



The Oxbow Eco-Center cultivates knowledge, nurtures a sense of wonder, and inspires stewardship for the natural world through education, artistic expression, collaboration, volunteerism, and celebration.

ECO-CENTER HOURS:
TUE - FRI 12PM - 5PM
SAT 10AM - 5PM

TRAILS OPEN EVERY DAY
SUNRISE TO SUNSET

ST. LUCIE
COUNTY
FLORIDA

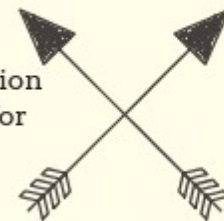


DECEMBER Events AT THE OXBOW ECO-CENTER

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

Archery is a fun way to build strength, endurance and mental focus. Join Oxbow's team of certified archery instructors the first Saturday of the month through March and 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.

Join Sam Fried, Birding Expert, in a fascinating presentation of "Africa: Birding & Wildlife in the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Much More". Meet other birding enthusiasts and learn more about our feathered friends. Free, no reservations required.

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

Discover how water shapes Florida's geography, history, and people's way of life through a variety of unique hands-on activities and experiences. This session will introduce students to the concept of coding. Future dates: Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, and May 3. For students 8-12. RSVP required, \$7 per child, per session.



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

Give the kids a cool experience while you sneak away to run holiday errands (or just take the afternoon off). The Oxbow is host to an Hour of Code worldwide event and S.T.E.A.M adventure for kids! They'll enjoy hands-on fun coding with LEGO robots, and taking a 3-D virtual reality field trip. Participants will also create a holiday craft to take home. No experience necessary! Pizza & snack served. Pre-registration required. Ages 8-12, \$30 /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 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, \$20 each additional.

Each Eco-Adventure has
its own theme;
no two are alike!

2019 Parents' Night Out Events:
January 25
February 22
March 9

Happy Holidays from Oxbow Eco-Center!

The Eco-Center will be closed
**Saturday, December 22 through
Tuesday, December 25, and
Tuesday, January 1.**

**Trails and preserve remain
open daily, sunrise to sunset.**



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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. No pre-registration required, free.



School's Out Holiday Camps!

Wilderness Survival 101

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



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



Critter Crunch & Munch

Every Saturday @ 3:00pm

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

**Everybody
makes a
difference.**

Be an Oxbow Volunteer!



At the Oxbow Eco-Center, we welcome individuals and groups 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 spaces. No experience necessary!



Florida Master Naturalist Program



Each fall, the Oxbow Eco-Center offers one of eight Florida Master Naturalist Program courses. Last month, thirteen individuals met all requirements for the FMN Freshwater Systems certification by completing 40 hours of interactive presentations, field trips, and creating a final project. Please join Oxbow in congratulating these recent Florida Master Naturalist Program graduates:
*Susan Collins, *Barrett Hoard, *Jennifer Hoard, Brian Hopper, Kirsi Johnson, Susan Kloosterman, *Richard Knott, Janet Mackey, *Karen Pender, Triscia Perri-King, Marilyn Silver, *Yvonne Steere, *Walter Stickley

*For 7 of these individuals, the recent course marked their third and final core module required to earn FMNP Master Naturalist certification. This much coveted designation is a great accomplishment and we are very proud of our students! Great job, gang!!

**For more information on the
Florida Master Naturalist Program,
visit masternaturalist.org**

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