

Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.

Public Programs

Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc., a not-for-profit membership organization, is dedicated to the concepts of Nature Awareness and Environmental Education.

Registration

All programs require pre-registration, preferably 3 days in advance.

Children, ages 8-12, may attend for ½ price.

NOTE: Programs at Birdsong Park require registration with the Orchard Park Recreation Department. See program details for information.

For additional information and/or to register, please contact:
Earth Spirit, P.O. Box 261, Orchard Park, New York 14127
(716) 941-6267 or e-mail earthspiritooffice@roadrunner.com
www.earthspiritedu.org



Living Naturally Series – Autumn/Winter 2009-2010

Autumn Herbs

Saturday, September 26, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Location: Sinking Ponds Sanctuary, East Aurora

Focus: An introduction to foraging skills with a focus on wild edible and medicinal plants.

Fees: Members \$4.00 / Non-Members \$7.00

Wildlife Ecology

Saturday, October 17, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Location: Chaffee Wildlife Preserve

Focus: A moderately challenging hike through mature forests and wetlands with a focus on wildlife sightings, life signs, behaviors and adaptations..

Fees: Free (Sponsor - Waste Management of Chaffee)

Tree Stories

Saturday, November 7, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Shale Creek

Focus: A challenging hike to the “eternal flame” with a focus on tree identification and ecology.

Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-Members \$5.00

Pioneers, Natives and Historic Games

Saturday, November 21, 10:00am - 12:30 pm

Location: Green Lake, Orchard Park

Focus: An indoor/outdoor experience including a presentation by “Pioneer Man”, an overview of Native American Ecology and a sampling of historic games.

Fees: Members Free / Non-Members \$5.00

Wildlife Tracking Program

Saturday, January 9, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Erie County Forest Lands

Focus: An invigorating hike (snowshoes provided if necessary) through mature forests with a focus on the art & science of wildlife tracking and interpretation of life signs.

Fees: Members \$4.00 / Non-Members \$7.00

Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators

Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Buffalo State Bulger Communication Center

Focus: WNY premiere of an exciting documentary film followed by a panel discussion. Top predators hold the key to life itself. Can people and predators coexist? Can we afford not to? One hour film followed by a Q&A session with local educators, scientists and naturalists.

Fees: Free

Further Info: www.earthspiritedu.org/LordsofNature.pdf

Snowshoe Adventure Hike

Saturday, January 23, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Location: Chaffee Wildlife Preserve

Focus: A moderately challenging hike focused upon snowshoe skills and general Winter ecology. Shoes will be available – call early as registration is limited.

Fees: Free (Sponsor - Waste Management of Chaffee)

Snow Shelters and Winter Games

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 - 12:30 pm

Location: Erie County Forest Lands

Focus: Includes the art of snow shelter construction coupled with the fun of experiencing historic Winter games.

Fees: Members \$4.00 / Non-Members \$7.00

Maple Sugaring – Past and Present

Saturday, March 27, 10:00am - 12:30 pm

Location: Green Lake, Orchard Park

Focus: Maple sugaring as practiced by Native Americans, early settlers and modern producers.

Please dress warmly.

Fees: Free (Sponsor - Waste Management of Chaffee)

Note: A pancake brunch will be held following the program for a donation: Adults \$5.00 / Children (under 12 yrs.) \$3.00

****We will be accepting non-perishable food items during this event to be distributed at local food banks.**

Earth Spirit Led Programs at Birdsong Park, Orchard Park, NY

Fall Ecology Hike: Saturday, October 3, 1:00 – 3:30pm

Focus: A leisurely hike through fields, forests and wetlands with a focus on plant and animal preparations for the changing seasons.

Snowshoe Hike: Saturday, February 6, 1:00 – 3:30pm

Focus: A leisurely hike focused upon snowshoe skills and general Winter ecology. Shoes will be available – call early as registration is limited.

Contact Orchard Park Recreation for fees and registration:

716-662-6450 or oprec@orchardparkny.org.

Membership Information

Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit educational organization that seeks to bring others closer to the Gifts of Nature. If you wish to support our work, we invite you to become a member of the Earth Spirit family.

Member Benefits

Special programs for members ✨ Discounted rates on public programs and seminars ✨ Seasonal newsletters

Membership Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/St/Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Please send newsletters & programming information via email (circle one): Yes / No

Type of Membership (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20.00/year | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of the Earth | \$50.00/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$30.00/year | <input type="checkbox"/> Life member | \$250.00 |

Please make checks payable to **Earth Spirit** and mail to Earth Spirit Educational Services, PO Box 261, Orchard Park, NY 14127.

Thank you!

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Attention Community Groups!

Earth Spirit's services are designed to reach a large and wide audience and we would be delighted to work with your organization or community group. We offer a wide range of topics and experiences designed to broaden our understanding of the natural world and our connectedness and responsibility to it. Programs are conducted at Earth Spirit field centers, your facility or any other prearranged location. Our instructors are available year-round for half-day, full-day or evening programs. Contact our office for scheduling and further information.

HÓTHO (COLD)

(Seneca Indian legend courtesy of www.sacred-texts.com)

One day a man who was out hunting met HÓTHO and said to him, "You cannot freeze me, no matter how cold you are."

"I can," said HÓTHO.

They had a long discussion and at last agreed that when night came they would have a trial of strength.

The man went home, carried in wood enough to burn until morning, built a huge fire and made a kettleful of hemlock tea. He stood in front of the fire all night, turning first one side then the other toward the heat, often drinking a cup of hot tea. It was terribly cold and grew colder and colder until near morning.

Just at daybreak, HÓTHO, naked, his hatchet on his hip, came into the house and sat down on a pile of bark by the fire.

"You have beaten me," said he, and that minute it began to grow warm and thaw.

This shows that man can conquer HÓTHO.

Learn more about our local Native Americans and Pioneers
on Saturday, November 5th. See schedule on reverse side.