

BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE PROGRAM CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

TRAM TOURS DAILY 1 pm †

Saturday, 10 am & 1 pm
Cost: \$5 adults, \$3.50 kids
Groups of 4 or more may request additional times (when available).

HOURLY PADDLE RENTALS!

Visitors can rent kayaks or canoes from the Nature Center for unguided access to scenic Lake Maggiore.
Cost per kayak/canoe is \$10/hour with 2 hour minimum.

BIRDS OF PREY DAILY CARE

Every Tuesday - Friday, 4 - 5 pm
Cost: Admission
Are you interested in learning more about the daily workings of our Birds of Prey program? Come and watch volunteers interact with the birds!

PUDDLE JUMPERS †‡

Every Wednesday, 9:30 - 11 am
Cost: \$5, ages 3 - 4
Outdoor exploration and learning for children entering pre-K. Dress for rain or shine!

SUSTAINABLE SATURDAYS

Every Saturday
Cost: Admission, all ages
This month: Gifts
Sustainable living ideas and products will be featured in the gift shop each Saturday of the month.
Demonstrations will be on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am in the lobby of the Nature Center.

CREATURE FEATURE

Every Saturday and Sunday, 2:30 pm
Cost: Admission, all ages
Live animal encounter! Learn interesting facts about a live animal featured at the preserve.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 pm
Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2 pm
Cost: FREE, all ages
Find out more about volunteering at BHNPI!

PIONEER OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 am - 2 pm
Tour of buildings: 11:30 am
Cost: FREE, all ages
Step back in time for a relaxing afternoon with family and friends.
3130 31st Street S.

HERITAGE SKILLS SERIES:

WREATH MAKING †‡

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30 - 11 am
Cost: \$8, ages 10 and up
Adorn your door with a festive and welcoming wreath to show off to your guests. We will be making muscadine vine wreaths. You are welcome to bring your own decorative supplies.
3130 31st Street S.

BIRD WALK

Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 am
Cost: FREE, all ages
Look for birds on a guided hike led by expert birders. Binoculars are available for loan.

NATIVE GARDEN WORKDAY

Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 - 11 am
Cost: Free, ages 12 and up
Volunteer time at the preserve's native gardens. Learn to weed, prune, and propagate plants that support wildlife.

EDIBLE WILDS WALK

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 am - noon
Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages
Guided hike with Julie Miller. Explore which plants are edible and what to avoid.

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NATURE PRESERVE
CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG



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AVIARY TOUR: Great Horned Owls

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 am

Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages

Get a behind-the-scenes look! See how we run the Birds of Prey program and have an up close encounter with the bird of the month.

NATURE'S ELEMENTS†‡

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$15/child, ages 3 - 7

Children will enjoy nature walks, program animals, art, games, songs and stories. Environmental educator, Amalia Fernand, has taught programs at Boyd Hill since 2000.

NATURE EXPLORERS†‡

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 pm - 4 pm

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 pm - 5 pm

Cost: \$15/child, ages 5 - 12

Children will enjoy nature walks, program animals, art, games, songs, and stories.

YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE†‡

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$15, ages 14 - 21

Discover the science of prescribed fire as a habitat management tool. Students will learn the ecological benefits of fire in Florida's environment and get acquainted with burn crew safety gear.

NATURAL HISTORY SPEAKER

SERIES: "Natural History of Florida - Part 2"

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 - 8:30 pm

Cost: FREE, all ages

Are you curious to learn about the early history of Florida? Come join us for an informative presentation about its first human inhabitants and how it grew into the state that it is today. Discover how the past impacts our lives in the present!

5K FUN RUN WITH HEALTHY ST. PETE

Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:30 am

Cost: FREE, all ages

Practice healthy habits while making new friends! All levels welcome. Meet at the flag pole in front of the Nature Center.

WORKDAY AT THE PRESERVE

Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 - 11am

Cost: FREE, age 8 and up

Spend the morning working alongside a ranger! Learn how to identify native and non-native plants and help to remove exotic, invasive plants from the preserve.

SUNRISE PADDLE THE LAKE†‡

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 - 9:30 am

Cost: \$25, ages 8 and up

Enjoy the beautiful colors of early morning and the photographer's "golden hour" as we explore the City's best-kept secret! Led by an experienced naturalist-guide, look for the special birds, reptiles, invertebrates, and plants that call Lake Maggiore home. Appropriate for beginners to expert paddlers. All boats and equipment are provided.

