



## Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

# Winter Program Schedule 2008

Programs are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Participants should dress for the weather. We regret that we cannot accommodate organized youth groups at these programs. **We welcome those who have any type of physical challenge to all of our programs; call ahead to let us know your needs.**

For further information, or for pre-registration, call Five Rivers at **(518) 475-0291**. In the event of severe weather, programs may be cancelled. Please call the Center to confirm.

Tuesday, January 1 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD COUNT 9:00AM

Come help us ring out our old annual bird list and ring in the new as we search high and low for our fine feathered friends. Bring binoculars and dress warmly.

Friday, January 11 WINTER STARS WITH THE ASTRONOMERS 7:30 PM

Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will be here with their telescopes to explore the night sky with us. Warm up indoors between viewings; hot beverages will be available.

Saturday, January 12 SNOWSHOE PROGRAM 2:00 PM

We will explore the history of snowshoeing and take a look at the different styles of snowshoes and bindings before we go out. Please call the Center to pre-register if you wish to borrow our snowshoes. We also have a limited number of children's snowshoes available.

Saturday, January 19 *Watchable Wildlife:* WOODPECKERS 9:00 AM

How much wood would a woodpecker peck? Join us for a field study of common woodpeckers as we discuss woodpecker lifestyles and their influence on local wildlife.

Wednesday, January 30 *Webcast Screening:* THE 2% SOLUTION 7:00 PM

This evening, audiences all across the U.S. will be participating in an interactive webcast on climate change live on Earth Day Network TV. Five Rivers, in cooperation with Audubon New York, cordially invites you to come to our webcast screening, expected to be the biggest national teach-in in history, via live feed. Please call the Center to register. For more information on the webcast, go to [www.focusthenation.org](http://www.focusthenation.org).

Saturday, February 2 CLIMATE CHANGE LAB DAY 2:00 PM

This day will be devoted to sharing ideas and activities for teachers and youth leaders to use when teaching about climate change. The activities are hands-on, fun, and focused on the issue that is becoming a top priority in many places.

Friday, February 15 OWLS: PREDATORS OF THE NIGHT 7:00 PM

Enjoy a night walk to learn about the owls of New York State, and listen for owls calling. Then warm up inside and meet Aries, our resident barred owl, up close. Hot beverages will be available.

Saturday, February 16 GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT 9:00-10:00 AM

Join us as we count birds at our feeder, and discover how you too can help Cornell and the National Audubon Society track the distribution and abundance of winter birds at your feeder.



Saturday, April 5                      *Watchable Wildlife: EARLY BIRDS*                      9:00 AM  
Join us on a field study of robins and other early spring birds as we celebrate the great Catskills naturalist John Burroughs' birthday.

Saturday, April 5                      *Family Fun: MAKE A BIRDHOUSE*                      2:00 PM  
Early April is a great time to set out a birdhouse, and this program, geared for parent/child participation, is all you need to get started. Measure, mark and hammer together your own standard bird house suitable for bluebirds, tree sparrows or house wrens. Call to pre-register.

***MAPLE SUGAR OPEN HOUSES***

**Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30-3:30 PM**

**March 15, 16, 22, 29 and 30**

At our Maple Sugar Open Houses, watch sap drip from the tapped trees, and smell the syrup boiling in the evaporator. You'll learn to twirl a drill and pound a spile, and use your taste buds to sample maple syrup. The Maple Sugar Open Houses are open to the public. Scout and other youth groups are welcome; call the Center to **preregister a group**.

***NEW! Learn Native American techniques of maple sugaring over an open fire.***

Also visit our exhibit "**Maple Sugaring Though Time**," featuring antique maple equipment, for a fascinating glimpse into the history of maple sugaring.

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