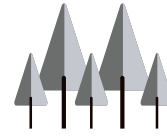


Oxbow Eco-Center December Events



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Critter Crunch & Munch Saturday December 1, 8, 15 & 29 3 p.m.

Watch as Oxbow Eco-Center's live animal ambassadors crunch and munch!
This special time includes an informative animal chat about native and exotic animals.
No reservations required. FREE and fun for all ages!



Explore Archery Saturday, December 1 9 a.m. - 12 p.m



Archery is an exciting way to build strength, endurance and mental focus. Join Oxbow's team of certified archery instructors every first Saturday of the month October through March to explore this popular sport. Instruction includes an outdoor classroom session and range time. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. \$20 per person for anyone planning to participate on the range (shoot bows). Reservations are required.

St. Lucie Audubon Society presents "Birding in Africa" Thursday, December 6 7 p.m.

Interested in birds of south Florida and the world? Join Sam Fried, Birding Expert, in a fascinating presentation of "Tanzania, Africa-Birding & Wildlife in the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Much, Much More..." during St. Lucie Audubon's general meeting. Meet other birding enthusiasts and learn more about our feathered friends.

Homeschool Day: Florida's Water Wonders Series & Hour of Code Event Friday, December 7 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Designed for homeschool students ages 8-12, learners will discover how water has shaped Florida's geography, history, and people's way of life through a variety of hands-on activities and experiences. This session will introduce students to the concept of coding. \$7 per student/session, pre-registration required. Future dates: Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, and May 3.

Parents' Holiday Drop & Shop: Kids' Hour of Code Event Saturday, December 8 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

Drop off the kids at Oxbow Eco-Center while you take care of holiday errands! Give the kids a cool experience as you sneak away to cross things off your list (or just take the afternoon off!). Kids will enjoy hands-on fun while coding, building LEGO robots, and participate in a 3-D virtual reality field trip. Participants will also create a holiday craft to take home. No experience necessary! Pizza and a snack will be served. Pre-registration required. Ages 8-12, \$30 per child.



Parents' Night Out: Kids' Eco-Adventure Friday, December 14 6 - 11 p.m.

Did you know that a bat eats its body weight in insects every night? Parents are invited to drop their children off at the Center and have a night out while the kids have an exciting evening of bat science, trivia and games. A sunset hike and a special presentation including live bats make this an evening not to be missed! Pizza and a snack will be provided. Ages 8 - 12. Pre-registration required. \$30 for one child, \$50 for two.



Dirty Hands Day Saturday, December 15 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Have a naturally great time planting a tree, pulling some weeds, clearing a trail, and getting your hands dirty! This volunteer opportunity is open to individuals or community groups ready to "explore as you restore" the natural areas of the Oxbow Preserve and Center. Open to all ages; participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult unless they are a current Oxbow volunteer. Free, no registration required.

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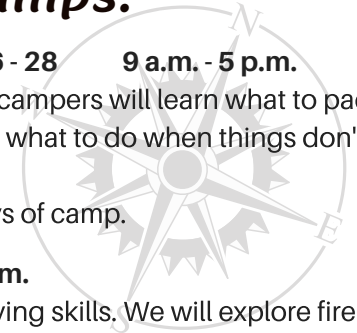
Check out these School's Out Holiday Camps!



Outdoor Survival Camp **Wednesday - Friday, December 26 - 28** **9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Lost in the wilderness?! In this introduction to wilderness survival, campers will learn what to pack for a wilderness adventure, how to read maps, use a compass, and what to do when things don't go according to your plans! Come get lost with us!

Pre-registration required. Ages 10 - 14. \$100 includes all three days of camp.



Primitive Survival Skills Camp **Wednesday - Friday, January 2 - 4** **9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Don't just survive- THRIVE! This course will give campers an introduction to primitive living skills. We will explore fire making, tool making, wild edibles and techniques to catch food. This camp is a must for anyone that loves the Great Outdoors! Pre-registration required. Ages 10 - 14. \$100 includes all three days of camp.

Happy Holidays from the Oxbow Eco-Center!



The Oxbow Eco-Center will be closed on the following dates for the holiday season:

Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25

Tuesday, January 1

The Center will be closed, but enjoy the trails and preserve that will remain open from sunrise to sunset!

Volunteer Opportunities

At the Oxbow Eco-Center, we welcome individuals of all ages and backgrounds to become a part of our team. Not sure where to start? Visit oxboweco.com and click the Volunteering tab to discover the many ways you can share and develop your skills, become actively engaged in the community and part of an organization dedicated to St. Lucie County's natural places. No experience necessary!

Everybody
makes a
difference.



Be an Oxbow Volunteer!