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Red-headed Woodpecker | Bryan Tapp

Take a walk through the forests at Oxley Nature Center this month and you'll be treated to an amazing variety of woodpeckers. The largest and most dramatic - the Pileated woodpecker - can be seen at all levels of the trees, from low on the trunk drumming with it's beak as it carves out a new cavity to higher up making it's noisy cuk! cuk! cuk! call. Then flitting in and out of the branches higher up you'll see Red-headed, Red-bellied, the little Downy and Hairy woodpeckers all chattering and tapping. It's very active and noisy in the forest at this time of year, come and check it out!

Volunteer Trash Pick-up

March 28, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us to pick up trash along the north shore of Lake Sherry. Bags, buckets, pickers, and gloves will be provided (but feel free to bring your own too!) We will meet in the parking lot at 1:00, then head over to the lake. No registration required.

Species: Wilson's Snipe

Wilson's Snipe | Greg Silva

Have you seen this chunky little waterbird at Oxley Nature Center? If not, it's not surprising! Look at the beautiful brown, grey and white pattern of his feathers - camouflaging him perfectly for his marshy foraging. The Wilson's snipe is looking for many different types of food, from insect larvae to small snails, lizards, frogs, fish and even baby birds.

Oxley March Programs

Call 918-596-9054 to register for any program that requires pre-registration.

***Full Worm Moon Walk**
March 3, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Join us as we head out in small, guided groups to experience the nocturnal sights and sounds of Oxley. *ONCA members receive a discount; Please call the front desk to register.

Saturday Morning Birding
March 7, 8:00 - 9:45 a.m.
All ages and skill levels are welcome for this free drop-in Birding Walk, guided by a staff naturalist. Bring binoculars if you have them!

***Nature Journaling Group**
Meets on Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Led by Mary Seabourn, this program offers the opportunity to dive in deep with your observations of the more-than-human world. Each session will include time out on the trails, time to reflect, write, and sketch about what you notice, and time for optional sharing and group discussion. Participants can join the group at any time; There is a one-time materials fee of $20. Join online here: https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=2357

***Little Seedlings, March's theme: "Birds are Making Nests"**
March 10 and 13, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Friday sessions are the same). *There is no charge for ONCA members. Call the front desk to register.

Volunteer Walk and Talk
March 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to contribute your time and talents to nature education or conservation work? We have volunteer opportunities for Visitor Center Hosts, Volunteer Naturalists, and Trail Crew members. Join Oxley staff to learn more! Register here: https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=2700

Intro to Outdoor Archery – (Spring Break)
March 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
These single session classes are designed as an introduction to the equipment and the basics of outdoor archery. Please call to register to receive the ONCA discount.

Plant Identification Walk
March 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Oxley Naturalists guide this free drop-in event, where we explore the lives of plants in the forest, prairie, and wetlands.

Green Teens
Tuesdays starting March 24 and Saturdays starting March 28
This 3-part series is an opportunity for environmentally-minded teens to learn about the ecosystems and wildlife at Oxley and efforts to protect them. There will be a Tuesday group and a Saturday group. Join us to deepen your connection with nature while making a positive impact on the environment. Tuesday: https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=2567 Saturday: https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail programId=2566

Project FeederWatch
Every Thursday and Friday, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Stay warm inside while helping collect community science data to submit to Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Winter-Spring Discovery Walks
Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
These informal walks will be facilitated by Oxley staff naturalists. Meet by the message board in the parking lot and we'll walk together to see what the trails have to show us. These are free, drop-in events for all ages and abilities.

All About Nature Book Club

of the American Desert" by Craig Childs.

Children's Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo with the Rose Rock String Quartet
March 28, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Join Rose Rock String Quartet at Oxley Nature Center for an interactive musical experience featuring nature-inspired pieces. Participants will have the chance to get to know the members of the Rose Rock String Quartet, learn about their instruments and the pieces they will play. We will pay attention to how the compositions are inspired by and even mimic the sounds of nature. We will even have the chance to get up close and personal with the various instruments. This is perfect for ages 4-10, but could be enjoyed by babies, toddlers, and curious learners of any age! This is a free event but please register to reserve your spot: https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=2692

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***Track Chairs**
We are taking reservations for folks interested in taking the Track Chairs out onto the trails. These all-terrain motorized chairs are available any time the building is open and can be reserved by anyone who has any type of mobility issues. Call us for more information or to reserve!

*indicates that pre-registration is required. To register for programs or to find out more please visit https://tulsaparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program?category=14

KIDS CONCERT
and
INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO
with Rose Rock String Quartet
MARCH 28 | 10:00-11:30
AT OXLEY NATURE CENTER
JOIN ROSE ROCK STRING QUARTET FOR AN INTERACTIVE MUSICAL EXPERIENCE FEATURING NATURE-INSPIRED PIECES
IDEAL FOR AGES 4-10, BUT SOMETHING EVERY AGE CAN ENJOY
FREE! BUT PLEASE PRE-REGISTER TO HELP US PLAN
REGISTER AT TULSAPARKS.RECDESK.COM OR CALL 918-596-9054

Fresh beaver nibbles at the Marsh | Claire Harkness

Nature Center Hours

Mary K Oxley Interpretive Center hours are 10-4:30PM Tuesday through Saturday, and Noon - 4:30PM on Sunday.

After Interpretive Center hours, trails are open for hiking until 6:00 PM.

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