

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Adkins Arboretum announces winter nature programs for preschoolers**

Snowflakes, animal tracks, constellations and more! Join Adkins Arboretum's winter preschool program, and engage your young child with nature. Led by Arboretum Youth Program Coordinator Jenny Houghton, this popular series of six classes for three- to five-year-olds is offered on Tuesday mornings beginning Feb. 4.



Registration is required for preschool programs. The fee is \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members for all six classes in the series. A \$10 discount is offered for siblings. Classes run from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and include a craft and a healthy snack. Enrollment is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, visit [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

Programs include:

#### **Winter Wonderland**

**Feb. 4**

Let's pretend we are snowflakes journeying through the winter sky! We'll make a shiny snowflake craft, look for Jack Frost in the forest, and warm up with hot chocolate and the beloved children's book *A Snowy Day*.

#### **Super Skunks**

**Feb. 11**

Roses are red, violets are blue, skunks aren't sweet, but they need love, too. Celebrate Valentine's Day by making a Valentine skunk puppet! We'll learn about the life of this striped hibernator and take a forest walk in search of animal dens.

### **Dancing with the Stars**

**Feb. 18**

Even though the stars won't be out until nightfall, we'll light up as we learn about constellations! We'll also sing and dance to starry music, make pinprick constellations to hang in the window, and enjoy sparkling cupcakes.

### **Terrific Tracks**

**Feb. 25**

Which animals are out and about in the cold? Become an expert tracker and find out! We'll identify common animal tracks and make our own tracks through the woods. Return to the classroom to warm up with hot chocolate and winter animal stories.

### **Happy Birthday, Mr. Tree!**

**March 4**

Learn how to tell a tree's age by examining its annual rings. We will make "tree cookie" necklaces, read tree stories, and check out the stumps at Paw Paw Playground.

### **Dirt Detectives**

**March 11**

Just what's so special about soil? Find out as we conduct our very own soil sample and make glittery "soil" shakers to remind us that there's more to dirt than meets the eye.

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*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 [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) 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 [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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