

# ADULTS

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### QUILTS 2012

February 10 through March 21, 2012 at Farmpark

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday

One of Ohio's finest quilt shows with more than 200 quilted works on display. Features works from internationally acclaimed visiting artists Joen L. Wolfrom and Cynthia L. England, and a judged show of quilts completed by regional artists from Northeast Ohio and around the United States. Visitors vote for People's Choice award.

Workshop registration begins November 7, 2011. To register for quilting workshops and lectures, call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226 or visit lakemetroparks.com.

## ASTRONOMY

### Winter Solstice Hike

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Take a night hike on the shortest day of the year. Learn how the solstice affected the lives of ancient cultures and why they celebrated this day that marks the start of winter. It will be cold, so bundle up!

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 25

Wednesday, December 21, 2011, 7:30 to 9 p.m., CP-EAST

### Full Moon Hike

Ages 18 and older, FREE

Stroll through the crisp winter night air under the light of a full moon. Come enjoy a world not normally seen, at least not in winter! It will be cold, but it is worth it.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 25

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 8 to 9 p.m., LS-WEST

## BIRDWATCHING

### Winter Bird Walk

Ages 12 and older, FREE

Lake Metroparks has a variety of habitats that offer the chance to see many species of birds. Bring binoculars and field guide if you have them. New birders are welcome.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 5, max 25

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 8:30 to 10 a.m., PG

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 8:30 to 10 a.m., PG

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 8:30 to 10 a.m., PG

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 8 to 10 a.m., VP

### Winter Owls & Other Snow Birds

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$40 per person

Winter winds bring owls, finches, rough legged hawks and other hearty species to our fields and forests. Join us as we search afield for these seasonal visitors.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 5, max 8

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., PG

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Rain Barrels for the Holidays

Fee: \$49 per kit



Rain barrels make great gifts! Join us for a rain barrel building workshop just in time for the holidays. A perfect gift for the green thumb in the family. Barrels are ready to hook up to the downspout.

Instructor: Lake SWCD Staff, min 6, max 25

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 7 to 8 p.m., Lake County Fairgrounds

### How Green is Your Grass?

FREE



How green is your grass? Come learn how to make your yard an environmentally friendly place. We will discuss water conservation, rainwater collection, soil nutrients and composting.

Instructor: Lake SWCD Staff, min 6, max 50

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 7 to 9 p.m., PG

## DANCING

### Painesville Township Park Dance Schedule

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$6 per person at the door

Enjoy traditional ballroom dancing on the second and fourth Saturday evenings, country dancing the second and fourth Fridays of each month, and special themed dances at the Painesville Township Park Community Center. Call 440-354-3885 for current schedule and upcoming bands.

### Ballroom Dancing

Second and fourth Saturdays of each month (call for a schedule).  
Doors open 7 pm; band plays 7:30 to 10:30 pm.

### Country Dancing

Second and fourth Fridays of each month (call for a schedule).  
Doors open 7:30 pm; music and dancing 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm.

### Painesville Twp. Park Community Center Rental

Rent the beautiful Painesville Township Park Community Center for private functions. Let us host your wedding reception, fundraising event, family or class reunion, homecoming or corporate retreats! For information or reservations, call 440-256-2138 or 800-366-3276.

### Swing/Jump/Blues Dancing

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$8 per person at the door

Enjoy an evening of rock-n-roll music and dancing featuring "The Castaways."  
Doors open at 7:30 pm; music and dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 pm.

Instructor: Painesville Township Park Staff, min 25, max 200

Saturday, December 17, 2011, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., PT

### Ballroom New Year's Eve Party

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door

Make a resolution and welcome in the New Year! Fee includes admission, hot buffet, finger pastries, favors, non-alcoholic beverages, midnight toast and balloon drop. Music by Don Woiitila.

Instructor: Painesville Township Park Staff, min 75, max 200

Saturday, December 31, 2011, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., PT

### Valentine Ballroom Dinner Dance

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$25 in advance

Enjoy an evening of ballroom dance music featuring Billy Kaye along with a delicious hot buffet (including dessert) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Reservations required.

Instructor: Painesville Township Park Staff, min 75, max 200

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., PT

## FARM & GARDEN

### From Harness to Hitch

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$15 (includes Farmpark admission)

Put on your boots and come see what it's like to get a team of horses ready to drive. Everyone will learn to harness, line drive and drive our show wagon.

