

Outreach Winter Program List

Live animal Talk:

In this program I will bring in some of my animal ambassadors for the public to see and learn about. We will talk about how these animals live their daily lives, how they are living through winter, and why their species and others like them are important. There will also be an opportunity to touch the animals.

Winter is Coming:

In this program we will learn about the coming winter ahead and how animals around us work to survive through the “long night”. We will talk about what species tough it out, which ones leave, and which ones spend the winter tucked away in a warm place. There will be various animal mounts to see, and furs to touch.

Winter of the Ducks:

One group of animals that rules the waters of Indiana in the winter are the ducks, geese, and swans that visit us every winter. Did you know that there are up to 33 different species of waterfowl that visit Indiana and Wayne County? In this program we will talk about the different species of waterfowl that you can see in Wayne County in the winter, and how they survive the frigid waters. We will talk about cool features and adaptations these birds have evolved and have the chance to look at some mounted specimens.

Dance of the Cranes:

One of the most elegant and amazing birds to migrate through here in the winter is the Sandhill Crane. Thousands of them will fly over Wayne County and stop close by for the winter at Brookville Lake. In this program we will learn about the daily lives of these birds, where they come from, and why they migrate to this region for the winter. We will talk about some of the amazing behaviors you can observe these birds doing, including their graceful and exciting dancing.

Tricky Tracks:

Have you ever walked in nature and saw a track in the snow and wondered what animal it was? In this program we will learn about the different tracks you can see

here and what animals left behind. We will talk about what we can learn from tracks about the animals around us and get to make a track guide to take home with you.

Being Sustainable in Winter:

Wintertime can be a time of year where folks must use a lot of energy to help get through the cold. In this program we will talk about ways that you can live sustainably when frigid temperatures come. WE will talk about ways to insulate your home, ways you can create electricity, and cut down on your monthly energy bills.

Water Cycle- The Importance of Snow:

Whether you love to see the snow fall or you loave its return, snow is one of the most important parts of the water cycle. In this program we will learn about snow's importance and what it does to help us and the wildlife around us thrive throughout the year. We will talk about how snow is special to us and what we always enjoyed about the snow.

More than Just White:

When you go outside in the winter you mainly see the white and gray of the snow and winter clouds. Did you know that there are many other colors out there that you can see? In this program we will learn about the other plants, animals, and natural things that you can see out in the wintry landscape. Be prepared to color as we make our own winter landscapes full of bright colors.