BIRDS OF PREY ENCOUNTER

Sunday, Dec. 15, 10 am

Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages

Join us for a 30-minute Birds of Prey encounter! Get an up close look at a beautiful avian ambassador and learn how you can help birds of prey!

NATURE-INSPIRED COLLAGE WORKSHOP †

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$25, ages 13 and up

Let nature inspire your creativity! Create your own collage to take home. All materials provided! No experience necessary. RSVP required.

ALLIGATOR WALK

Saturday, Dec. 14, 11 am

Sunday, Dec. 22, 11:30 am

Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages

Learn about the American alligator, Florida's state reptile, which calls our wetlands home.

PIONEER NIGHTS†‡

Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 - 9 pm

Cost: \$22, ages 6 - 13

Kids enjoy a night of friends, fun, campfire, and s'mores, pioneer style!

3130 31st Street S.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Sunday, Dec. 15, 4 pm

Saturday, Dec. 21, 9:30 am

Cost: \$3/\$1.50, all ages

A ranger-guided walk highlights native wildflowers along the trails. Learn more about what is blooming this month.

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WINTER CAMPS

No camp on Wednesday, Dec. 25
Monday, Dec. 23 - Friday, Dec. 27
Monday, Dec. 30 - Friday, Jan. 3
Extended Care 8 am - 5 pm

Sprouts

9 am - 12 pm

Ages 3 - 4

Getting kids curious with stories, songs, games, and outdoor hikes.

Young Naturalists

9 am - 4 pm

Ages 5 - 6

Kids explore, learn, and discover through games, activities, and hikes.

Wild Explorers

9 am - 4 pm

Ages 5 - 11

Explore the natural wonder of Florida with hands-on exploration, interactive games, field excursions, hikes, crafts, and songs designed to nurture the love of the great outdoors.

Pioneer Camp

9 am - 4 pm

Ages 7 - 13

Experience life when family, friends, and character were as important as food, water, and shelter.

TWILIGHT PADDLE †‡

Saturday, Dec. 21, 3:30 - 6 pm

Cost: \$25/person, ages 8 and up

Enjoy sunset with some of the best views that St. Petersburg has to offer! An experienced naturalist-guide will show you all the best views from the water while teaching about all of the amazing plants and animals that live on Lake Maggiore.

Appropriate for beginners to experienced paddlers. All boats and equipment are provided.

NATIVE PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 am - noon

Cost: Admission, all ages

Join us for our monthly native plant and seed swap in the lower butterfly garden! Bring native plants to share and pick up a plant or two to take home for your yard! If you are unsure if your plant is native or non-native, please do not bring it. Instead bring a photo, and we will try to identify it!

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Thursday, Dec 19, 7 pm

Saturday, Dec 21, 7 pm

Cost: \$3/\$1.50

Take a guided tour of the night sky through telescopes provided by the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club. Program begins promptly at 7 pm!

PADDLE LAKE MAGGIORE†‡

Saturday, Dec. 21, 9 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$25, ages 8 and up

Here's your chance to see Lake Maggiore up close! Paddle with an experienced naturalist-guide and see all the living beauty of the preserve from an entirely different perspective than you are used to! Appropriate for beginners to experienced paddlers. All boats and equipment provided.

TRAIL DETECTIVES

Sunday, Dec. 22, 10 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$3/\$1.50

Most animals are shy and use their fantastic camouflage to hide from us. So how do we know animals are around us when we cannot see them? Let's put our trail detective skills to the test to find what animals are present here at the preserve.

NEW! OUTDOOR SKILLS SERIES: PLANNING YOUR OUTING †‡

Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 am

Cost: \$8 per class, ages 14 and up

This new monthly series teaches all of the basic outdoor skills needed for your next hiking or camping trip!

The monthly themes include:

December: Hygiene and Water Purification

January: No class

February: Leave No Trace

March: Wilderness Travel

April: Weather and Nature

May: Safety and Emergency Procedures; First Aid and Emergency Care

REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN HIKE

Saturday, Dec. 28, 11 am

Cost: Admission, all ages

Join us as we explore the preserve hoping to cross paths with gopher tortoises, yellow rat snakes, southern leopard frogs, and so much more! This is a casual way to grow your knowledge about reptiles and amphibians. Adventure awaits!

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