Instructor: Rick LeMaster, min 5, max 12

Sunday, January 15, 2012, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., FP

### Tons of Horse Fun

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$20 (includes Farmpark admission)

See what it's like to sit on top of a draft horse and what it's like to sit behind them. Tons of fun!

Instructor: Rick LeMaster, min 4, max 12

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., FP

## HIKES

### Starbucks Saturday Morning Caffeine Hikers

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$10

Get fun, exercise and nature every Saturday with a steady-paced hike at a few of the larger Lake Metroparks, warmed up by Starbucks coffee. Schedule to be mailed.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 50

Saturday, December 3, 2011, 8 to 10 a.m., GR-NORTH



## NATURE

### Weeknight Walks at the Glen

**Ages 18 and older, FREE**

This year-round walking group meets at Penitentiary Glen Reservation—great for after work or before settling in for the night. The focus is nature, the pace is leisurely and the benefits are many!

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 8, max 50

**Thursday, January 5 through February 23, 2012, 6 to 7 p.m., PG**

### Winter Photography in the Gorge

**All ages, Fee: \$10**

Adventurous photographers wanted! Shake off your cabin fever and explore the unique beauty of the gorge in winter at Penitentiary Glen Reservation in this three-hour hike. Refreshments provided after hike.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff and WRPS members, min 10, max 18

**Saturday, January 28, 2012, 1 to 4:30 p.m., PG**

### Dawn Busters

**Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5**



Experience our newest park, Gully Brook, the way Burroughs Nature Club did in the early 1900s. After a good early morning hike, the "Dawn Busters" enjoyed a hearty breakfast prepared over an open fire.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 20

**Saturday, February 11, 2012, 7 to 9:30 a.m., GB**

## SKIING

Skiing and Snowshoeing

101 Classes – No experience necessary

201 Classes – Prior experience needed

301 Classes – Must be able to handle a variety of terrain

### Private cross-country ski lessons

\$25 first person, second person free

Fee includes equipment, rental and 90 minutes of instruction.

With your own equipment: \$20 first person, second person free.

For more information, contact Leigh Garam at 440-585-2800 or

lgaram@lakemetroparks.com.

### Wednesday Ski Lunch Bunch

**Ages 18 and older, FREE**

Take a break from work or kids and meet others for skiing on your lunch break. No fee to join us but rental fees apply. Option to pack a lunch and socialize after skiing.

Instructor: Andrea Pasquale, min 3, max 25

**Wednesdays, January 11 through March 21, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST**

### Classic Cross-country Ski Lessons 101

**Ages 11 and older, Fee: \$15 with ski rental, \$10 without rental**

Learn to fall down and get up, glide, stride, stop, turn and use your poles.

Please state gender, shoe size and height when registering. Participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to class time.

Lessons are offered whenever snow is present Saturday and Sunday mornings

9 to 10:30 a.m. from January 7 through March 4 at Chapin Forest Pine Lodge.

Pre-registration is required. Note: No lessons on January 21 & February 25.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 10

### Skate Ski Lessons 101 (beginner level)

**Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$15 with ski rental, \$10 without rental**

Learn the basics of skate skiing with plenty of on-the-snow practice. Learn about equipment, body positions, poling and V1 and V2 techniques. A limited amount of equipment is available.

Lessons are offered whenever snow is present Saturday and Sunday mornings

9 to 10:30 a.m. from January 7 through March 4 at Chapin Forest Pine Lodge.

Pre-registration is required. Note: No lessons on January 21 & February 25.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 2, max 8

### Cross-country Ski Series 101

**Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$40 with ski rental, \$30 without rental**

This four-week progressive class starts with the basics and advances each week to the next level of cross-country skiing. Final week will be skate skiing! Class meets January 10, 17, 24, 31.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 15

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 6 to 8 p.m., CF-WEST**

### Moonlight Wine & Cheese Cross-country Adventure

**Ages 21 and over, Fee: \$23 with ski rental, \$20 without rental**

Join us for a cross-country ski adventure hike with head lamps. See how the forest lights up! When we return to the lodge, we will enjoy wine and cheese tasting to top off a great evening.

