our eight legged friends as we explore the skin crawlingly exciting world of arachnids with our very own Mr Erik, the spider man. He will have several of his web spinning friends present to touch, to talk to, or just observe from a distance if you're a little skittish.

Sept 23: 12:00-1:30pm

Non-Members: \$6 per person family max \$25

Members: \$5 per person family max \$20

Secret Life of Reptiles

Now this program is right up our alley. Come and meet a few of Dinosaur Hill's house reptiles and a few special guests that will be slithering in for an appearance. Many of our cold blooded friends can be handled by willing participants. We will take a look at and handle several animals and give many of them an afternoon snack.

Oct. 8 12:00-1:30pm

Non-Members: \$6 per person family max \$25

Members: \$5 per person family max \$20

Fall Family Field Day

Spend a beautiful fall day at Dinosaur Hill with your family...we'll dip caramel apples, make pumpkin/apple-print t-shirts, play games with our parachute and so much more! This is a great way to get outside, have fun and experience all the best of Fall! Please bring light colored item to stencil (tshirt or totebag etc).

Oct. 15 1:30pm-3pm

Non-Members: \$6 per person family max \$25

Members: \$5 per person family max \$20

Tiny Turkey Trot

Get ready for our version of the famous Turkey Trot! We'll gather around the campfire and learn a bit about turkeys then don our running shoes and head out on the trail for an adventure course..there will be games, challenges and prizes all along the route.

Nov 18 11:00am-12:30pm

Non-Members: \$6 per person family max \$25

Members: \$5 per person family max \$20

Diggin' Dinosaurs Family Day

Get ready for some fun as we open up our popular dinosaur dig to families. We'll use the "tools of the trade" to excavate bone replicas of a lifesize Maiasaura and then together we'll figure out how to put it back together again! Inside we will put our skills to use making our own fossils.

Non-Members: \$6 per person family max \$25

Nov. 19th 1:00-2:30

Members: \$5 per person family max \$20

Fall Family Night Campfires

Got cabin fever? Tired of the same old thing on TV? Come to Dinosaur Hill for some family fun. Fun for all ages...snacks provided! **7:30-8:30 PM**

\$5/4 member, family max \$15/12

Choose from the following evenings:

Sep 22: Classic Campfire

Sometimes the best ending for a fall week is a classic campfire with s'mores and hot dogs around the fire, share stories, and enjoy a beautiful fall evening with friends and family.

Oct 13: The Little Haunted House

It is no secret...Halloween is our favorite holiday! The little log cabin will be decorated for the season with more fun than fright! We'll learn that things we think are scary are often an illusion!

Nov 17: Colorful Campfire

Is it magic or is it science? We'll turn the flames of our fire different colors and test our ability to see colors in the dark.

Dec 1: A Matter of Survival

Life was much harder before the world of electricity. Join us around the campfire for a night of old fashioned fun as we step back to the year 1817 for a campfire you won't forget.

Four Feet Down the Trail (ages 2-4)

This popular program is designed to be a special time for preschoolers ages 2-4 and their parent or caregiver. Programs have a theme and may include crafts, songs, puppets, finger-plays, learning stations and much more. The classes are designed to meet the educational needs of the 2-4 age group. For this reason, please no siblings under the age of two or older than four with the exception of babies that will be content in a carrier. The only exception is when there is no school on a Monday in the Rochester School District; older siblings are invited on these days only. Programs take place on Mondays.

You may sign-up for individual programs or save by choosing any four or more. *Classes meet from 9:30-11:00 and include a snack*

Fee: \$15/12 members for individual class (\$3 add sib)

Save: Register for a series (any four classes): \$50/45 (\$10/additional sib)

Sep 11: Get your Toes Wet With the summer temperatures starting to fall we're running out of time to enjoy the creek! Let's roll up our pant legs and step into the rocky waters of Paint Creek and play some water games too.

Sep 18th: Get your Fingers Messy Let's make a little mud and see how much fun we can have painting with it.

