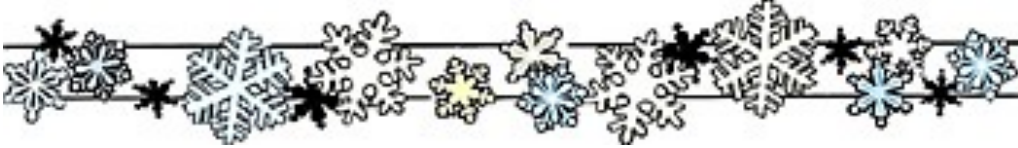


The FOX Club

Winter 2011

Families



Next FOX Club Gathering: Sunday, January 15th from 2:00-3:30pm at Glacial Park

It's time to sled! Bring your family and a sled to Glacial Park to enjoy this winter's snow. We will meet at the Wiedrich Barn to enjoy some hot chocolate and then hike to the sledding hill for some wintertime fun. January 15th is also the last day you can recycle your Christmas tree at Glacial Park, so drop off your tree, too! RSVP to Sarah Michehl at smichehl@mccdDistrict.org or online at www.mccdDistrict.org by 1/11/12.



New FOX Club Format:

- Membership is now free.
- No need to track your hours
- Incentive prizes earned through attendance at gatherings and other Leave No Child Inside events. Prizes will be awarded at an end-of-year FOX Club party!
- Continue to record observations in your journals. You're encouraged to use them in your own backyard too!

The November FOX Club Kick-Off Gathering was a success! The FOX Club kids did a great job leading us along the trails at Prairieview Education Center and made some interesting observations along the way. The older kids did a fantastic job of encouraging and including the younger kids too. Thanks to the families that attended!

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Who's Been Here?

Fresh snowfall is a great time to find animal tracks and other signs of animal activity. Go on a hike after a fresh snowfall and take along a track field guide.

Some tracks you might find in a conservation area are deer, rabbit, squirrel, mouse, vole, coyote, fox, and raccoon.

Before you go, read
In the Snow: Who's Been Here?
by Lindsay Barrett George.



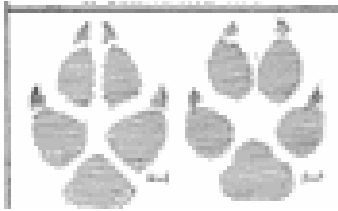
Deer



Rabbit



Mouse



Coyote



Raccoon

Winter Activities with M CCD:

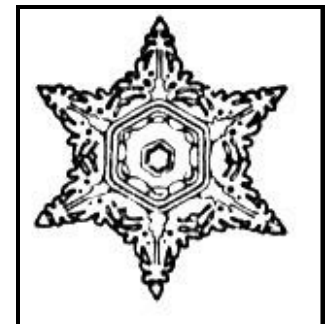


- Hike or ski until 9pm on a solar lighted trail at Pleasant Valley (Woodstock) or Hickory Grove Highlands (Cary).
- Nature at Night event at Prairieview Education Center in Crystal Lake on 1/27/12 from 6:30-9:30pm. No registration required.
- Explorer Days: Winter Wonders event at Glacial Park's Lost Valley Visitor Center in Ringwood on 2/4/12 from 10-2pm. No registration required.

Visit www.mccdistrict.org for more information

Fun Winter Idea:

Place a piece of black felt in the bottom of the clear bug box that you received in your FOX Club backpack. Open the box and catch a snowflake on the black felt to reveal the intricate crystalline patterns.



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