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WEEKEND PROGRAMS (Family-oriented programs)

HEY KIDS

SATURDAYS, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, TRAIL HOUSE

“Native American”

November 20

Hear a Native American-related story, then hop on the hayride to visit our resident turkeys at the North Barn. Create a turkey craft to decorate your Thanksgiving table. Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

“Owl Prowl” December 18

Take a break from holiday hustle and bustle—get in touch with nature in our winter woods! This month we will focus on “Owls of the Northeast”. Curious kids can dissect an owl pellet and learn what the owl had for dinner! We’ll take a short “Owl Prowl” to discover where our wise friends perch. Ages 4 and up. Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

“Tracking Dinosaurs and Other Beasts” January 8

Tracks tell us a lot about an animal: what it eats, how it moves and what it weighs. Kids will make “fossil prints” and hike for clues and signs of life in Flanders’ winter wonderland. Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

“Maple Thanks”

February 12

The maple is the first tree to give us something each year in the form of its sap, so we’ll take some time to thank the maples after listening to some Native American lore. We’ll talk about the interdependent web of all life, and the responsibility of human beings to be respect and protect this natural balance. We’ll learn to identify the maples, how we know which ones are ready, and where to place the tap. Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

FLANDERS’ FAMILY FUN

SUNDAYS, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, TRAIL HOUSE
(unless otherwise noted)

“Buz Russell’s Farm and Rural Life Museum”

November 21

We’ll bring to life the challenges of living in New England years ago. Buz will delight you with his stories of Thanksgiving, farming, and the winters he has experienced. See the tools and toys that were handcrafted with care. No registration required. Donations accepted to support our farm program. (Meet at the North Barn).

“Natural Holiday Decorations”

December 12

Evergreens, berries, milkweed pods, and pine cones conjure up the nostalgic memories of winter long ago. Bring clippers if you have them, and learn how to gather natural materials and greens while preserving the tree. If you have special things to add to your creation bring them too, and take home a memory that will last throughout the holidays. Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

“Winter Tracking”

January 16

Family tracking—let’s see who has the sharpest eyes! Bring along your friends and learn about the habits, diet and survival tactics of Flanders’ winter critters. Create your own “Tracks Guide” based on the tracks we find today. Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

“Secret Boxes”

February 6

Animals and insects love to hide in enclosed spaces like galls and dens. Make a special “Valentine Box” as you learn about winter animal homes. We’ll read a story, then take a winter walk to see where insects and animals wait for spring—so be sure to bundle up! Registration required. Fee: \$10.00 members/\$15 non-members.

BIRTHDAYS AT FLANDERS!

SATURDAYS, 10:00 – 12:00, or 1:00 – 3:00 PM
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Let Flanders host your Birthday party! Winter birthdays are a wonderful time

to bring the party to Flanders’ Trail House, where our environmental educators provide the program: a nature story, a related winter walk following the footprints of Flanders’ furry and feathered friends, a theme-based game. Everyone takes home a craft they’ve made from natural objects. The Birthday Child chooses from one of our exciting themes. Parents host the cake and gift portion, and Flanders benefits from your support. Call for details and scheduling information.

WEEKDAY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

OUTDOOR RANGERS

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (3 – 5 years old)

MONDAYS, 9:30 – 11:30 AM or 12:30 – 2:30 PM

TUESDAYS, 9:30 – 11:30 AM or 12:30 – 2:30 PM

DECEMBER – JUNE, TRAIL HOUSE

Protectors of the environment unite! Rangers discover the wonders of the natural world through thinking responsively, expanding their senses, and developing decision-making skills. Our Rangers explore through nature hikes, outdoor adventures, science projects, craft activities and theme-related stories and songs. Each four-part series provides an in-depth exploration of environmental themes. Pre-registration required. Fee: 4-week session, \$55/members, \$75/non-members.

MOTHER NATURE’S CLASSROOM

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS (5 – 6 years old)

THURSDAYS, 9:00 – 11:30 AM or 12:30 – 3:00 PM

NOVEMBER – JUNE, TRAIL HOUSE

Each four-week series has a special focus, driven by the seasonal changes in our environment. Children learn to ask productive questions, discover answers, and have a great time hiking and having fun with art and science activities as they foster a love and appreciation for the natural world. Pre-registration required. Fee: 4-week session, \$55/members, \$75/non-members.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 6 – 10.

4-week sessions; pre-registration required.

Fee: \$45 members/\$55 non-members

CHILDREN’S THEATRE (grades 2 – 4)

MONDAYS, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER - MARCH, TRAIL HOUSE

The rhythm of farming requires planning and working all year long, and many stories lend themselves to Flanders Children’s Theatre.

Creative educator Dianne Parmelee works with kids to develop, design, and present a play in each four-week series. Parents, grandparents and neighbors love the final productions! This winter we are focusing on the farm and answering the question, “What does the farmer do all winter?” Kids have fun while learning about the animals, wild and domestic, that depend upon the farm. Kids learn to work as a team while using their imaginations—it’s a great experience!

EXPLORING FLANDERS’ HABITATS (grades 1 – 3)

TUESDAYS, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER - MARCH, TRAIL HOUSE

Flanders protects a wondrous variety of habitats. Through hiking and exploring, kids compare and contrast as they discover that every critter has a niche in our world. Environmental games and experiments make this a must-do for every curious kid!

ART ALL YEAR LONG (grades K – 4)

WEDNESDAYS, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER - MARCH, TRAIL HOUSE

Express yourself! Unleash the budding artist within! We will focus on one art medium in each four-week session. Be inspired by the changing seasons and critters of the farm, fields, forests and ponds. Use paint, clay, charcoal, recycled materials and more! All materials provided.

