



**Living History  
Holiday  
Open House**

**Sunday, December 18, 12:00–4:00 p.m.**  
**Glacial Park, Powers-Walker House**

Come visit this Greek Revival 1854 restored house during the holiday season and learn more about the Powers and Walker families that called this area home. Volunteers in historical attire will be on hand to answer questions. Drop in any time. No registration required.

**Special Exhibit:  
Capturing the Spirit of Land  
and Nature**

by McHenry County Plein Air Painters

**February 1–March 30**  
**Prairieview Education Center**

Local “plein air” (in the open air) artists capture the spirit of land and nature, and transform it into expressive paintings and drawings. Enjoy the beauty of McHenry County Conservation District sites through the eyes of an artist.

Works on display were completed over the last year. Participating artists include Dee Abbate, Lucy Dellapina, Johanna Gullick, Julie Jansen, Karyl Shields, Barbara Sistak-Baur, and Alice Schank.



Pleasant Valley



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Brookdale

**Artist reception**

**Sunday, February 12, 2–4 p.m.**

Stop in to view the paintings, meet the artists as they discuss their work, and enjoy some light refreshments.

**FOX Club: Winter Gathering —  
LET'S GO SLEDDING!**

Bundle up, pack up your favorite sleds and bring the family to Glacial Park to enjoy this winter's snow. Meet at the Wiedrich Barn to enjoy some hot chocolate and then hike to the sledding hill for some wintertime fun. Registration required. Not a Fox Club member yet? There is a one-time registration fee of \$20 per family that includes: a family Exploration Backpack containing a journal to keep track of your time and activities, Conservation District maps and informational brochures, a list of suggested activities, additional resources and other goodies; six newsletters/year with seasonal activities and ideas; six club gatherings each year; and a chance to network with other like-minded outdoor families.



**Sunday, January 15, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

Glacial Park, Wiedrich Barn  
 Code: 2112206-01, FREE



**Winter Adventure  
Camp**

**Ages 12–15**

Experience winter in Glacial Park like no one else can! We will start our adventures with a 6-hour day of activities. But, we turn up the volume with a 24 hour survival marathon Wednesday to Thursday.

Activities may include sledding, snowshoeing, skiing, survival skills, ecological restoration work, winter hiking, a campfire, night explorations, stargazing, and more! A packet with more information will be sent out after registration. *Payment and registration deadline: December 13. No refunds after December 13.*

**Dec. 27 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**  
**Dec. 28–29 9 a.m.–9 a.m. (overnight)**  
 Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center  
 Code: 211267-01, \$90 R/ \$112 NR



# Nature at Night

**Friday, January 27, 6:30–9:30 p.m.**

**Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake**

Do you ever wonder what is going on outside in the darkness? What animals are active? What is happening up in our sky? Join us for educational activities about nocturnal animals and explore the night sky. Look and listen for creatures of the night on guided walks for families and adults. We'll also have storytelling, hot chocolate, a campfire and more! The Northwest Suburban Astronomers will share their telescopes. Children's activities provided by McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program (MCSEEP). Learn about bats with the Flying Fox Conservation Fund's live fruit bat. McHenry County Audubon will share information about birds of the night.

Appropriate for ages 6+. Drop in for all or part of this free event. Dress for the weather if joining the walk.

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## Explorer Day: Winter Wonders

**Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center**

Drop in for 30 minutes or stay for 3 hours as we help you and your little ones experience the power of nature exploration and play. Move among stations where experienced nature guides will share discovery tools and techniques. Take away some resources to help you continue exploring with your child. This event will go on "snow or shine", unless there is a weather or travel advisory in place. Please dress to be safe and comfortable outdoors. No registration required.

Come find out more about how to explore!



*Conservation District programs that are designed as free exploration will be marked with the Leave No Child Inside symbol. For more information on Leave No Child Inside, visit [www.kidsoutside.info](http://www.kidsoutside.info).*

