

# Winter Programs

## Wednesday, January 20th All About Bald Eagles

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Join Education Program Manager, Ken Elkins, for a presentation on the life history of Bald Eagles. Learn about their controversial naming as a symbol of America and their recovery from the brink of extinction. After the presentation, we will carpool to Shepaug Dam to view the Bald Eagles wintering on the Housatonic River. Registration is limited so please call soon to get on the list! Cost is \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members.

## Thursday, January 28th Winter Weeds and More

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

What are winter weeds? They are the tough old skeletons of the plants that grew last summer. In many ways, their bare, minimalist winter structure is more elegant than their summer fullness. Plus, they're fun to try to puzzle out. Some, like milkweed, are easy. Others are more challenging. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Please call Ken to register at (203)264-5098.

## Thursday, February 4th All About Owls

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Mid-winter is mating season for the Great Horned Owls! Join Education Program Manager, Ken Elkins, for a fascinating look into the secret lives of owls. Ken will discuss the owls that make Connecticut their home and share with you his personal experiences with these amazing creatures. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Please call Ken to register at (203)264-5098.

## Wednesday, February 10th All About Bald Eagles

9:00 am to 11:30 am

After a short program in the Barn, we will carpool to Shepaug Dam to view the Bald Eagles wintering on the Housatonic River. Registration is limited so please call soon to get on the list! Cost is \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members.



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## February 12-15 Great Backyard Bird Count

www.birdcount.org

Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds.

## Winter Break Explorations

Age: Kids in grades 1-4 & grades 5-8

9:00 am to 12 noon

No plans for February Vacation? Why not spend it exploring and experiencing winter at the Audubon? Sign-up for one, two or all three fun-filled days of hikes, games and crafts. There are separate groups for younger and older campers and each day focuses on a new theme. Pack a snack and be prepared to be outside in all kinds of wintry weather conditions. Space is limited and filled on a first come, first served basis. Please call Ken at 203-264-5098 x308 to register your child(ren). **Cost: \$25 per child per day**

**Tuesday, February 16th-** Tracks & Traces

**Wednesday, February 17th-** Animals on Vacation

**Thursday, February 18th-** Wonders of Winter

## Spring Break Explorations

Age: Kids in grades 1-4 & grades 5-8

9:00 am to 12 noon

Kids are out of school for the week! What to do, what to do? Bring them to the Audubon Center at Bent of the River's Spring Break Explorations for a fun morning of nature lessons, games, and hikes around the Center. Children are invited to attend one, two or all three days. Space is limited and filled on a first come, first served basis. Please call Ken at 203-264-5098 x308 to register your child(ren). **Cost: \$25 per child per day**

**Tuesday, April 20th-** Frogs, Salamanders, & Toads, Oh My!

**Wednesday, April 21st-** Creepy Crawlies

**Thursday, April 22nd-** Feathered Friends

Saturday, May 22, 2010



## Bent of the River Festival

This year's festival will include activities for all ages, a boxed picnic dinner and dancing in the Bent's historic barn. Visit our website for more details.

To register for any of the listed classes, please call Ken Elkins at (203)264-5098 ext.308 or e-mail him at kelkins@audubon.org. Sign up for our e-newsletter by emailing bentoftheriver@audubon.org. Watch our website bentoftheriver.audubon.org for additions to our schedule!