Instructor: Gloria Costello, min 6, max 20

**Friday, January 20, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

**Friday, February 17, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

### Tailgate Potluck Ski/Snowshoe Party



**Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$10 with snowshoe/ski rental without dish to share, \$5 with equipment rental with dish, \$5 with own equipment without dish**

Skiing and snowshoeing is fun to do at night under the lights. We will have a shelter with potluck food and beverages and a nice fire to socialize by. Spend a winter evening with us on the snow trails.

Instructor: Marie Kozan, min 5, max 10

**Friday, January 27, 2012, 6 to 9 p.m., CF-TWIN**

### Sunset Wings, Wine & Skiing

**Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$23 with ski rental, \$20 without rental**

Kick off the weekend with a late afternoon cross-country ski adventure at Girdled Road Reservation. After skiing we will enjoy a sampling of wings and wine. Shoe and ski sizes are needed prior to the event.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 25

**Friday, February 10, 2012, 4 to 6 p.m., GR-SOUTH**

### Classic Cross-country Ski Lessons 101

**Ages 11 and older, Fee: \$15 with ski rental, \$10 without rental**

Learn to fall down and get up, glide, stride, stop, turn, and use your poles.

Please state gender, shoe size and height when registering. Participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to class time.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 10

**Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

## SNOWSHOEING

### Moonlight Wine & Cheese Snowshoe Adventure

**Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$23 with snowshoe rental, \$20 without rental**

Join us for a snowshoe adventure hike with head lamps. See how the forest lights up! When we return to the lodge, we will enjoy wine and cheese tasting to top off a great evening.

Instructor: Gloria Costello, min 6, max 20

**Friday, January 6, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

**Friday, February 3, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

### Snowshoes & Vineyards

**Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$8 with snowshoe rental, \$5 without rental**

Take a guided snowshoe hike on and off trail at Hell Hollow for intermediate hikers, then warm up at Grand River Cellars Winery for lunch (transportation and lunch on own).

Instructor: Andrea Pasquale, min 6, max 15

**Saturday, January 7, 2012, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., HH**

### Snowshoe the Parks

**Ages 16 and older, Fee: \$10 with snowshoe rental, \$5 without rental**

Try snowshoeing on varied terrain throughout different parks. Experience a different trail each time. Rental equipment will be brought to you. Location may change due to snow conditions.

Instructor: Dick Kandalec, min 6, max 20

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CW**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., GR-NORTH**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., HL**

### Snowshoe Series

**Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$20 with snowshoe rental, \$10 without rental**

This four-week series goes to the next level of snowshoeing each week.

Experience flat to hilly terrain. Learn what to carry with you and how to dress.

Class meets January 12, 19, 26 and February 2.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 5, max 25

**Thursday, January 12, 2012, 6 to 7:30 p.m., CF-WEST**

## Friday Snowshoe Lunch Bunch

**Ages 18 and older, FREE**

Snowshoe on or off trails with staff guidance! No fee to join us, but rental fees apply. Enjoy this easy activity and stay active this winter. Option to pack a lunch and socialize after activity.

Instructor: Andrea Pasquale, min 3, max 25

**Fridays, January 13 through March 23, 2012, noon to 1 p.m., CF-WEST**

## Sunrise Pancake & Sausage Snowshoe

**Ages 13 and older, Fee: \$15 with snowshoe rental, \$10 without rental**

Come wake up the woods and watch the sunrise while snowshoeing on a crisp winter morning, followed by an outdoor pancake and sausage breakfast!

Instructor: Gloria Costello, min 6, max 20

**Sunday, January 22, 2012, 6:45 to 8:45 a.m., CF-WEST**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012, 6:45 to 8:45 a.m., CF-WEST**

## Wine, Winter & Snowshoes

**Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$23 with snowshoe rental, \$20 without rental**

Enjoy an evening snowshoe trek on the trails at Penitentiary Glen and then return to the Nature Center to warm-up with wine and snacks. We will hike even if there is no snow. Ages 21 and older only.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 6, max 20

**Saturday, February 11, 2012, 5 to 7:30 p.m., PG**

## Sunset Wings, Wine & Snowshoeing

**Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$23 with snowshoe rental, \$20 without rental**

Kick off the weekend with a late afternoon snowshoe adventure at Gully Brook Park. After snowshoeing we will enjoy a sampling of wings and wine. Snowboots required for proper fit in snowshoes.