Sep 25th: Get your Nose On Have you noticed that the air smells a little different in the fall? Let's get out on the trails and see if we can't find the source of all those new smells.

Oct 02: Watch out for Bats Let's get a little batty by learning about these awesome flying mammals. We will even have a bat snack!

Oct 09: Watch out for Spiders We will tackle the world of arachnids by putting together an awesome spider craft and then try to catch some balloons in our webs!

Oct 16: Watch out for Wolves They're the ancestors of dogs but they have their own story to tell. Plus have a howling contest!

Oct 23: Watch out for Owls These nocturnal wonders are awake after bedtime! Let's see WHO we can talk to and even feel some real owl talon and feathers.

Oct 30: Watch out for Witches With Halloween right around the corner we're going to have to celebrate in true Dinosaur Hill fashion by making our own magical potions!

Nov 06: Stomp Like a Triceratops Shake those horns on top of your head and stomp your feet...lets dance dino style!

Nov 13: Roar Like a Raptor With a name like speedy thief we will have to play the raptor egg relay race game while we celebrate.

Nov 20: Swing your Stegosaurus Tail One of our favorite dinosaurs. They have awesome plates covering their back and four lengthy spikes on their tail.

Nov 27: Tyrannosaurus Dance Time to boogey like it's the cretaceous period and have a party fit for the end of our dinosaur month!

Dec 04: Teddy Bear Cave Everybody needs a cozy cave for their teddy to hibernate in. We'll make one for teddy and try out a life sized cave of our own inside! Bring your teddy bear!

Dec 11: Teddy Bear Tea Party Even a teddy bear gets thirsty. Put on a tea party for our stuffed animal friends. Don't forget to bring your favorite stuffed animal!

Dec 18: Teddy's Pet Rock I'm sure your teddy bear gets lonely when you're playing outside so we are going to make our stuffed animal friends a friend of their own by putting together our own pet rocks to take home!

TriceraTots Puppet Theatre

Ages 2-6

Special fun for the younger crowd! Join us for a humorous and educational puppet show that will get everyone involved and then do a craft and take a short walk to explore the preserve.

Sign up for one or all four! \$7/5 per child

(no charge for adult but an adult is required to attend)

Sundays 10:00-11:00AM

Sep 24th: The Story of Squirrels
Oct 15th: The Story of Pumpkins
Nov 19th: The Story of Turkey
Dec 10th: The Story of Snow



Programs for Elementary-age Students

Wednesday Wild Warriors Grades 1-5

Get outside and go! Join us once a month for an exciting adventure. We will explore a unique topic each month with hands-on activities and loads of active outdoor fun. Includes a snack to keep you fueled.

Wednesdays 4:30-6:00 PM

Fee: \$15 /12 members per session

Sep 20: Swords & Shields We will forge our own safety swords and shields and then learn the basics of fighting choreography so we can safely pummel one another in the woods.

Oct 25: Pumpkins & Catapults Every great warrior needs to know how to siege a castle so we'll decorate some pumpkin projectiles and then use our catapult to decimate a tin castle.

Nov 15: Bows & Arrows Not every battle takes place face-to-face, some occur at a range. We will head into the woods and put together our very own bows and fletch safety arrows to go along with them.

Dec 13: Snow & Siege There is nothing more satisfying than tearing down the walls of an enemy's fort. Join us as we build up our own snow forts before sieging them with snowballs

Get up & Get out!!!

Drama Club w/Mr Joel (ages 8-15)

Have fun, gain confidence and get great experience as you help write a skit, learn your lines, blocking and stage actions for an original skit to be performed at Dinosaur Hill's popular Halloween Hoot.

