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Greetings!

Welcome to the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Newsletter. Here are some upcoming and noteworthy events happening this month.

Decoy Carving Workshop - Bufflehead

March 6, 13 and 20 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn to carve your very own Bufflehead decoy from award winning carvers. This three-day course will teach you the classic North American art of decoy carving.



Pre-registration is required.

Workshop fee is \$90 for Oak Hammock members, \$120 for non-members.

For more information about this workshop

Birding Hour Workshop - Songbird Families March 13 - 1 p.m.

Songbirds belong to one of the most diverse groups of birds in the world with over 5,000 identified species.

Let our **Resident** Naturalist, Paula Grieef guide you through the many families that make up this large population of the avian world.



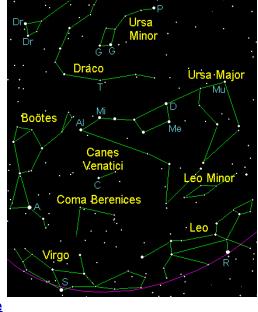
Workshop fee is \$5 plus admission. Pre-registration required.

For more information about this workshop

Astronomy Night - Spring Constellations March 17 - 7 p.m.

Learn about the spring constellations. Find out their stories as well as where to find them in the sky.

Special theatre presentation and stargazing session from the rooftop observation deck will help you gain an appreciation for this heavenly hobby.



For more

information on this event

Maple Syrup Workshop

March 19 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Indigenous peoples living in the northeastern part of North America were the first groups known to have produced maple syrup and maple sugar.



Production methods have been

streamlined since then yet remain basically unchanged. Sap must first be collected and boiled down to obtain maple syrup.

The Sugar Maple tree is primarily used to produce maple syrup, however, the sap of the Manitoba Maple, found here in our province, can also be harvested and use to produce syrup.

Join maple syrup enthusiast, Jacques Bourgeois, whose family has had a sugar shack for many generations. Learn how to recognize the different maple trees and how to both harvest and transform the sap into delicious product.

Pre-registration is required. Workshop fee is **\$10 plus** admission.

For more information about this workshop

Easter Weekend March 25 to 27

Oak Hammock

Marsh **Interpretive** Centre is the perfect place to be looking for eggs this spring! And we're not just talking about duck and goose eggs but Easter Eggs of course!



Come celebrate Easter at the marsh this year and participate in our annual GPS Egg Hunt, daily at 2 p.m. Learn how to use GPS units and test your skills by hunting for plastic eggs hidden in the marsh.

If you prefer indoor activities, try our Easter version of bingo with **Bunny Bingo**! You will get a "Bunny" bingo card and coloured eggs for playing pieces.

Don't forget the biggest hit! The Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Kids try to find the plastic eggs scattered throughout the Interpretive Centre and turn them in at the front desk for a sweet treat. One hunt per child.

Make sure to drop by the Café to enjoy a delicious Easter Brunch on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.!

Reservations are available.

For more information about this event

Wild Weird and Wonderful Week

March 28 to April 1

Visit the **Oak Hammock Marsh** Interpretive **Centre** during spring break and meet the Wild, Weird and Wonderful creatures of the Marsh.



See just how fascinating the wildlife of the marsh can be with different crafts, games, movies and presentations daily.

For more information about this event

Spring Camps for Kids March 28 to April 1

The Oak **Hammock Marsh** Interpretive **Centre** offers day camps for kids (age 6 to 9) during the school break.



Each day is unique with fun-filled indoor & outdoor dynamic programs, crafts and other activities.

The spring camps will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Early drop-off and later pick-up can be arranged.

Day camps are \$27 for Interpretive Centre members, \$33 for non- members.

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