

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Winter 2012 Programs

*Discovery@Riverwood* is pleased to offer the following events. These educational and fun activities are suitable for the whole family. **Pre-registration is requested for all programs** but drop-ins will be welcomed if there is adequate space and/or supplies.

The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the described programs take place as scheduled; however schedule changes and cancellations may be required. Last minute changes will be posted to our website no later than midday the previous day for a morning or afternoon event or midday of the same day for an evening event. Asterisk ( \* ) refers to programs offered for the first time.

### **Birds of a Feather: Nature & Art Together \***

Need a break from winter? Bundle up the family and head to The Riverwood Conservancy and Visual Arts Mississauga for a morning of natural wonder and inspiration. Wake up your inner naturalist with The Riverwood Conservancy's guided nature walk featuring wild bird hand-feeding and then warm up with hot chocolate. Awaken your imagination with Visual Arts Mississauga and make your own chickadee inspired art project. Location: MacEwan Field Station and Visual Arts Mississauga. Cost: Free.

- Tuesday, January 3 or Wednesday, January 4 or Thursday, January 5, 2012
- Choose: 9:30 to 10:30 am or 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Register by Thursday, December 22, 2011, by calling 905.279.5878 or email: [Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org)

### **Astronomy Series Presented by RASC (Mississauga)**

Randy Attwood of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Mississauga Centre) presents three fascinating talks for astronomers of all ages. All presentations are at MacEwan Field Station. Dress warmly; if the night is clear, we will go outside to enjoy a bit of winter star-gazing.

- Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. *Introduction to the Night Sky*
- Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. *Observing the Moon and the Planets*
- Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. *Choosing an Astronomical Telescope*

### **Stream of Dreams \***

In this fun, interactive workshop, learn about local rivers and streams while getting crafty. Colour a "dreamfish" magnet to take home and create your very own mural on the fridge. This activity is suited for children ages 4 -10. Pre-registration is required to ensure adequate space and/or supplies. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Join Stephanie Pearson from CVC at the MacEwan Field Station.

- Saturday, January 21, 9:30 to 11:00 am

### **Climate Reality: It's More Important to Change Laws Than Light Bulbs \***

Recently-retired career outdoor and environmental educator Grant Linney examines our ongoing failure to act on climate change and the obstacles we must face in order to address the greatest challenge of our time. Meet at the MacEwan Field Station.

- Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

### **Winter-time Bird Feeding**

Build a simple bird nesting box suitable for small songbirds like wrens. All materials will be supplied and a limited number of hammers and power screwdrivers will be available. Bring your own hammer and power screwdriver (Robertson #2 bit) if you have them. Join Pat Kelly at the MacEwan Field Station.

- Saturday, February 4, 9:30 to 11:00 am



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**Bird Watching Hikes**

Join renowned birders Luc Fazio and Dan Salisbury for winter bird watching hikes in Mississauga. Great for families, new birders and experienced ones alike!

- Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, 8:30 to 10:00 am. Location: Saddington Park in Port Credit.
- Wednesdays, February 15 & 22, 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Location: Saddington Park in Port Credit.
- Wednesdays, March 21 & 28. 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Location: Saddington Park in Port Credit.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****March Break Family Fun @ Riverwood**

Celebrate spring's arrival and abundant wildlife of Mississauga with free family fun at Riverwood. This daily program is designed for children ages 2 to 11 and their parents/caregivers to explore the wonders of nature together. Learn about animal habitats, birds, rocks and plants through interactive workshops and walks through Riverwood park. Meet others and learn how to engage your children in the natural world.

Don't miss this opportunity for spring break fun! Pre-registration is required to ensure adequate space and/or supplies. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times (parents, grandparents, caregiver, etc). Dress adequately for proper weather conditions. Our trails are not suitable for strollers.

**When:** March 12 - 16, 2012

**Time:** To be determined (please check our website in January for more details)

**Where:** MacEwan Field Station, Riverwood (indoors and outdoors)

**Cost:** FREE! (Donations are gratefully accepted to continue our community programs)

**To register,** please call 905.279.5878 or email: [Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org).

For more information, visit: [www.TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](http://www.TheRiverwoodConservancy.org).

**Mark Your Calendar: *Earth: A Celebration 2012!***

**Friday, April 20, 2012,** is the date for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual *Earth: A Celebration*. 25 + years ago, seeds were sown which have now borne fruit. With your wonderful support for our annual *Earth: A Celebration*, we can move into the future to nurture successive generations. This evening of fun and philanthropy will be held at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. TRC is seeking donations of NEW items for our silent auction! Please donate to make *Earth: A Celebration 2012* a success! We hope you can join us on April 20!

For more information on donations, ticket purchasing or sponsorship, please see our website, call 905-279-5878 or email: [Earth@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Earth@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org).

**OTHER INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

- Families are welcome at all *Discovery@Riverwood* programs.
- **Please pre-register.** Unless otherwise stated in the program description, please call 905-279-5878 or email [Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org) to register to ensure adequate space and/or supplies.
- Walks are on regularly used trails. The terrain may be steep and some surfaces will be uneven.
- All walks and programs are FREE unless otherwise stated in the description. Donations are gratefully accepted to support the work of The Riverwood Conservancy.
- Check our website for cancellations by midday the previous day for a morning event or midday of the same day for an evening event. Walks may be cancelled without notice or shortened due to heavy precipitation or unsafe weather conditions.



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