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Adkins Arboretum Offers Winter Naturalists Series for Homeschool Families

Students will explore native plants and animals in their winter environment when Adkins Arboretum offers Winter Naturalists, a series of science programs for homeschool families.

In this six-week program, homeschool students will join Youth Program Coordinator Jenny Houghton in collecting data about winter animal activity at the Arboretum, conducting



insulation experiments, constructing bird shelters and identifying food sources for white-tailed deer. Activities also include creating winter nature journals, visiting a fox den and identifying trees by their bark and branches.

Designed for students ages 8 to 12, Winter Naturalists will meet Fridays, Jan. 23 to Feb. 27, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required. The fee is \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members for all six classes in the series. A \$10 discount is offered for siblings. Enrollment is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its <u>Campaign to Build a Green Legacy</u>, it will build the <u>W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum</u> and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit <u>www.adkinsarboretum.org</u> or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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