

# SEASONAL ACTIVITIES



## Seize the Day!

The snow has fallen and it's time to drop everything and enjoy it! Sign up to receive an e-mail or phone call that will let you know when and where we will be in the next 24 hours to take advantage of the SNOW!!

### Will it be...

- ...a Cross-Country Ski Lesson at Prairieview?
- ...a Snowshoe Hike at Pleasant Valley?
- ...Night Sledding at Glacial Park?

Have you ever been frustrated by the fact that there's no snow when snow programs are planned, but then plenty of snow when they aren't? We have, too! In January & February staff members will be on call to offer a program or activity when we get that perfect snow. We'll send a message 24 hours in advance with an invitation to join us when conditions are right!

Sound good? Submit your e-mail address or phone number to [education@mccdDistrict.org](mailto:education@mccdDistrict.org) or call (815) 479-5779.

## Christmas Tree Recycling



December 26 –  
January 15

### Drop-off Sites:

- Glacial Park, Ringwood (off Harts Rd.)
- Rush Creek, Harvard (at twin oaks parking area—west of pond)
- Algonquin Township Headquarters

Tinsel and decorations must be removed. If trees are transported in a bag, please remove the bag. Commercial drop-offs are prohibited. Trees are processed into mulch, which will be available free of charge at a later date. For details call (815) 338-6223.

# DESTINATIONS FOR WINTER FUN...

	Winding Creek	Stickney Run	Silver Creek	Rush Creek (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Prairieview Education Center (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Prairie Trail South Link	Prairie Trail North / North Branch / Hebron Trail	Pleasant Valley (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Marengo Ridge (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Lake in the Hills Fen	The Hollows (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Hickory Grove / Lyons Prairie Marsh (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Harrison Benwell	Glacial Park (Groomed with 4 inches of snow)	Fox Bluff (Site closed Nov. 1–Dec. 29)	Fel Pro RRR	Exner Marsh	Coral Woods	Brookdale
<b>Hiking</b>	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄		❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄
<b>Cross-Country Skiing</b>	❄ 1.7 mi. Beg.	❄ 1 mi. Beg.	❄ 1.3 mi. Beg.	❄ 3 mi. Beg.	❄ 4 mi. Beg./Int.		❄ 2.7 mi. Beg.	❄ 2.2 mi. Beg. 2.3 mi. Int.	❄ 1.5 mi. Beg.	❄ 1 mi. Beg. 1.75 mi. Int.	❄ 4.5 mi. Beg.	❄ 2 mi. Beg.	❄ 4 mi. Beg. 2 mi. Adv.	❄ .5 mi. Beg.	❄ 2 mi. Beg.	❄ 1.5 mi. Beg.	❄ 1.5 mi. Beg.	❄ 1 mi. Adv.	❄
<b>Sledding / Snow Tubing</b>													❄						
<b>Snow Shoeing</b>		❄	❄	❄	❄		❄				❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄	❄
<b>Ice Fishing / Ice Skating*</b>		❄		❄			❄			❄	❄				❄				
<b>Snowmobiling</b>				❄		❄		❄					❄						

\*Ice fishing/ice skating when ice conditions permit. Signs will be posted. You are responsible for clearing your own snow.



## CROSS-COUNTRY CANDLELIGHT SKI

Two Candlelight Skis will be held this winter on both *Friday* and *Saturday* evenings from 5–9 p.m. — one in January and one in February following a snowfall of 4" or greater. Don't miss your chance to cross-country ski on trails lit only by candlelight! Bring your own skis and enjoy refreshments afterwards around the campfire. Skiers of every level and age are welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> significant snowfall in January:  
**The Hollows, Cary**

2<sup>nd</sup> significant snowfall in February:  
**Marengo Ridge, Marengo**

Check the front page of the website for updates, call (815) 338-6223 or sign up for e-mail notification at [MCCD@MCCDistrict.org](mailto:MCCD@MCCDistrict.org). You can always ski on your own at one of the District's seven groomed trails during daylight hours, see chart on the left.

## Winter Camping

Starts December 1 at Marengo Ridge

Take in the sights and sounds of the great outdoors and sleep under star filled skies. Winter camping opens December 1 at Marengo Ridge; all other campgrounds are closed until April 2 with the exception of Thomas Woods which opens April 30. Group campgrounds are available for reservation on a first come, first served basis. To reserve a site, a completed permit and any necessary fee is due in the District's Brookdale Administrative Office, 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, at least ten (10) working days in advance of your desired date. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.MCCDistrict.org](http://www.MCCDistrict.org).

## ~HIKE OR SKI~ SOLAR LIGHTED TRAILS AT PLEASANT VALLEY & HICKORY GROVE HIGHLANDS

**Nov. 6 – March 11\***  
Trails close at 9 p.m.

With the sun going down so early, there's no time to play! Fear not..."Weekend Warrior" no more, now you can get out on the trails everyday after dark. The District has two sites open late for hiking or cross country skiing when the conditions are right.

**Pleasant Valley** (\*closed Nov. 18–20)  
**13315 Pleasant Valley Rd., Woodstock**

This half-mile looped trail located on the east side of the entrance drive is fairly flat terrain, perfect for beginners or shorter outings. Park in the first parking area and sign in.

**NEW!!**

**Hickory Grove Highlands**  
**500 Hickory Nut Grove Lane, Cary**

The 1.25 mile looped trail travels through a newly restored savanna, offering a longer scenic route suitable for intermediate skiers. Visitors should sign in at the trail head.

(Trail etiquette: When there is snow, hikers are asked to walk on the outside of the ski tracks.)

