



SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER — SOFO

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Children's Winter Nature Activities

January

February

March

Registration is limited for children's programs, and reservations are necessary.

Members of the South Fork Natural History Museum are admitted free.

Non-members are charged \$7 per adult, \$5 per child under 12 years, 2 years & under are Free

January 8th, 2011 Saturday
10:00 am Southampton

Big Woods Winter Walk

Join Crystal on this woodland walk through uplands and wetlands close to a salt marsh. Look for animal tracks, once hidden birds' nests, and active or hibernating insects, and delight in the activities of the birds that stay in our area throughout the winter. Dress warmly for this one mile looped trail adventure!

January 16th, 2011 Sunday
10:00 am Bridgehampton

Feeding Time at the Museum

Just as animals have adapted to thriving in different environments, they have also adapted to eating different foods in different ways. Join Lindsey as she feeds these animals and teaches you about the diets and feeding strategies that they have developed in order to survive.

January 22nd, 2011 Saturday
10:00 am Bridgehampton

A Cephalo What?

Cephalopod ('se-fə-lə-,pād)! What in the world is that? Why, it's an animal with legs attached to its head! That means a squid, cuttlefish, and, of course, an octopus. Children will have an opportunity to create their own color-changing cephalopod to take home. There is a \$3 materials fee for this program. Children ages 4 to 6.

January 30th, 2011 Sunday
10:00 am Montauk

Observing Seals

Join Lindsey for this walk to see the seals that make their way down from northern Canada to Montauk to spend the winter. The walk will take you down to the rocky shore, where at low tide you can expect to see harbor seals sunning themselves on the exposed rocks. The walk is about one-half mile, so keep that in mind when bringing small children.

February 12th, 2011 Saturday
10:00 am Bridgehampton

Nature Writing with Mrs. B

Barbara Blaisdell will lead this workshop to help children, ages 8 and older, who have an interest in writing, to learn how to translate their joyous nature experiences into written form through poetry, rhyme, and chant. First the group will head outdoors for some special nature experiences, then it's back inside to explore the possibilities of translating these "snapshots" into words. Enrollment is limited, please reserve immediately.

February 19th, 2011 Saturday
10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 2 to 4
10:45 - 11:45 am Ages 5 to 8

Bridgehampton

Animals in Winter: Story & Nature Walk

Join Crystal and her story-time puppet Timmy Wolf as they wonder about how forest and field animals take care of themselves in the winter. Do they put on heavy winter jackets and sip hot cocoa? Do they hibernate and sleep the winter away? Crystal and Timmy will read *Under the Snow*, by Melissa Stewart, and then take everyone out into the field for signs of animals that stay active all winter.

February 26th, 2011 Saturday
7:30 pm Bridgehampton

Eastern Tiger Salamander Search

Herpetologist and SoFo President Andy Sabin will take us into the nighttime woods in search of the largest of our native salamanders, the endangered Eastern Tiger Salamander. Don't miss a rare opportunity to see this salamander as it makes its way to the pond to mate and to lay its eggs. Please bring a flashlight and wear boots, as late winter rains will make the ground soggy. This walk is dependent on the occurrence of heavy rains.

March 12th, 2011 Saturday
7:30 pm Montauk

Blue-Spotted Salamander Search

Montauk's vernal ponds are one of the few places in the world where the Blue-spotted Salamander, in its purebred form, can be found. Join SoFo on our nighttime foray with SoFo President Andy Sabin, "Mr. Salamander," as we search for this unique native species. Please bring a flashlight and wear boots, as late winter rains will make the ground soggy. This walk is dependent on the occurrence of heavy rain.

March 26th, 2011 Saturday
7:30 pm Bridgehampton

Spotted Salamander Search

On this walk to one of our vernal ponds we'll be searching for the Spotted Salamander, one of our four native mole salamanders. This salamander is a beauty with its shiny black body and bright yellow spots. It, like the Eastern Tiger and the Blue-spotted Salamander, as well as the early-autumn breeding Marbled Salamander, is called a mole salamander because it spends most of its time underground. Please bring a flashlight and wear boots, as late winter rains will make the ground soggy. This walk is dependent on the occurrence of heavy rain.