4:30-6:00 P.M meets Tuesdays Drama Club w/ Mr Joel Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17 with performances at the Hoot the evenings of Oct. 20, 21, 22 and afterglow party on 24th Please register by Sept. 11th Fee: \$60/50

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Please register by Sept. 7th. Fee: \$60/50

Programs for Scouts and Homeschools

Does your troop or group need help earning a badge? Need help along on a Journey? Give us a call and we can provide a program on many nature topics/outdoor recreation topics and science related topics. Most all programs include an outdoor component so please do dress for the weather. Fee includes materials, instruction and snack but not the patch. Participants will receive a certificate of completion. *Call to schedule... we will create a custom program for your group for \$5 per person with a minimum of \$25.*

Special Events

Halloween Hoot

Have a hauntingly good time at Dinosaur Hill's annual Halloween Hoot. Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a spooktacular Halloween tradition. Groups will gather in the nature center to create a spooky-fun craft, then head out on the mood-lit trails to participate in a series of short, funny, interactive skits while collecting treats along the way. Complete your evening with a doughnut and cup of cider around the campfire with live entertainment. You can even let your *little monster* loose to have fun at our mini-fair with Halloween themed carnival games...all included with your ticket. Tickets sell for a specific time with groups leaving every ten minutes. Times will sell out so don't delay. \$7 per person
Fri, Oct. 20 6:00 first group to 8:30 last
Sat. Oct. 21 4:00 first group to 8:00 last
Sun. Oct. 22 3:30 first group to 6:30 last

More info & tickets available at our website www.dinosaurhill.org

Storytime with Santa

Journey to Dinosaur Hill on *December 9th* to experience the magic of Christmas. Little boys and girls will receive a special invitation in the mail from Santa to come join him and the elves for tea time, treats and toy making. Of course, boys and girls will have their own one on one time with the big man himself (don't forget your camera to capture that special moment!). More info on the website once we get an update from the north pole!

More info & tickets available at our website www.dinosaurhill.org beginning Sept. 19th

Oakland Township Programs

Residents of Oakland Township and others are encouraged to discover the special programs offered through the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation division at various township parks. To learn about the upcoming programs check the web-site at: www.oaklandtownship.org or call (248)651-7810.

Birthday Parties!!!

Dinosaur Hill is THE place to celebrate your birthday. Whatever your age, whatever your interest, we have a program for you. Super Adventure birthday parties are a one of a kind experience. From Faeries to Insects we can create a party your child will love. Parties last two hours and include your own special program done by a naturalist and time for treats and presents. We provide the facility, staff, juice, a party gift bag and paper goods. *Maximum of 12 children. Call to schedule. Fee: \$150*

Can't Find Just What You Were Looking For???

Are you a teacher, leader of a playgroup, member of your church group, organizing a neighborhood activity or...??? Consider contacting Dinosaur Hill to have us put on a program designed just for your group! We can do programs geared for preschoolers, families, adults or seniors on many different topics. The program can be held here at our award-winning nature center and serene nature preserve or can be held conveniently at your site.

Registration Information

Member registration begins:

August 1

Public registration begins:

August 8

Please register at least one week prior to start of program. Some programs fill-up quickly so please register early to make sure you get in the classes you are interested in!

Online registration now available!

www.dinosaurhill.org

Register by mail or on-line.

Credit cards accepted online only.

Make checks payable to "DHNP".

Refund policy: full refund if class is canceled by DHNP. If registrant withdraws at least one week in advance of program start date a refund minus \$5 processing fee will be given. No refunds will be made after the one week advance deadline.

Summer Office Hours:

Tues-Fri 9am-3pm

Fall Office Hours (after Labor Day)

Tues-Fri 9 am - 4 pm

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Adults Name: _____

Street: _____ E-mail: _____

City and Zip: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Resident of (circle one): Rochester Hills Oakland Twp. Rochester Other

Family Membership: \$40 \$30 (must be resident of City of Rochester)

Enrollee's Name: _____ Age (if child): _____

Class 1 Name: _____ Class 1 Time and Date: _____

Class 2 Name: _____ Class 2 Time and Date: _____

Amount due: \$ _____ Dinosaur Hill is a nonprofit educational organization