

# Oxbow Eco-Center January Events

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**Critter Crunch & Munch**    Saturday, January 5, 12, 19 & 26    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!

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

Don't just survive- THRIVE! This course gives 10-14 year-olds an introduction to primitive living skills. 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. \$100 includes all three days of camp.



**St. Lucie County Audubon presents: Bats of Florida**    Thursday, January 3    7 p.m.

Did you know that a bat eats its body weight in insects every night? Prepare to be amazed as Ken Gioeli, University of Florida Extension Agent, leads guests on an outdoor bat detection demonstration and shares the intriguing lives of our local bats and beyond. Free, no registration required.

**Homeschool Day: Florida's Water Wonders Series**    Friday, January 4    10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Designed for homeschool students ages 8-12, learners discover how water has shaped Florida's through a variety of hands-on activities and experiences. This session focuses on the unique habitats, plants and animals of the Everglades. Future dates in the series are Feb 1, Mar 1, and May 3. \$7 per student/session, pre-registration required.

**Explore Archery**    Saturday, January 5    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 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.

**Camp Riverlution: School's Out Day Camp!**    Monday, January 7    9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ages 10-14 are invited to be a part of the River Revolution! In this full day program, discover how humans changed the flow of Florida waterways. Learn about the history of river channelization and drainage by building models and going into the field to investigate a man made canal and a working "Water Farm". Join us on this adventure through history!  
Future Camp Riverlution series dates are Feb 1 and Apr 19. Pre-registration required. \$30 per child.

**For the Love of Florida Speaker Series premier event**

**"Join the Blue Revolution"**    Wednesday, January 9    6:30 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd

Oxbow presents the first event of our "For the Love of Florida" Speaker Series at the Port St. Lucie Community Center. Florida's economy and idyllic lifestyle depend on pure and plentiful water, yet for the first time in history the latest generation of Floridians has not inherited waters as clean and abundant as their parents. In this uplifting program, award-winning author Cynthia Barnett demonstrates why our water-rich state could face water scarcity and quality woes, and how to turn it around with a Blue Revolution. The series is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the Florida Department State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

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**Dirty Hands Day      Saturday, January 19      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.



**Parents’ Night Out: Kids’ Eco-Adventure      Friday, January 25      6-11 p.m.**

Parents are invited to drop off children at the Center for an evening of fun, seasonal art, and ecological entertainment. Pizza and a snack will be provided. Pre-registration required by January 22. Ages 8-12, \$30 for one child, \$20 each additional.

## Happy New Year from the Oxbow Eco-Center!



**The Oxbow Eco-Center will be closed  
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](http://oxboweco.com) and click the Volunteering tab to discover the many ways you can share and develop 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!**