



# Park Programs

January - February – March 2018

## Oxbow Park

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### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – Beginning Cross-Country Skiing**

Join park staff for a ski through the Oxbow Valley. Bring your own skis or rent skis for \$5.00 from Oxbow. If you have never skied, this is the time to start on our groomed trails. Recommended ages 6 and up. Snow permitting.

### **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – Origami 101**

Did you ever wonder how the origami experts can turn an ordinary piece of paper into something with 6 legs or 8 points? In this two hour class you won't become an expert but you will take the first step on the path to making a creation to show your friends. Ages 8 and up.

### **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – All About Woodchucks**

The month of February starts out all about woodchucks and whether or not that famous Pennsylvania groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, will see his shadow. Come learn more about this often seen, but little understood mammal.

### **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – Beginning Snowshoeing**

Experience the Park in winter. Learn the importance of snowshoes and how some animals have their own version of snowshoes. Bring your own or rent snowshoes for \$3.00 from Oxbow. Ages 5 and up. Snow permitting.

### **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. - Build a Blue Bird Box**

This program begins with a short video about the natural history of the Eastern Bluebird. Don't forget a hammer, because after the video we'll get you started on building your own nest box, and teach you where to place it. Only 20 boxes (\$5.00 each) are available, so call 328-7340 to reserve one soon! Ages 5 and up.

### **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – Totally Turtles**

Minnesota is home to nine different species of turtles. Turtles are one of the longest living species in the world dating back to the era when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Learn the yearly patterns of a turtle that has allowed this animal to live for many centuries. Also, meet the zoo's resident turtles.

### **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – Owl Crafts**

With materials from the forest you can transform a wood medallion into an owl craft to hang on your wall. Ages 8 and up.

### **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – All About Owls**

It's owl courtship time! Let us show you WHOO they are, where they live, and how they live in our natural world. Live birds will be displayed in the zoo and meet one of the zoo's residents in the program.

### **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – Maple Syruping**

Join park staff for a brief history of maple syruping then hike to Oxbow's sugar bush as we demonstrate how we tap our sugar maples. This program ends with a small sample of Oxbow Parks' maple syrup! Dress for the weather and expect mud.

### **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – Animal Tracks and Signs**

Join us to learn how to look for signs and identify clues of animal life around us. This fun class will promote life-long interest and curiosity about our natural world. A great activity for the whole family!