Instructor: Leigh Garam, min 6, max 20

**Friday, February 24, 2012, 4 to 6 p.m., GB**

## WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

### WomanVenture: Winter Walk

**Ages 18 and older, FREE**

Take a winter stroll through the newly opened Gully Brook Park. Winter is a wonderful time to explore nature and see all that it has to offer.

Instructor: Naturalist Staff, min 10, max 25

**Saturday, January 7, 2012, 10 to 11 a.m., GB**



### Snowshoe the Deer Trails 201

**Ages 16 and older, Fee: \$8**

The deer know the best way through the woods; we'll follow where the deer leads us throughout our beautiful parks. This will be a strenuous snowshoe hike through all depths of snow.

Instructor: Marie Kozan, min 4, max 10

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 9 to 11:30 a.m., EL**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 9 to 11:30 a.m., GR-SOUTH**

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 9 to 11:30 a.m., CP**

## SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

Adult men's and coed softball leagues are forming now for the 2012 softball season. Anyone interested in having a team in the leagues should contact Vivian Potter at Painesville Township Park, 440-354-3885 or vpotter@lakemetroparks.com

## REQUESTED PROGRAMS

For more information or to schedule a program, dial the telephone number following the description:

### Adopt-an-Animal

Adopt an animal of your choice from the Wildlife Center, which helps defray some of the daily expenses of animal care, including food, housing and medicine. You'll receive a visit from your adopted animal in return!

**440-358-7275**

### Amphibians & Reptiles of Lake Metroparks

A slideshow highlights the frogs, toads, turtles and snakes that make Lake County their home. **440-256-2125**

## Astronomy in the Park

Bring your adult group to Penitentiary Glen Nature Center and explore the night sky in our indoor inflatable planetarium, StarLab, followed by light refreshments. (max 12 adults) **440-256-2125**

## Back-A Breed at Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Become a barnyard parent by supporting the animal of your choice through the Back-a-Breed program. Three levels of sponsorship are available, starting at \$25. Your sponsorship will go towards food and care of the animals. A portion of all donations is tax deductible. **440-256-3063**

## Backyard Birds

Learn all about your feathered backyard visitors! Program includes identification tips for the top ten backyard birds, birdfeeders and types of feed. **440-256-2125**

## Butterflies & You

Naturalist presented PowerPoint program about butterflies. Learn how they survive against the odds and what you can do to help. **440-256-2125**

## Butterfly/Hummingbird Gardening

A PowerPoint presentation highlights flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden. Garden tour available at Penitentiary Glen (weather permitting). **440-256-2125**

## Canoe with a Naturalist

A canoe or kayak adventure is always a memorable experience, but you can also make it an educational trip by renting a naturalist guide to attend your next outing. **440-256-2125**

## Down Memory Lane

A PowerPoint presentation highlights the days when the Halle family called Penitentiary Glen their summer home and working farm. A short hike can be included if presented at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. **440-256-2125**

## Draft Horse Driver Training

**Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$20 for two hours**

Learn to drive a team of draft horses with one-on-one sessions. Additional lessons are available after initial session. **440-256-2141**

## History of Lake Metroparks

Hear stories and view photographs from the first 50 years of Lake Metroparks. Learn about the properties and people who have made us who we are today during this PowerPoint presentation. **440-256-2125**

## Native Experience

An atlatl is an ancient hunting device once used by many cultures, including Native Americans. Learn about the history of atlatls, proper technique when throwing darts with an atlatl and practice your new skill. All participants must be 10 or older. **440-256-2125**

## Nature Center & Garden Tour

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon discovering art shows, nature exhibits, butterfly gardens and songbirds. Take home a souvenir from The Nature Store. Our friendly staff awaits your arrival. **440-256-2125**

## Scenic Vista Bus Tours

Discover the beauty and unique stories of Lake Metroparks! Using your bus or our Lake Metroparks' 25-passenger bus, treat your group to a seasonal tour of the parks. **440-256-2125**

## Walk About Wildlife

Discover whooo's who in the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center yard and find out what happens in wildlife rehabilitation. **440-358-7275**