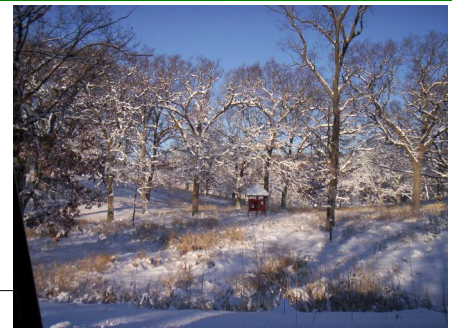


# The FOX Club!

Winter '09- '10



## Calling All FOX Club Adults!

You are invited to a relaxing Friday evening at Prairieview Education Center to sip on hot cider and share your stories of family explorations. Activity suggestions and tips will also be discussed.

Friday, February 19, 2010  
7:00pm to 8:30pm

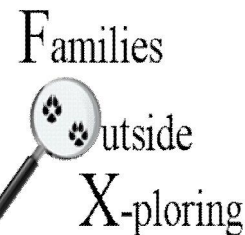
If you would like to network with other FOX Club families and receive some activity ideas, then this evening is for you.

Invite a friend along who would like to learn more about us.

Please register online no later than February 12th  
Code: 210200-01

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## Winter Programs

The following are Leave No Child Inside programs that count toward your FOX Club hours.  
Please register online.

12/19/09 Winter Scavenger Hunt  
All Ages

2/6/10 Winter Wonders  
Ages 5-13 with adult



- Registration is not required for the following Special Event

1/30/10 \*Winter Open House at Glacial Park, Wiedrich Education Center

See Landscapes, or visit [www.mccdDistrict.org](http://www.mccdDistrict.org) for more information about these and other M CCD programs.

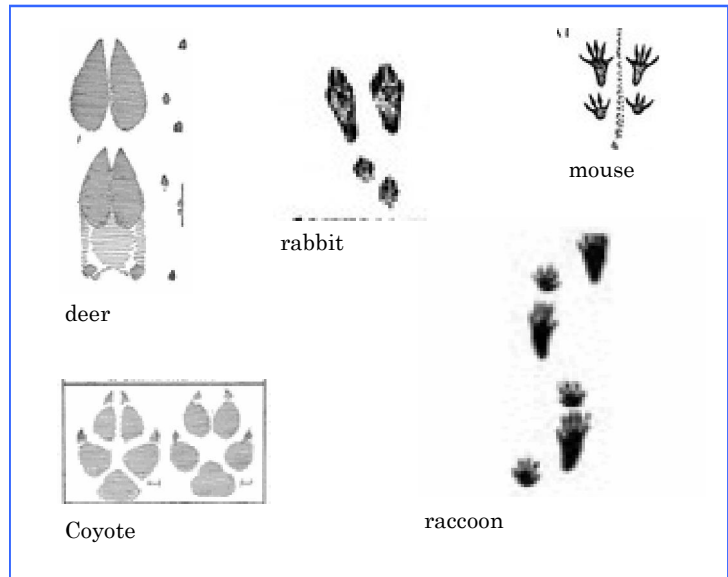
## Winter News

### Who's Been Here?

I love a light, fresh snowfall for finding animal tracks and other signs of animal activity. Go on a hike after a one to two inch 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.



### Fun in the Snow

Just because it's cold and snowy is no reason to stay home inside. The snow can be a great place to play and learn about nature. Be sure you dress well for the weather with good footwear, hat, mittens, and warm outerwear. Bring along a thermos of hot cocoa and some sandwiches for a winter picnic.



Things to do in the snow:

1. Make snow angels.
2. Build snow sculptures of animals.
3. Stomp out words in the snow.
4. Build snow forts.
5. Measure it. How deep is the snow? Is the depth different in different places, (i.e. in the open vs. under a tree)?

### It's All About the Snow

The best way for people to stay warm outside in winter is to dress in layers. Air gets caught in between layers of clothing and helps to keep us warm by trapping our body heat closer to us. The snow works much the same way. Warm air coming from the earth gets trapped in between the snowflakes and provides a "blanket" for wildlife. Dry fluffy snow is the best snow insulator.

Did you ever notice how quiet it is outside after a fresh snowfall? Dry, fluffy snow traps air *and* absorbs sound. More air is trapped with greater amounts of snowfall and the quieter it seems. The next time you wake up in the morning to a new snow, step outside for a moment and ...listen to the quiet.



The next FOX Club Family Gathering will be at  
Prairieview Education Center on Saturday April 17, 2010  
during our Earth Day Celebration.

Register online to join us from 11-noon for a spring hike through the prairie.

