



North Branch Nature Center

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Preschool Discovery Programs: Winter 2012

Please call 229-6206 for more information and
to pre-register by the Monday before a class.

All programs will run from 10:00—11:30 and family members may remain on site as much as they would like. Each Wednesday program will be repeated the next day. Cost: \$5 per child ages 3 - 5

January 4 & 5: “Stunning Snowflakes” – We see so many snowflakes all winter, but do we take the time to look at them up close? Each one is so delicate, and snowflakes go through a lot of changes in their cycle as frozen water. We’ll do some tests and *cool* activities to find out more about all that white stuff around us.

January 18 & 19: “Follow that Track” – The winter snow is a chalkboard in reverse, with messages left in the white for us to discover. From small animals to large, their tracks give us a hint of where animals go if they are active all winter. We’ll move like them, and get out to spy on their trails.

February 1 & 2 : “Warm Woodchucks” – Groundhog Day is here, and we probably haven’t thought much about this furry Vermont friend for a while. How can they survive through our winter? What do other Vermont animals do when it’s so cold? We’ll delve into the lifestyle of the furry and famous, and meet “Chuckie”, our resident woodchuck mascot at NBNC!

February 15 & 16: “Camouflaged Critters” - Now you see them, now you don’t! Bring your sharp eyes and learn to spot some secretive creatures that try to hide in plain sight. We’ll play games and other activities to learn more about nature’s tricks.

March 14 & 15: “Tap a Tree” – It’s almost spring, and every Vermonter’s thoughts turn to the sugaring season. How does that amazing food get produced? What is special about our State Tree, the sugar maple? Can we get set up now to do some sugaring at NBNC? Come learn about sugarmakers and their wonderful business. Bring your sweet tooth!